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Fifty-meter ice cliff near the margin of the 5650-meter tropical Quelccaya ice cap which is located in the southeastern Peruvian Andes. The individual layers, representing annual increments of accumulation, average 0.75 meter in thickness. This marked stratigraphy offers the prospect of the first climatic record from a tropical ice core. See page 1240. [Lonnie G. Thompson, Institute of Polar Studies, Ohio State University, Columbus]