

## Avalanche Busting Film for Skiing Fans

One of the most spectacular sequences ever recorded on motion picture film—avalanche busting with the French ski patrol—is a highlight of "Many Moods of Skiing," full color ski film to be presented Thursday, January 11 at 8:30 p.m. at the Pier Avenue Auditorium, Hermosa Beach by the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association. Warren Miller, noted skier-lecturer-photographer from Hermosa Beach, did the filming in the French Alps last winter while assembling footage for

his 12th annual ski film production.

"I skied at Courchevel with Emile Allais, one of ski sport's all-time greats," said Miller, "and members of the area's ski patrol." They were hitting slopes covered with heavy blankets of new powder snow to purposely start avalanches before unwary recreational skiers would do the job unintentionally.

Allais and the patrolmen were equipped with helium-filled meteorological balloons of different colors. Tied to the skiers with 30-foot

cords, the balloons would float overhead when the skier was not in motion; when the skier was moving, the balloons would follow in their tracks.

### BURIED

"The theory was," Miller explained, "that if anyone would be caught by his own avalanche and buried in it, all his companions would have to do would be to find his balloon, dig down the cord and presto, there he would be!"

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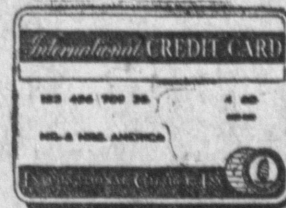
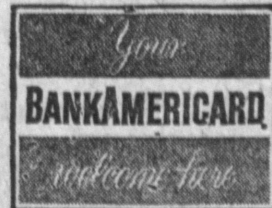
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