

Chile

Cerro Palpana. Palpana (6045 meters, 19,833 feet) is located 36 miles northwest of Ascotán railroad station, in Antofagasta province. J. Ambrús and C. Sepúlveda, from Calama, in October 13 made the first ascent of this peak. Two days later, a large expedition of the Club de Montaña de Valparaíso repeated the ascent. No traces of Indian ascents were found on the peak or in its neighborhood. The peak is remote and surrounded with desert salt flats.

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León Blanco, West Face. A group of the Santiago section of the Club Andino de Chile made on February 1977 the first ascent of the west face of Cerro León Blanco (5195 meters, 17,045 feet). The summit was reached by H. Fellenberg, G. and S. Kunstmann, N. Muñoz, A. Palacio and H. Rako.

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Argentina

Cordillera de Ansilta. After being forbidden by the Chileans to climb on the mountains above Santiago, three men and two women from Trieste climbed in the Cordillera de Ansilta. They were Walter Mejak, leader, Bianca de Beaco, Fioretta Tarloa, José Baron and Fabio Benedetti. They made the following first ascents: Cima Fortuna (16,388 feet), the two peaks of Cerro Fiero (16,470 and 16,453 feet), Cerro de la Laguna el Tome (16,847 feet) and Torre Augusto (15,945 feet).

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Aconagua, South Face. On February 10 our group left Laguna Horcones for Base Camp. After reconnaissance and acclimatization on the 11th and 12th we decided on the 1966 route of Aykes and Pellegrini. On the 13th we placed Camp I at 15,750 feet. After a week of route preparation—we placed 2000 feet of rope—on February 21 Gastón Oyarzún, Claudio Gálvez and I set out, supported to 17,400 feet by Juan Pardo and Gonzalo Salamanca, who then returned to the normal route. That same day we climbed another difficult 325 feet to reach a glacier at 17,725 feet. On the 22nd we climbed the glacier towards the icefall that descends from the upper glacier. It took seven hours to cross a rotten rock band. The bivouac was at 19,700 feet. The icefall was climbed in eight hours to reach the upper glacier and third bivouac at 20,675 feet. On the 24th we climbed the ice on the French spur to bivouac uncomfortably at 22,000 feet on 60° ice. It