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San Pedro and Other Peaks, Northern Andes. The Federación de Andinismo de Chile held its Ninth National Convention between Sept. 16 and 23, 1978 in the high mountain area east of Calama, near the Chilean-Bolivian border. During the convention, the following peaks were ascended by affiliates: Copacoya (4807 meters, 15,780 feet) by 6 climbers; Licancabur (5921 meters, 19,425 feet) by 7; and San Pedro (6063 meters, 19,890 feet) and San Pablo (6118 meters, 20,073 feet) traversed by 25 climbers.

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Parinacota and Cerro El Palomo. Richard Waetjen climbed Parinacota (20,768 feet) on November 3, 1977 with three Chileans. The peak lies near the Bolivian frontier in northeastern Chile. On February 22, 1979 he climbed Cerro El Palomo (15,912 feet) with four Chileans on a nine-day expedition. This peak lies 40 miles southeast of Rancagua.

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Ojos del Salado, El Muerto, Mulas Muertas and Other Peaks, Puna de Atacama. We were Theo Dowbenka, Rudolf Friedenhuber, *Austrians*, Eduardo Saavedra Larraín, *Chilean*, Sebastian Hohenreiter, Heinrich Händel, Dr. Franz Vachenauer and I, *Germans*. After a two-day trip by pick-up truck from Copiapó, we established Base Camp at Barrancas Blancas at 15,100 feet about 14 miles northwest of the Ojos del Salado. We were in the region for 13 days. Camp I was at 16,400 feet about halfway to the Ojos del Salado. On January 21 Händel made the traverse of Cerro Mulas Muertas (19,292 feet) from southwest to northeast. From camp at 19,700 feet Dowbenka and I climbed the Ojos del Salado* (22,590 feet) on January 21 in eight hours over not difficult rock blocks, snow and small volcanic stones by the curving northeast ridge. On January 22 Hohenreiter, Friedenhuber and Saavedra climbed the same peak by its north face over rocky terrain, snow and a rock band. On January 23 Dowbenka and Saavedra climbed peaks of 6060 and 6100 meters (19,882 and 20,013 feet) in the Sierra Negra group some three miles west of Camp I. Hohenreiter climbed the higher mountain the next day. On January 25 Hohenreiter, Dowbenka, Saavedra and I climbed El Muerto (21,227 feet) up its west slope in nine hours over sand, rubble, blocks and snow.

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* Active fumeroles not far below the summit make the Ojos del Salado the highest active volcano in the world. Cotopaxi, in Ecuador, is often given as the highest, probably because it has a distinct crater, but the volcanic action on the Ojos de Salado is much higher.—*Editor.*