

six climbers led by Luis Naranjo; Fraile Central, same approximate height, another first ascent, January 1978, by B. Beate and R. Terán. Information from *Montaña* #9, Quito.

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Monja Chica, Altar Group. Members of the Mountain Club of the Polytechnical School of the Ecuadorian army made the second ascent of Monja Chica (5120 meters, 16,798 feet), a peak located in the eastern end of the Altar massif. On January 1, 1981, A. Andrade, O. Cevallos, A. Munchmeyer, I. Ortega, B. Ramos, W. Villacís and R. Yépez climbed to the top after overcoming an unstable glacier and a short but steep rock wall. Their altimeters registered a height of only 5040 meters. Monja Chica ("Little Nun") had been ascended in 1972 by the German Bednar expedition and the Ecuadorians probably repeated the route of the first ascent (information from *El Comercio*, Quito).

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Huantsán from the South. We tried to climb Huantsán by the south and southwest ridges. We considered the Italian route to Huantsán Oeste too dangerous and so chose the very long way across Huantsán Sur and Oeste. Base Camp was situated in the Quebrada Rajucolta on July 30 and Camp I on the glacier on August 3. Then we fixed ropes on the ridge. The weather was very bad. On August 17 Stanisław Walkosz and Jacek Wiltosiński reached Huantsán Sur. They, Bogdan Berliński and I started from Camp I, climbed Huantsán Sur and after that placed Camp II near the saddle between Huantsán Sur and Huantsán Oeste. The next day, August 19 we made the second ascent of Huantsán Oeste. On August 27 Camp III was established close to the summit of Huantsán Oeste and well stocked. After stormy weather Walkosz and Wiltosiński started across the summit to attempt the west ridge of the main peak of Huantsán. The climb over the saddle on the steep rock-and-ice wall to the ridge was very difficult and the cold east wind forced them to return. No other attempt was realized. We descended from the mountain, cleaning all ropes, etc. Berlinski and Wiltosiński climbed P 5406 (17,737 feet; "Kiso") on August 1 and I soloed Wamashraju Este (5250 meters, 17,225 feet) on September 2.

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Yahuarraju, Northwest Face, Huantsán Norte's Western Summit, West Face and P c. 5500. On May 31 and June 1 Walter Sachatonicek