Their route had ascended between the other two. They then descended, leaving all their fixed ropes in place. (This information was kindly supplied by Chamonix guide Jean-Paul Chassagne.)

Aconcagua, Descent by Parachute. A Frenchman, Alain Estève, first climbed Aconcagua solo but failed after four hours of effort to take off by a special kind of parachute *(parapente).* On January 10, accompanied by other French climbers, he returned to the summit. He was soon airborne but barely escaped being blown over the south face. He then successfully glided down over the normal Canaleta route.

Aconcagua, South Face. We two and Daniel Weitz made an ascent of the French route on the south face of Aconcagua. We began the route to the left of the buttress to avoid the danger of rockfall on the right side. After three bivouacs we got to the top via the Messner finish on February 20.

MONIQUE and FRÉDÉRIC FAURE, *Club Alpin Français*

Aconcagua, First Chilean Winter Ascent. From September 6 to 24 we made the first Chilean winter ascent of Aconcagua. We used skis from 3200 meters in the Horcones valley to the base of the Canaleta at 6800 meters. We climbed the north face, using the normal route to the Nido de Cóndores, our final camp. On September 21 Rivera and I climbed directly to the summit (6960 meters, 22,835 feet) in twelve hours. The others who participated were Miguel Sepúlveda, Ludwig Wulf, Elton, Ingunza, Martínez, Peña and Middleton.

GASTÓN OYARZÚN, *Federación de Andinismo de Chile*

Aconcagua, Ski Descent and Speed Ascent. Eric Soulié and I on November 21 had tried to ski down the Glaciar de los Polacos route on Aconcagua. After we had descended 400 meters, we found unskiable ice and so climbed back up to the summit. The next day we skied down the normal route. On November 24 I climbed the normal route to the summit in seven hours from Base Camp and was back there an hour and 50 minutes later. I had climbed 2300 vertical meters.

YVES ASTIER, *Club Alpin Français*

Aconcagua Tragedy. Shei Wada, Koichi Takeuchi and Yukinobu Koyama set off to try to make a winter ascent of the Yugoslav route on the south face of Aconcagua. They disappeared and have not been seen since September 21.

Nuestra Señora de las Nieves, First Ascent. In January, twelve climbers from San Juan made attempts to ascend the southern peak of Cerro de la Ramada (c. 5900 meters, or about 19,350 feet). Due to route-finding problems, the attempts had to be abandoned, but as a consolation prize, A. Largacha, D.