

peak in the center of the range behind the Huayna Potosí group. Olavarrieta, the Englishman Tony Inglis, and the Bolivian Moore, on July 25 ascended an unclimbed peak, the Aguja Negra, which we renamed "Pico Independencia Mexicana" (ca. 17,700 feet). They enjoyed a delightful climb on both rock and ice amid scores of difficult and beautiful peaks. In the same region, Adrian Aponte with the Bolivian Martínez made the fifth ascent of Huallumen (ca. 18,375 feet) on July 21. Before visiting Illimani, we climbed in the Zongo region near Huayna Potosí, where the Bolivians Moore and Jorge Portugal and the Mexicans Aponte, Olavarrieta and I had the opportunity on June 18 to make the first ascent of a peak we called "Cumbre Fraternidad" (ca. 17,900 feet), which rises above the Lago Canada, one of the many lakes, formed by melt water, which make this region a true climber's paradise. On the same day Moore and Aponte also climbed Cuna Tincuta (ca. 18,375 feet), while the Mexicans Sergio Hernández de la Rosa and Carlos Olivares Valderrabano, with the Bolivians Walter Galindo and Alfredo Martínez, ascended Cuticucho (ca. 17,060 feet). Both of these peaks had been climbed a number of times before.

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Cerro Tronco. Two members of the Club Alemán de Excursionismo in February made the first ascent of the Cerro Tronco (18,080 feet on some maps and 18,373 feet on others), which lies on the Argentine border east-northeast of Santiago. To accomplish this climb they had to traverse from the Cerro Risopatrón (18,872 feet). The Cerro Tronco, which had been one of the few yet unclimbed peaks over 5000 meters in Central Chile, had been unsuccessfully attempted at least four times.

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Chilean-Japanese Expedition to the Central Cordillera. The expedition which was still in the field when the last *A.A.J.* went to press (see *A.A.J.*, 1960, 12:1, p. 151) added to the list of first ascents already reported the following, all of which were in the Río Colorado valley, northwest of Portillo, the ski resort: Cerro Expedición (16,733 feet), Cerro Amarillo (16,575 feet), Monjas (15,020 feet), Columpios del Diablo (both peaks, ca. 14,100 feet). They also made the second ascent of the Nevado Leiva (15,290 feet). Participating were the Japanese N. Ota, H.