

Tamba, H. Toyoda, and the Chileans, J. Bocaz, H. Duránd, L. Gamboa, G. Mills, G. Muga, and M. Puig. This phase of the expedition took place from March 10 to April 4.

EVELIO ECHEVARRÍA

*Cerro O'Higgins, Patagonia.* A party sent by the Federación de Andinismo de Chile to the area forty miles north of FitzRoy made the first ascent of the Cerro O'Higgins (9547 feet) on January 16. The climbers, W. Espinoza, E. García, C. Marangunic and F. Vivanco, established six camps on the mountain.

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*Chilean Ascents.* Juncal (20,046 feet) was ascended via the northwest glacier by the Chileans Espinoza and Vivanco in early 1961. This route had been previously ascended only by the Italians in 1934. The Chileans Tangol and Vásquez made the first ascent of the south peak of Morado (16,601 feet) by its south face.

Sad news comes from the British expeditions to Patagonia. Peter C. Henry has perished tragically in Lake Nordenskjöld.

BIÓN GONZÁLEZ, *Federación de Andinismo de Chile*

### *Argentina*

*Cerro Catedral Group.* Two more climbs of extreme difficulty were made in the Catedral group near Bariloche, both new routes. In March Anselmo Weber and Carlos Bottazzi climbed the Torre "La Vieja" shortly before Weber and Teodoro Sifuentes climbed the much longer front face of the Aguja Frey. These two routes represent very difficult technical problems, which could be solved only by the use of modern climbing methods.

VOJSLAV ARKO, *Club Andino Bariloche*

*South face of El Plata.* Four Polish climbers living in Buenos Aires undertook to climb the extremely steep, difficult and rock-swept south face of El Plata (19,784 feet) above Mendoza. Perhaps the only comparable climb to it was the French ascent of the south face of Aconcagua in 1954. It must be remembered that south faces in the Andes are like north faces in the Northern Hemisphere. Indeed in his communication to the editor, Pablo Dudzinski states, "In some ways it is something like the north face of the Eiger; although technically not so difficult, it has continuous rock-fall and ice avalanches, which make the ascent very hazardous. It is also a trap, for once on the wall it is possible to move only upwards or down,