

the mountain, they placed a camp on the main summit and the following day, Rosende and Vivanco tackled the southern Chilean summit (5910 meters or 19,390 feet), which had been ascended in 1965 by a joint Chilean-Japanese party. The second ascent was accomplished after dropping some 1200 feet from the main summit and also scaling the last steep 150 feet, all on ice. The top was reached in the late afternoon and the two climbers did not return to the high camp until midnight. There still remain two other apparently unclimbed summits in the massif. (From *El Mercurio*, Santiago).

Argentina

Mercedario, South Face, and Other Peaks. The Austrian Naturfreunde Andean Expedition, led by Othmar Kucera, climbed the 8000-foot north face of Mercedario (21,884 feet) in two days. They made a solo ascent of the south face of Cerro Negro (19,029 feet). They climbed the very difficult east side of Cerro La Mesa (20,177 feet) and traversed Alma Negra (20,637 feet) from east to northwest. They also climbed the southeast rib of Pico Polaco (19,423 feet).

Chilean and Argentine Patagonia

Fitz Roy. The weather in early 1971 was extremely bad in all the southern Andes with nearly constant storms from early December to mid-February. An expedition of the Club Andino Bariloche, Jorge Aikes, Hugo Bela and others attempted Fitz Roy, following first the route opened two years ago by Aikes and Kopcke from the Torre Glacier to the *Silla* (saddle), in hopes of continuing from there on the Californian route up the southwest ridge. (See *A.A.J.*, 1969, 16:2, pp. 263-9.) On March 17 there was an accident in which Hugo Bela was killed just below the *Silla*.

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Peaks in Marscarello Group, Southern Patagonian Icecap. In early 1971 we were in the practically unexplored region between Lago Viedma and Lago Argentino east of The Seno Moyano, hoping to climb Cerro Risopatrón on the western edge of the Southern Patagonian Icecap. Because of incredibly bad weather, the worst in 60 years, we waited in the Marscarello group for improved weather. On February 4 we had a relatively good day and made three summits. Pedro Skvarca and Ryszard Czerniawski climbed Cerro Anders (8530 feet) while Mario Serrano and I ascended Cerro CAB (8860 feet) and Cerro Cacique (8530 feet). All were first ascents and named by us. There were no technical difficulties, aside from crevasses and soft snow, except in the mushrooms of snow.

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