

sharp rock peak Chorolque (5615 meters, 18,420 feet), which dominates southern Bolivia. Many old Indian constructions were also observed on high passes along the Bolivian-Chilean border. An ascent of Cerro del Inca (5020 meters, 16,470 feet) did not yield any findings, but Cerro Ascotán (5480 meters, 17,979 feet) had on its summit two rock enclosures and what was perhaps a small altar. It was ascended on August 30 by A. Beorchia, P. Destro, L. Ferrarese and T. Mostellaro. Frozen ground made excavation impossible. The same day L. Bandan, F. Cremonese, J. Olivares, A. Ragano and E. Yacante ascended Cerro Araral (5680 meters, 18,635 feet). On its top, only traces of modern ascents were found. (Information from the Centrol de Investigaciones Arqueológicas de Alta Montaña, San Juan, Argentina.)

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El Tapado and Other Peaks. The Asociación de Andinismo de La Serena sent a large expedition to the neighborhood of Cerro Tórtolas, in Coquimbo province. Besides performing several ascents to high peaks by standard routes, the 28 expedition members split in groups to make the second ascent of El Tapado (5124 meters, 16,810 feet), which had been previously ascended also by climbers from La Serena, and the first of Punta Amarilla (4400 meters, 14,436 feet), La Hollada (4100 meters, 13,453 feet) and La Moneda (4060 meters, 13,320 feet).

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Nevado del Plomo, Southwest Ridge. A 21-man expedition including members of the Club Andino de Chile, Santiago, and Liceo (high school) J. V. Lastarria, Santiago, approached the border peaks with Argentina by entering the Barriga valley and crossing ridges until they reached the Juncal Sur Glacier. C. Lucero, N. Muñoz and R. Rodríguez made the first ascent of the southwest ridge of Nevado del Plomo (6050 meters, 19,850 feet) on February 16. Expedition members climbed several other peaks by standard routes, and also accomplished the first ascent of Cerro Dorado (5000 meters, 16,404 feet) in the northern extreme of the Picarte group. The expedition returned to Santiago by way of the Olivares Glacier.

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Peaks in the Brujo Group. Seven members of the Club Andino Rancagua tackled unclimbed rock peaks of El Brujo group, situated in the Colchagua province, at the headwaters of the San José river. Between January 17 and 27, they climbed Los Dos Gemelos (4750 meters, 15,584 feet) and El Quebradizo (4800 meters, 15,748 feet).

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