

## MEXICO

*Guyito Peak, Sierra Juárez.* On May 24, Greg Epperson, Dan Curley and I climbed the south face of the east pillar of this well hidden jewel. The peak lies just east of El Chancero (*A.A.J.*, 1978, p. 556) and is comprised of excellent granodiorite. The route consists of five pitches of beautiful face-climbing overlooking the quiet wilderness of Baja California. The difficulty of the approach will make this peak an adventure for those climbers seeking an undisturbed weekend. NCCS III, F9.

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## SOUTH AMERICA

## Venezuela

*Pico Bolívar, North Face.* To celebrate the 44th anniversary of the first ascent of the highest mountain in Venezuela, I made on April 3 the first solo ascent of the north face of Pico Bolívar (5002 meters, 16,410 feet), reputedly one of the most difficult climbs to be found in this country.

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## Colombia

*Sierra Nevada de Cocuy.* An 8-man Polish expedition led by Zdzisłowski was active in the Sierra Nevada de Cocuy.\* They made six new routes, given here with altitude, height of the climb and UIAA rating: Pan de Azúcar (5100 meters, 16,733 feet; 1640 feet; IV-V) via northeast buttress by D. Naszyński, P. Nowacki and Colombian J.P. Ruiz on February 12; Cóncavo (5268 meters, 17,284 feet; 2625 feet; III-IV) via right part of north face by Naszyński, Nowacki on February 16; Ritacuba Negro (5389 meters, 17,680 feet) via northeast ridge (III) by

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\* So far, only three charts of the Sierra Nevada de Cocuy (or Güicán) have been printed: the sketch map by King and Notestein, published in *G.R.* 1932, p. 425, a geological map by K. Stauffer, of Shell-Cóndor, and the official 1:100,000 1973 map by the Instituto Geográfico Agustín Coddazzi, Bogotá (sheet 137, El Cocuy). The two first agree on most heights but their figures are much higher than those used by Colombian mountaineers. The following heights were taken from the two first sources mentioned above. (The official Colombian map did not include heights): Pan de Azúcar (apparently the peak locally and officially known as Nevado del Pulpito) 5210 m., 17,093 ft; Cóncavo, 5268 m., 17,284 ft; Ritacuba Negro (unofficial name) 5389 m., 17,680 ft; Pico Blanco, 5092 m., 16,706 ft; Pico del Castillo, 5123 m., 16,808 ft.—*Evelio Echevarría.*