

Cóncavo (5268 meters, 17,285 feet). The next day I climbed alone Los Portales (4860 meters, 15,945 feet), a second ascent. An attempt on Nevado del Pulpito (5210 meters, 17,093 feet) was thwarted by thick mist.

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*La Cresta, Central Andes.* Luis Fernando Toro, from Manizales, and I did on December 29, 1980 the second ascent of La Cresta, 5100 meters (16,733 feet) by my altimeter. This peak in the Huila group, was first climbed by Sergio Gaviria and two Spaniards in 1979. We entered from Verdún (there is now a road allowing access from the Cauca valley, via Corinto and Tacayo) and hired two men to help hack a route up through dense rain forest.

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## Ecuador

*Chimborazo Traverse and Other Ecuadorian Ascents.* Six members of Cumbres Andinas, Quito, made between November 1 and 4, 1979, the first complete traverse of Chimborazo. The group, led by M. Jácome, placed a camp on a rocky platform between the Reiss and Spruce glaciers (north side of Chimborazo) and took a southwest direction to traverse toward the Whymper Hut. A bivouac some 1000 feet below the main summit was necessary. Between late December 1980 and early January 1981, Ecuadorians made the fourth ascent of Canónigo (5260 meters, 17,257 feet) and the second and third of Fraile Grande (5200 meters, 17,061 feet), in the Altar massif. Leader of the group of six was M. Reinoso. On March 14 a new hut was inaugurated at the base of Cayambe's southwest Hermoso Glacier. It was located at 4600 meters (15,092 feet) and has a capacity for 42 visitors. At 5789 meters (18,993 feet), Cayambe is the third highest mountain in Ecuador (Information from both *Montaña* and *Andinismo*, Quito).

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*Quilindaña, North Face.* Quilindaña (4877 meters, 16,002 feet) located in the Cordillera Oriental of Ecuador, is usually referred to as the Matterhorn of this country because of its appearance as a rock tower. In October 1975, a French-Ecuadorian group made with difficulty the first ascent of the north face and west ridge of the mountain. On October 8, 1980 solo I climbed the north face and the upper east ridge. The same day, also alone, the Ecuadorian E. Mesa repeated this route.

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