

by its north ridge and La Espada (The Sword; 2050 meters, 6726 feet) by its west face.

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El Tronador, Pico Internacional, Northeast Face. On January 13 Alberto Bendiguer, Marcelo and Gabriel Aguilar, Petra Friedrich, Marcelo Pérez, Argentines, and I made the second ascent of the north-east face of the highest summit, the Pico Internacional, of El Tronador (3350 meters, 10,991 feet), above Bariloche. We made the climb from the Otto Meiling Hut. The principal difficulties were a rock band below the summit. This was partially covered with ice, which frequently fell off.

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ANTARCTICA

Vinson Massif, Sentinel Range, 1979. In the *Alpenvereins-Jahrbuch, 1980* (German Alpine Club's Annual) on pages 162-6 is described the second ascent of the Vinson Massif (5139 meters, 16,860 feet), the highest point in Antarctica. The first ascent was made in December, 1966 by an American Alpine Club expedition. (See *A.A.J.*, 1967, pages 251-7.) On December 20, 1979 Germans Peter von Gizycki and Werner Buggisch and Soviet Vladimir Samsonov were landed at 8200 feet. That same day, following the American route, they climbed the steep couloir to the 11,000-foot col on the ridge that descends from Mount Shinn. On the 21st they climbed the glacier to 13,125 feet, where they again camped. On December 22, 1979 they made the long climb to the summit, which they reached at five P.M. There they found flags left thirteen years before by the Americans.

ASIA

Nepal

Yalungkang Attempt. Both Cherie Bremerkamp and I were aware of the many advantages of climbing an 8000-meter peak with two people in alpine style. During the summer of 1980 we received permission to climb the west summit of Kanchenjunga, Yalungkang (27,625 feet, 8420 meters) from the north. It had been climbed twice from the south but was unattempted from the north. We arrived at Base Camp at Pang Pema (16,900 feet) with 21 loads on March 29 after a 17-day, 150-mile trek from Dharan. Pang Pema is at the corner of the Kanchenjunga Glacier where it branches into three lesser subsidiaries. The first week we spent establishing Camp I, getting our first view of the