

17,725, and 19,675 feet. A first attempt on January 21 was beaten back by wind. On January 27 Mauro Collini, Sergio Figel, Mario Tavagnutti and Rudi Vittori reached the summit (6670 meters, 21,884 feet).

*Cerro Ugarte.* In the course of a reconnaissance expedition to the Juncal-Tupungato area led by Alfredo Magnani, members H. Medina and L. Parra made on January 4 the first ascent of the unnamed peak (c. 4800 meters, 15,748 feet) that marks the end of the northeast ridge of Nevado Juncal. The peak was named after an army officer that has had a distinguished role in rescue operations and in the construction of huts on Aconcagua.

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### Chile—Central Andes

*Juncal Tragedy.* One of the foremost Peruvian climbers, Arturo Tordoya, American Carl Erickson and Canadian Bryan Jay Ball have been missing since they left to attempt Juncal. It is feared that they were buried by an avalanche, probably on January 27. A search by the Chilean Socorro Andino was unable to locate their bodies.

*Punta Zanzi, North Face, 1980.* On December 7, 1952 Luis Krahle, Ernesto Hoffman and Eduardo Meyer made the first ascent of Punta Zanzi, climbing the south ridge from Cerro Valdés. The second ascent did not take place until 1980 when from November 21 to 24 Germán Macció, Dagoberto Delgado, Alejandro Izquierdo and I climbed the north face. The ascent of this 1000-foot wall is probably the most difficult climb done up to 1980 in the central Chilean Andes. The rather complex approach to the base of the face took up the first day. In the face itself, we started up a sloping terrace, climbed up 100 feet and traversed right to below a roof. The next four pitches were the hardest and led us to a small ledge. Having fixed ropes, we returned to the base of the face. On the third day we crossed a gendarme and traversed to the right side of the face. The difficulties above were great, made more serious by the rotten rock and the lack of protection. The summit ridge on the fourth day was narrow and exposed.

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*Various Ascents.* In the ranges inland and east of the towns of Rancagua and San Fernando, the following activity is worth recording: Nevado del Granito (4400 meters, 14,436 feet), first ascent by F. Arias and E. Rodríguez; Alto del Cotón Norte (4250 meters, 13,944 feet) and Cerro Gendarme (4500m, 14,764 feet), both by F. Arias, alone, January 1981, Cerro El Brujo and Cerro Nuseva (both 4720 meters, 15,486 feet), were ascended by J. Contreras, E. Lagos and J. Miranda, January 1982. The last four are second ascents.

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