

Cerro Pabellón, Second Ascent. As a final celebration of a climbing course given during February by the Club Andinista Mendoza, nine mountaineers including several women made the second ascent of Cerro Negro or Pabellón (6152 meters, 20,183 feet), which had been ascended in 1969 by an Argentinian-Japanese group (A.A.J., 1970, pages 174-5). The expedition reached the eastern base of the mountain on muleback and from the Refugio Real de la Cruz the ascent was accomplished with three high camps.

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Fitz Roy, North Face. A Polish expedition climbed a new route on the north face of Fitz Roy between the Casarotto buttress and Afanassieff's route. They were Piotr Lutynski, Wiesław Burzynski, Mirosław Falco-Sasal, Michał Kochanczak and Jacek Kozaczekiewicz. They set up Base Camp at the Piedra del Fraile and a high camp at the foot of the north face. They were twelve days on the ascent, eight days on the final push and two more on the descent. They reached the summit on December 24 at three P.M. They were lucky in having an unprecedented stretch of good weather.

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Fitz Roy. Scott Backes and I climbed Fitz Roy by the American Route. We arrived in Base Camp on January 2. After 42 days and four unsuccessful attempts we climbed the route in 2½ days from Base Camp. We reached the summit at three P.M. on February 12. Four French climbers reached the summit six hours later and bivouacked on the descent. The descent took six hours and 18 rappels and we reached our ice cave below the col at dark. It took another five hours to descend to Base Camp in deteriorating weather. This was the first period of clear weather longer than 24 hours since December.

SCOTT COLE

Aguja Mermoz, Northwest Face, Second Ascent. Raúl Storino, Guillermo Raynié and I made the second ascent of Aguja Mermoz by the northwest face. From Base Camp at Piedra del Fraile we went to our first bivouac at the foot of the rock bands on which we fixed 650 feet of rope that same day. We climbed on February 11 the 3500 vertical feet in 22 pitches to the summit and descended a short distance for a second bivouac. On the third day we made 19 rappels and returned to Base Camp.

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Cerro Torre, Fitz Roy, Aguja Guillaumet and Aguja Poincenot, 1983. In October 1982 Ermanno Salvaterra and Elio Orlandi failed by 100 feet to complete the Maestri route on the east buttress of Cerro Torre when the weather