

just south of Punta Arenas, we kayaked across the Magellan Straits, through the Aqualisman Channel and along Cockburn Canal to reach the shore east of Sarmiento. We failed to attempt Sarmiento because of its scale and the weather. We climbed two small mountains south of Seno Agostini and failed on a 6600-foot peak that lies between the other two. We were totally self-contained, carrying alpine climbing gear, filming equipment and food for two months.

ALAN HUGHES, *Wales*

Cordillera Darwin Traverse. Eight students of the Universidad Austral of Punta Arenas accomplished in February, 1983 the first complete traverse of the Cordillera Darwin, the principal and by far the most complex mountain massif in the Chilean portion of Tierra del Fuego. The expedition started on the north coast, with a landing place at the Seno (fjord) del Almirantazgo and dragged its four sleds loaded with supplies for the next 20 days. The students climbed the main glacier, which they named after their university, where they located remains of an old airplane crash. They descended toward Puerto Williams, on Beagle Channel.

HUMERTO BARRERA, *Club Andino de Chile*

Attempt to get to Antarctica. In December Canadians had hoped to fly to Antarctica to climb the Vinson Massif. They started with the same plane used by Bonington and the Americans in 1983 but they had British pilots. After difficulties about landing at the Esperanza Base, for which they had permission from the Argentine government, they landed instead at Río Gallegos. The Argentine authorities there took the pilots into custody because they were British and thus the expedition ended.

VOJSLAV ARKO, *Club Andino Bariloche, Argentina*

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Royal Bay and Ross Glacier Area, South Georgia. Our team, David Craw, Peter D. Johnstone, Alan J. Knowles and I, was accompanied by a film crew, Bev and Rob Brown. We were landed at Royal Bay in early November and collected on Christmas Eve. We climbed the following peaks between 2000 and 3000 feet around Royal Bay: Mount Krokisius, Binary Peak, Pirner Peak, Neighbour Peak, Coffin Top, Mount Burley, Mount Fagan and Broken Peak; and around St. Andrews Bay: Mount Skittle, Szielaska Icecap and two unnamed peaks beside the Cook Glacier. Four first ascents were made of these peaks of 3000 to 5000 feet around the Hindle Glacier: unnamed northern outlier of Smokey Wall by Knowles and Johnstone, unnamed peak between Hindle and Weddell Glaciers by Craw and Knowles and two smaller peaks on the Hindle-Weddell divide. The Hindle Glacier, never previously visited, was explored and