

*Attempt to Traverse the Southern Patagonian Icecap from North to South.* Spaniard José Carlos Tamayo and Argentines Gabriel Ruiz, Marcos Couch, Alberto del Casillo and Alexander Portella attempted to make the first complete traverse of the 400-kilometer-long Southern Patagonian Icecap. This has been attempted a number of times but today still remains incomplete, although the most successful, Shipton and companions and later New Zealanders, came within 100 kilometers of reaching their objective, the Fiordo Ultima Esperanza. The Argentine-Spanish party set out supply dumps from Calafate near the Fitz Roy-Cerro Torre group in late March. They gathered in Coihaique and the next day flew to Caleta Tortel to begin the traverse in the Fiordo Calén on April 4. Thirty-one days later, on May 5, they had covered 145 kilometers in a straight line on the map—and many more because of necessary deviations—and had reached the first of their supply dumps near the Paso del Viento near Cerro Torre. The rough weather of oncoming winter persuaded them to give up their attempt. A full article appears on pages 20 to 29 of *Desnivel* of October 1992.

*Cerro Cristal.* Ugo and Benigno Balatti, Giuseppe Alippi and I had hoped to climb Cerro Campana, which rises north of the Glaciar Moyano, but the weather in late 1991 made this impossible. As a consolation, on January 3 we climbed Cerro Cristal (2200 meters, 7218 feet), which lies south of the glacier, by its northwestern flank. There were pitches of 70° snow and ice and a rise of 800 meters. The first ascent was made on February 17, 1968 by Argentines Jorge Skvarča and Mario Serrano, but ours was probably a new route.

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*New Altitudes in the Chaltén (Fitz Roy) Area.* The maps of the Instituto Geográfico Militar Argentino which were published last year now allow a more exact determination of altitudes in this region. An Argentine publisher, Zaguier and Urruty, has come out with a map in color with a scale 1:50,000 made from the IGM maps. This map is bilingual in Spanish and English. Altitudes from north to south are Gorra Blanca (3907m); Marconi (2210m); Cerro Dumbo (2484m); Cerro Loma Blanca (2218m); Gran Gendarme (2255m); Aguja Pollone (2313m); Pollone (2579m); Cerro Eléctrico (2257m); Pier Giorgio (2719m); Aguja Guillaumet (2579m); Aguja Mermoz (2732m); Cerro Rincón (2465m); Domo Blanco (2507m); Aguja Val de Viois, 2653m; Chaltén (Fitz Roy; 3405m); Aguja de la Silla (2938m); Aguja Cuatro Dedos (2281m); Aguja Bífida (2394m); Cerro Stanhardt (2730m); Torre Egger (2673m); Cerro Mocho (1953m); Cerro Torre (3102m); Poincenot (3002m); Aguja Rafael (2482m); Aguja Saint Exupéry (2558m); Aguja de la S (2335m); Cerro Mojón Rojo (2163m); Cerro Techado Negro (2152m); Cerro Adela Norte (2825m); Cerro Adela (2938m); Cerro Adela Sur (2840m), Cerro Ñato (2797m); Cerro Doblado (2665m).

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