

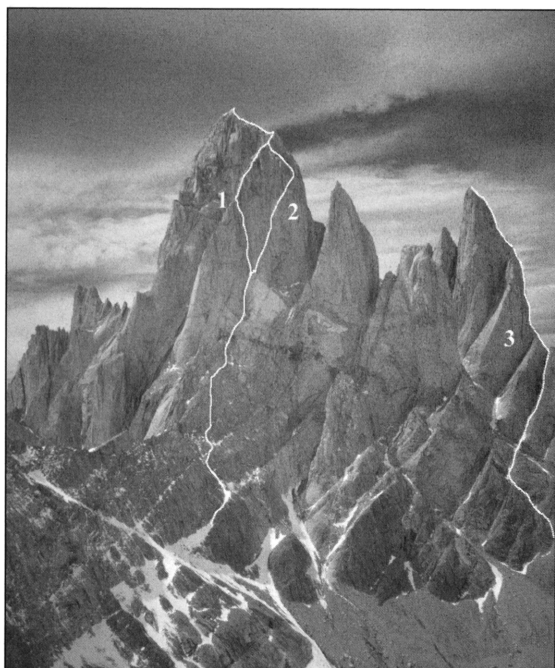
Argentine Patagonia

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Torre Egger and Fitz Roy, Tonta Suerte. Tim O'Neill and Nathan Martin made an alpine-style ascent of the 3,300-foot Torre Egger via a combination of routes (VI 5.10 A2 WI6) in 59 hours from the glacier. They then established a new route on Fitz Roy's massive 5,500-foot west face, Tonta Suerte (Dumb Luck, VI 5.10 A1), in a 57.5-hour round-trip push. They are the only the sixth and seventh climbers to summit Cerro Torre, Torre Egger, and Cerro Standhardt. A full account of their Patagonia adventures appears earlier in this *Journal*.

Cerro Torre, east face. In late October and early November Italians Paolo Calza, Mauro Giovanazzi, Walter

Gobbi, and Ermanno Salvaterra attempted a new route on the east face of this peak, via a completely independent line. After fixing the first 300 meters they got on the wall on October 27, establishing themselves at their first portaledge bivy, which they christened "Dalai Lama." Over the next week they managed to climb another 450 meters, reaching a point where the wall kicks back, not far from the base of a very large ice chimney on the upper third of the wall. At a small ledge they again set up their portaledge camp, where they were pinned down by a fierce storm for four days. Gobbi and Salvaterra became intoxicated with propane from their stove, so on November 3 they all decided to retreat.



Cerro Fitz Roy's southwest face and Aguja Poincenot showing, (1) Tonta Suerte, 2002; (2) Slovak Route, 1983 (Orolin, Galfy, Petrik); (3) Southern Cross, 2002. Rolando Garibotti

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Torre Egger, Italian Route/Titanic Variation. On December 31, Michael Mayr ("Much") and I made our first trip to Norwegian Camp. We originally intended to attempt an alpine-style ascent of Badlands, but after inspecting it decided to look at the nearby and Italian routes. Since the lower portion of was not formed, and the upper portion of the Italian route looked wet and dangerous, Much and I decided to try to combine the two. After 16 days of bad weather we finally began climbing. Although we had looked for the driest option on the face, we still got really wet. On this short attempt we climbed about 200 meters. On January 18 the weather was good again. Leaving bivi gear behind we continued for one more pitch up the Italian route. Much then led two new pitches to the top of the buttress. One more pitch, and we were 10 meters from Titan-