

CENTRAL PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

San Lorenzo Group, Cerro Hermoso, southwest summit. From a base camp in Rio Oro Valley, Italians Luca Maspes and Diego Fregona made what they believe to be the first ascent of Cerro Hermoso's southwest summit, calling it "Cumbre Silvia." They climbed a new route up the 1,000m west face on November 1 in ten hours, alpine style, with difficulties of 5.8 rock and 70° ice and mixed. On November 4 they attempted the first ascent of San Lorenzo's northeast face but climbed only 100m (ice and mixed) before retreating amid rock and ice fall.

Compiled from communications with LUCA MASPES, Italy

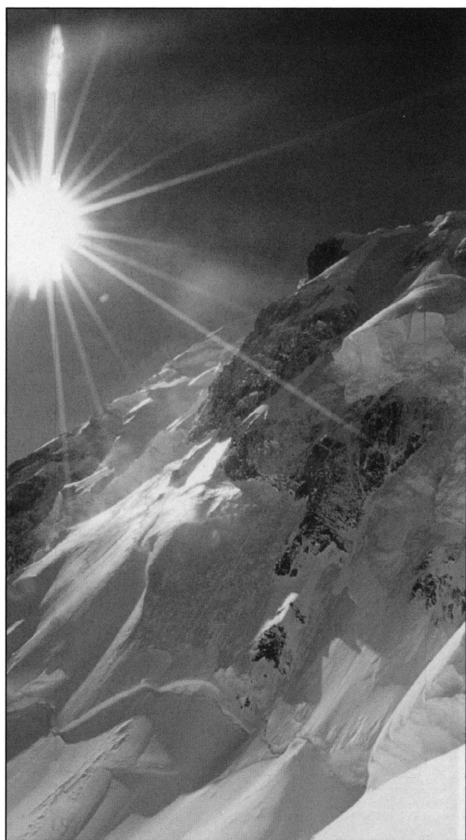
SOUTHERN PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

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Cerro Azara and Cerro Bravo. These two summits are located just north of Paso del Viento, and are linked by a shallow ridge. Cerro Azara (1,950m) was first climbed in March 1916 by Alfredo Kolliker and Lutz Witte. On December 6 Spaniards José Fernández Arrieta and Raúl Lora made the second ascent via a new route on the east face. They climbed a line leading to the col between the two summits, involving 200m of mixed terrain to 60°–65°, with short steeper sections, and 5.4 rock climbing. From the summit of Azara they moved north along the ridge and climbed previously unclimbed Cerro Bravo (2,040m). This involved an easy traverse along a ridge and 5.4 rock climbing in very rotten rock.

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Adela Group, Cerro Grande. In the Fitz Roy Range, in November, Italian Luca Maspes made two solo attempts on Techado Negro (located at the southern end of the Fitz Roy group) climbing 300m of mixed ground and bad rock. On December 5, Maspes and Marcello Cominetti, also from Italy, climbed a new route on the south face of Cerro Grande (2,751m), joining the East Ridge route, from which they retreated, some 200m below the



View of the southeast face of Cerro Grande from the Cominetti-Maspes new route, which ascends outside the right edge of this view. Luca Maspes