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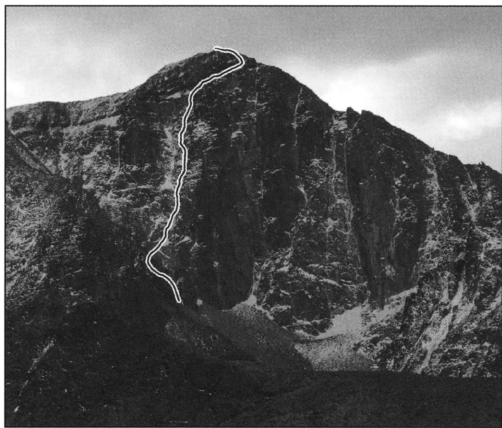
NORTHERN ANDES, ARGENTINA

New routes. In April we established several new routes in northern Argentina. The most difficult was a mixed line on the south face of Chañi Chico (5,570m): Marcados por el Chañi (600m, M5 85°) climbs 13 pitches to the summit, and took 12 hours of climbing, with a 16-hour round trip. The other routes: Pachamama (1,000m, 5+/6a), a rock route on the south face of Morro Von Ron-sen (5,450m); Vitoria-Gasteiz (550m, 80°), an ice route on the south face of Aguja Negra (5,350m); and Gure Etxea (850m, 60°), on the north face of Punta Ibañez (5,800m), with a traverse to General Belgrano (Chañi's main summit, 5,896m).

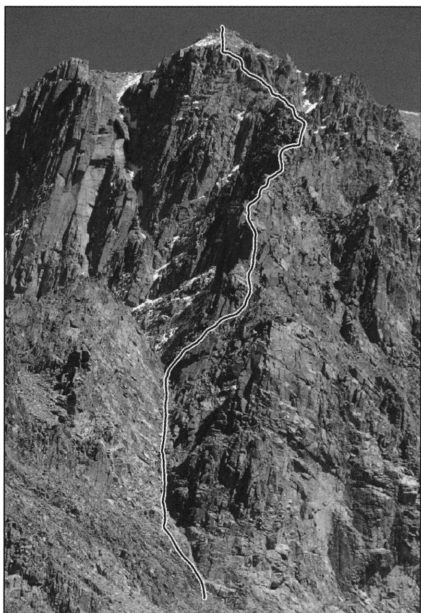
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Volcán Salín, northeast face. This 6,029m volcano, in Salta, Argentina, was first ascended by pre-Columbian Indians. Hans-Martin Schmitt from Germany and Adrian Germishuizen from South Africa climbed it on May 20, opening a new route on the northeast face for the fifth modern ascent.

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Marcados por el Chañi, on the south face of Chañi Chico.
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Pachamama, on the south face of Morro Von Ron-sen.
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