

CHILE SKI-SEASON OPENS

In the shadow of the snowcapped Andes/Santiago, capital of Chile, city of more than five-million people, sees tourists bound for the winter sports. A few thousand feet up the railway crossing the Andes runs into winter in a big way. The snow not only sets the picture for the tourist traffic, it melts into hydraulic power for the copper mines. But at Portillo, nearly ~~extreme~~^{10,000} feet above sea-level, today's sunrise had no concern with copper: it marked the official opening of the skiing season. Fashionable visitors included ^{Americans} many, who'd flown south over the Equator to get a winter holiday in high summer. We often get ours without flying anywhere. The chair railway makes going up easy, a lift of nearly a mile to the head of the wonderful ski-slopes. Quite a holiday.

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SAI JAUNT TO CHILE SNOW TRAIL LEADS SOUTH

In 90 degree temperature, we're ski-bound, yours truly Marty Glickman and the Paramount News cameraman ... flying out of Miami -- heading south with the snowbirds -- south to the Chilean Andes, where the season is the reverse of ours. Wintry snow caps Mount Aconcagua, highest peak in the hemisphere -- and the ski season lasts until October. Chile's capital Santiago is framed in mountain grandeur -- the temperature is a brisk 45 degrees as we leave our plane in this fabulous year-round sports mecca. Our skiing venture takes us on a journey via the Trans-Andean narrow-gauge railway ... to the world famous ski center, Portillo, altitude nine thousand five hundred and seventy feet. The snow, is also Chile's important industrial potential, for melting snow provides the water and power to operate the copper mines, and electricty for melting snow provides the water and power to operate the copper mines, and electricity for the mining communities. Vital too, is irrigation of the fertile Central Valley region. And so, as we come upon the Portillo resort hotel it is with the realization that sports and industry both benefit from the bounty of snow. The sunrise signals the beginning of the skiing day ... and for those who are fashion-minded, here's a preview of some of the outfits that'll be graeing your own ski slopes come the winter

Now, we join our skiing instructor: world-renowned Emille Allais, technical advisor to the U.S. Olympic team; originator of the

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parallel ski technique. Our third member is Ralph Miller, a national champion from Dartmouth. Chair lifts are three-quarters of a mile long ... and for the thrilling downhill run on the unfrequented slopes of the Andes we've got a 7 foot base, and 8 inches of powder snow.

Makes falling mighty soft ... so discovers your commentator ... definitely not an expert -- not yet!

An unforgettable vista of sports and natural scenic beauty -- in this South American "Sun Valley" where summer is winter.

Our skiing excursion to Portillo, where you can literally reach out and touch the Argentine frontier, left its lasting impressions.

The sister republic of Chile is truly a sportsman's paradise!