

**Sikkim**

*Kangchenjau.* The second ascent of this 22,603-foot peak was made in 1961 by the Indian S. Gyatso. It was first climbed in 1912 by Dr. A. M. Kellas but had repelled several other later attempts.

*Koktang.* An Indian Army expedition of five members made the first ascent of Koktang (20,990 feet), which lies south of Kangchenjunga. Major K. S. Rana, Captain K.P.S. Ahluwalia and two Sherpas reached the summit on April 26.

**U.S.S.R.**

*British Soviet Pamirs Expedition.* The British members of our party were Sir John Hunt, leader; Dr. Malcolm Slessor, deputy leader; George Lowe, Wilfrid Noyce, Ralph Jones, Derek Bull, Ian McNaught-Davis, Ted Wrangham, Dr. Graeme Nicol, Joe Brown, Ken Bryan and Robin Smith. The Russian climbers were Anatoli Ovchinnikov, leader; Eugene Gippenreiter, Sevastianov, Shalaev, Malakov and Alkhutov. Our operations were based on the Garmo, Vavivola and Belaev glaciers and our climbs were (1) Pic Garmo (21,830 feet) by Smith, Noyce, Ovchinnikov and Sevastianov on July 24 by the west ridge. Wrangham and Bull reached approximately 20,000 feet on the west ridge before having to turn back. Noyce and Smith were killed on the way down; (2) Pic Patriot (20,600 feet) on which McNaught-Davis, Slessor, Brown and Bryan reached the top camp at approximately 19,000 feet, from which two Russians, Malakhov and Alkhutov, went on to the summit on July 25. This was a new ascent on the west ridge; (3) Pic Concord (18,878 feet), the first ascent of which was made on July 21 by Hunt, Shalaev, Jones, Nicol and Gippenreiter. The climb was made by the west ridge. The name awaits approval by the Mountaineering Federation of the U.S.S.R.; and (4) Pic Communism (24,495 feet) by Ovchinnikov, Slessor, Brown, McNaught-Davis, Nicol, Malakov, Alkhutov and Gippenreiter on the south face and east ridge. (This was previously known as Pic Stalin.—*Editor.*)

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*Soviet Ascents.* Reports from Moscow indicate that Russian climbers continue to be active. One 21,650-foot peak in the Pamirs in Tadzhikistan was climbed for the first time and named for the cosmonaut Titov. Another mountain in the Tien Shan near Chinese Turkestan was climbed by four Siberians, who named it Pik Kosmanavtov (Cosmonaut Peak).