

major objective was the north face of Noshag (24,580 feet) on which we placed three camps and reached an altitude of 21,000 feet. After having got up a 1300-foot icefall, we were planning to continue when the monsoon, particularly impetuous this year, forced us to fall back in terrible weather and to leave behind three isothermic tents. We returned by the same route with 30 porters from Shagrom. Medical examinations with electro-cardiograms were carried out up to an altitude of 18,200 feet, which we believe has never been done before.

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*Owir Zom.* Franco Cena, Nello Delù, Alexa Braun, Guido Botto, Giorgio Vicentini and I traveled from Italy to Peshawar by Volkswagen, to Chitral by Land Rover and to Owir by Jeep. We took three days to ascend the Owir valley to Base Camp at 11,500 feet. Camp I was at 13,500 feet. On August 8 Cena and I reached the summit of the mountain at the head of the Owir valley, which our altimeter showed at 5125 meters (16,814 feet).

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*Tirich Mir Attempt.* The Innsbruck Mountain Rescue expedition led by Kurt Pitttracher and composed of Horst Bergmann, Dr. Peter Mangutsch, Manfred Mehrli and Dr. Raimund Margreiter hoped to climb Tirich Mir by the Carinthian route. It will be remembered that H. Thomaser and F. Samonig were last seen at about 21,650 feet while attempting this route in 1967. (*A.A.J.*, 1968, 16:1, p. 221.) This Carinthian buttress would have led to the south ridge above the S Glacier Col and eventually to the top of the Norwegian route of 1950. (S Glacier is not "South" Glacier but just S Glacier because this tributary of the South Barum Glacier is shaped like the letter S.) In 1968 the Japanese were prevented by crevasses from reaching the buttress. The Tyroleans in 1970 left Chitral on June 27 by Jeep for Shogot in the Arkari valley and continued with porters through Arkari up the Dir Gol to Base Camp at 13,800 feet in the northern branch of the Dir Gol. Reconnaissance on July 1 showed the Carinthian buttress impractical with icefalls, séracs and ice avalanches. They looked for a route farther right (south) which would lead over S Glacier Peak to the S Glacier Col. The route led over difficult terrain to a glacial basin where Camp I was placed at 16,700 feet. Continuous bad weather hampered further operations although one tent was set up at Camp II above an icefall. On July 27, north of Base Camp and west of Tirich Mir, they all climbed

Malgiri Zom I, II and III (18,304, 18,209 and 18,111 feet). The latter two, which lie west of Malgiri Zom I, were first ascents. Margreiter and Pittracher climbed P 4800 (15,748 feet) and just north of it P 4760 (15,617 feet) on a spur which juts north into the southern branch of the Dir Gol.

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*Tirich Mir East Attempt.* A German expedition from Trostberg led by Stefan Rausch had as its objective climbing Tirich Mir by the southeast ridge from the South Barum Glacier. They arrived in Chitral on July 23. They placed three camps on the sites used by the Norwegians; Base Camp at 14,100 feet above the first icefall, Camp I at 15,750 feet below the second icefall and Camp II at 17,000 above it. They climbed from there to a col on the southeast ridge at 18,850 feet and established Camp III just above it. Their high point, 20,350 feet, which was to have been the site of Camp IV, was reached on August 11 by Rausch and Strohschneider. Rausch felt sick and stayed at Camp III on the 13th. After coughing fits he suddenly died as the others were about to carry him down. It seems to have been exhaustion or pneumonia. (Or pulmonary edema? —*Editor.*) This well known climber and expedition leader was buried at Camp III.

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*Istor-o-Nal Group.* Two German Alpine Club (DAV) expeditions combined in Pakistan for most of their climbing. From Munich were H. Hesslinger, L. Jaumann, H. Wagner, and H. Wiessmeier. From Garmisch-Partenkirchen were K. and U. Schoenwald, N. Hendrichs, and F. Reuter. They made the following climbs, none of them first ascents: Dertona Peak (c. 20,000 feet) on August 18 by K. and U. Schoenwald, Hendrichs, Reuter from an 18,700 feet high camp to the east on the upper Tirich Glacier; Ghul Lasht Zom East (21,690 feet) on August 21 by Wagner and Jaumann from the upper Tirich Glacier; Ghul Lasht Zom South (21,828 feet according to Wala but probably only c. 21,000 feet) on August 21 by Wiessmeier, K. Schoenwald, Reuter from the north (all three from the same camp); Istor-o-Nal West I (23,950 feet) on August 30 by Wagner and Wiessmeier by the southwest ridge with camps at 19,000 and 21,650 feet. It is not absolutely clear which peak on the ridge they reached.

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