

native hunter. An extensive helicopter search revealed no signs of the two climbers.

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*Barnaj II South and Central Peaks.* Japanese from Tokyo University led by Yoisho Kubora established Base Camp at 13,125 feet and Advanced Base Camp at 15,100 feet on the glacier of the Barnaj Nala. Above Camp I the route ascended an icefall and also had difficult rock climbing. On August 14 Kei Komishi, Shoichi Sugaya, Hiroshi Matsui and Nobuyoshi Suzuki climbed the south (6150 meters, 20,177 feet) and central (6170 meters, 20,243 feet) summits of Barnaj II.

*Kun and Nun.* These two high peaks are being climbed frequently. An Austrian group led by Günther Hochhauser made its first attempt on July 24 but only Hans Stadlbauer got to the summit of Kun (7087 meters, 23,250 feet). The next day five more climbed to the top. On July 11 Austrians Walter Knezicek and Ignaz Gruber and Swiss Dr. Veronika Merz climbed Nun (7135 meters, 23,410 feet). On August 28 four of a five-man Japanese team reached the summit via the northeast ridge.

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*White Needle, Southeast Ridge, Nun-Kun Group, 1979.* Ewa Hara-simowicz, Krystyna Niederle and Andrzej Pelc established Base Camp on the Sapath Glacier at 14,100 feet and Camp I at 18,375 feet. On October 30 and November 1, 1979 they scaled a new route, the technically difficult, knife-edged ice southeast ridge of the White Needle (21,523 feet, 6560 meters). Some of the upper pitches were UIAA Grade IV+.

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*Zanskar I (Z 1) and P 18,045.* These previously unclimbed peaks near Nun and Kun were climbed by a 12-man Japanese team from Hokkaido University led by Michizumi Ouchi. On August 15 Dr. T. Kato and the liaison officer Mandip Soin climbed P 18,045 (5500 meters). After setting up three high camps and fixing 4000 feet of rope, on August 20 the members climbed to the summit of Zanskar I (6131 meters, 20,115 feet).

*Peaks above Durung Drung Glacier, Zanskar Range.* Our Italian expedition was composed of 14 men and three women. After a day and a half by truck from Kargil to the Pensila Pass, we placed Base Camp on