reached the top at 6 p.m. on July 26. All six members are Germans.

Due to the bad weather, the Yugoslav route, which follows a big dihedral system in the upper part, was under icy conditions, forcing the team of Markus Stofer and Urs Stoecker (both Swiss) to aid in many places. They climbed up to the Sun Terrace along with the *Eternal Flame* team. From the Sun Terrace, they made a route-finding error, and climbed the first three pitches of *Run For Cover* before rejoining the Yugoslav route via new ground. They called their variation *Home Run* (5.10 A2). They used fixed ropes on two-thirds of the route. On July 21 at 6:30 p.m., they reached the summit.

JENS RICHTER, *Germany*

K2, Various Activity. K2 (8611m), which had not seen an ascent since August, 1997, saw 25 climbers reaching the summit, the most since 1996. It was reported that all ascents were made via either the Abruzzi Ridge or South-Southeast Spur routes. Nineteen people reached the top between July 29-31. (*High Mountain Sports* 221)

K2, Solo Ascent and Attempt. Yasushi Yamanoi and I came back to Japan from K2 on August 25. Voytek Kurtyka and Yasushi looked at the east face, but gave up because of bad weather. Voytek left soon after, as he was not interested in any other route. Yasushi reached the summit on July 30 via the South-Southeast Spur Route. He summited with a Korean team member who used oxygen. My body condition was so bad, I could only reach 7600 meters.

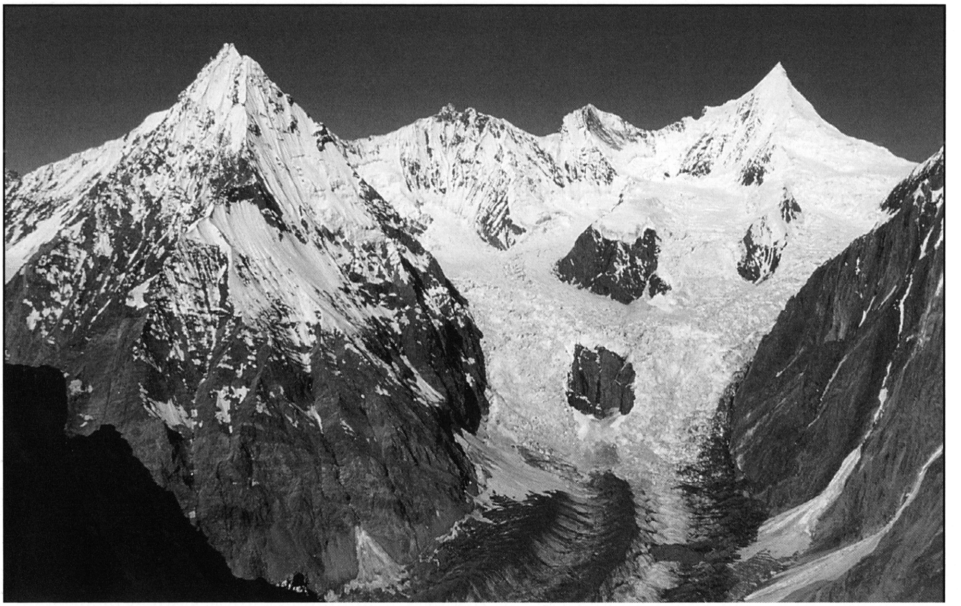
TAEKO YAMANOI, *Japan*

Editor's Note: Y. Yamanoi was reported to have left Base Camp at mid-day on July 28 and reached the Shoulder by 4 p.m. the next day. He summited at noon on July 30 and was back in BC the evening of the 31st. This is perhaps the fastest ascent of the route; in 1986, Benoit Chamoux summitted via the Abruzzi Ridge in 23 hours from BC.

Unnamed Peak, First Ascent. It was reported that on June 14, prior to his second (again unsuccessful) attempt to ski K2, Hans Kammerlander led a large party of clients to the top of a previously unclimbed ca. 6000-meter peak. The peak is located to the west of Broad Peak Base Camp; an application has been made to the local authorities to name it. Further details are lacking. (*High Mountain Sports* 221)

Masherbrum Mountains

Honboro Peak and Chogolisa, Attempts, and Daare Peak, Ascent. We arrived in Hushe on June 19 and established Base Camp two days later at 4225 meters aside the Honboro Glacier at the base of Honboro Peak. After surveying the mountain, we decided that attempting Honboro from the east was too dangerous due to the high risk of falling seracs. Therefore, Iñaki San Vicente, Txus Martín and I ended up ascending a nearby peak, known by the locals as Daare Peak (5650m), on June 29. After that, we joined a group of friends on their way to attempt the northeast summit of Chogolisa via the east ridge. This ascent was part of a documentary film being produced about the life of Luis de Saboya, the Duke of Abruzzi, and his expedition to this mountain in 1909. We made part of the approach wearing old-fashioned



Honboro Peak (right) and Daare Peak (left). JOSE CARLOS TAMAYO

costumes like the ones used back in those days, and on July 14 we established Base Camp at 5000 meters. On the 27th we ascended to the col (ca. 6100m) between Snow Dome and Chogolisa using old-fashioned clothing. On August 3, we left BC following the death of our friend Felix Iñurrategi on GII.

JOSE CARLOS TAMAYO, *Spain*

Shingu Charpa, First Ascent. It was reported that Shin Dong-Chul, Bang Jung-Ho and Hwang Young-Soon, all of whom were part of the Korean team that attempted Amin Brakk in 1999, made the first ascent of Shingu Charpa (5600m) in July via the west face. After fixing 700 meters of an approach couloir to 4800 meters, the team started on the wall, encountering difficulties up to 5.11 A2 before summiting on July 23. Bad weather contributed to the threat of rockfall that endangered the route, particularly in the initial, lower-angled section. (See photo of Shingu Charpu on page v of this journal.) (*High Mountain Sports* 221)

Dhiang (a.k.a. Kampur), First Ascent. Our group in the Nangma Valley was made up of Andrei Volkov, Andrei Mariev, Ivan Dusharin and myself. In early July, we traveled to the Nangma Valley in the eastern Karakoram. Though we were impressed by our surroundings and our objective, a Korean expedition had arrived several days before us to attempt the north ridge of Shingu Charpa, so we decided to change our objective. (The Koreans ended up making the first ascent of the mountain via a route on the west face.)

After several scouting days, we gave our attention to a new big wall line on Amin Brakk. Seven pitches up the wall, we realized that one of our team member's return schedule was too inflexible to continue with any hope of success. In the last week of July, we decided to move