

16th, following the route of the German-Austrian party of 1938. The first Swiss ascent was accomplished on August 4th and 5th, by Gottfried Jermann and the guides Karl and Hans Schlunegger, of Wengen.*

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Probing the Mystery. Bradford Washburn set out late in January 1948 with an expedition planning to spend six weeks in aerial photographic exploration of the Amne Machin Mountains. We hope to include full details in our next number—and to learn at last whether there is indeed a summit higher than Everest.

Reports via London. The *Alpine Journal* for November 1947 reports an attempt on Rakaposhi by a party consisting of Messrs. C. H. Secord and H. W. Tilman and Herren Gyr and Kappeler, and the subsequent attainment by Messrs. Tilman and Shipton of the summit dome of Mustagh Ata, at over 24,000 ft.

Swiss in Garhwal. A Swiss expedition visited Garhwal in 1947 under the leadership of André Roch. Other members of the party were Mme. Annalies Lohner, René Dittert, Alfred Sutter and Alexander Graven. A base camp was established at the terminus of Gangotri Glacier on June 11th. Six first ascents were achieved: "White Dome" (6830 m.), June 25th, in the course of the party's second attempt on Kedarnath; Kedarnath itself (6940 m.), July 11th; Satopanth (7012 m.), August 1st, by the N.E. arête; Kalindi Peak (6102 m.), August 14th; Balbala (6416 m.), on the Tibetan frontier, August 25th; and Nanda Ghunti (6309 m.), September 11th. The expedition returned to Switzerland in October.**

Pamirs. A Moscow dispatch dated 17 December 1947 reports that two previously unnamed peaks in the Northwestern Pamirs have been climbed and named. One (6400 m.) now commemorates the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Soviet Revolution; the other (7000 m.) is called Moscow Peak.

* *Die Alpen*, XXIII (August 1947), 195; (September 1947), 214. *Alpinisme* (September 1947), 236.

** For an account of the expedition's plans, with many citations of references, see Robert Fazy, "Expédition suisse au Garhwal, 1947," *Die Alpen*, XXIII (July 1947), 275-80. Subsequent issues carry reports of progress. See also *Alpinisme* (December 1947), p. 270, and *Life*, 15 December 1947, pp. 145-48, 151-52.