

(3) established a base on the central Siachen; (4) mapped the Bilafond basin and the Gyari and Chulung valleys. The end of August and the first half of September were spent exploring the region around K 12 (24,300 feet), where operations were hampered by very heavy snowfalls. We returned to Skardu on September 30.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### *Norway*

*New route on Jaegervasstid.* William Briggs and three companions made the first ascent of the southwest ridge of Jaegervasstid, on the Lyngen Peninsula, in June 1957. The climb took 14 hours.

### *Greenland*

*Staunings Alps, East Greenland.* The Österreichischer Alpenverein sent an expedition to Greenland under the leadership of Hans Gsellmann consisting of the Austrians Hermann Köllensperger, Matthias Koglbauer, Sepp Huber, Gerhard Fuchs, and Kurt Gilg, together with the Swede, Gillis Billing, and the Dane, Dr. Erik Hoff. These mountains rise between the fjords on the east and the inland ice to altitudes of 7000 to 9000 feet at latitudes 72° to 74° N. The Austrians describe them as without exception difficult, and not unlike the Western Alps in nature and difficulty. After landing by plane in Alpe Fjord on July 21, they set up Base Camp nearly on a lateral moraine of Sefström Glacier at 1350 feet. By August 9 they had made the ascents of fourteen mountains, many of them firsts. They had to approach some of them by faltboot. Danes, Norwegians, and especially Swiss have explored this region extensively in the past eight years.

*Cape Farewell, South Greenland.* A French party—M. and Mme. Jean Syda, Henri Bouchez, Guy Cholet, Henri Leblanc, and Maurice Martin—made six first ascents above the Torsukatak Fjord and two above the Kangikitsok during July and August 1957.

### *China*

*Minya Konka.* The Chinese report the second ascent of Minya Konka, which was first climbed by our members Terris Moore and the late Richard Burdsall, supported by Arthur B. Emmons III and Jack Young. Six members of the 29-man Chinese expedition, including the leader, Shih Chan-chun, reached the summit June 13, 1957. It is reported that three of them