

and with frozen hands, but Pellissier continued up a long snow and ice couloir to the summit ridge, some 200 feet below the top, and thence climbed to the highest point.

Saraghrar. An Italian expedition led by Fosco Maraini made the first ascent of Saraghrar (24,110 feet) in Chitral. In August Franco Alletto, Gianfranco Castelli, Paolo Consiglio, and Carlo Pinelli climbed to the summit from Camp V at 21,650 feet. This peak was attempted by a British party in 1958. (See *A.A.J.*, 1959, 11:2, pp. 330-331.)

Afghanistan

Hindu Kush. A small German expedition, led by Harald Biller and composed of his wife Alma, Theo Stöckinger and Hans Vogel, traveled by road from Europe to the Panshir valley in the Hindu Kush, north of Kabul. Continuing from the end of the road on foot, they ascended a side valley where on June 21 they made the first ascent of Dashtribat (17,225 feet) and on June 23 of more difficult Galamastan (17,400 feet). The group ascended the Panshir valley to its head and camped near the top of the Anjuman Pass. On July 27 they climbed a 17,000-foot peak which they named "Mörsamir." This mountain, on which they found some extremely difficult rock and ice climbing, had been previously attempted by French, English and American climbers.

U.S.S.R. and China

Pamirs. The Russians report the establishment of a glaciological-meteorological station at 23,000 feet in the Fedchenko region. They also announce the first ascent of Voroshilov (21,870 feet) by an 11-man expedition.

On July 7 a group of 33 Chinese, 25 men and eight women, reached the summit of Muztagh Ata (24,388 feet), a second ascent. Although the Chinese claim that this is a new altitude record for women, it must be remembered that the late Madame Claude Kogan reached 25,250 feet in October, 1954 on Cho Oyu.

MISCELLANEOUS

Staunings Alps, East Greenland. Hans Gsellmann returned in July with an Austrian expedition to the southern Staunings Alps, south of the region where his expedition had operated in 1957. The group made 21 first ascents in Kong Christian IX's Land on the rugged coast between Sermilikfjord