

an extremely difficult and steep icy ridge, where fixed ropes were generally needed. Above Camp IV the ridge continued horizontally for 400 yards before rising again at  $55^{\circ}$  to 21,300 feet. This was equipped with fixed ropes and pitons, and steps were cut up to 20,675 feet, the highest point reached by Ami Giroud and Michel Darbellay on May 8 and by Michel Rey and sirdar Sonam Girmi on May 10. The plan for an assault to the summit on May 12 had to be abandoned because of heavy snowfall and regretfully we fell back to Camp II, where it continued to snow for four days. At this stage, for business reasons I had to return to Kathmandu ten days earlier than anticipated. Knowing there would be avalanche danger for some days and that there was insufficient time before the porters' return to Base Camp for the journey back to Kathmandu on May 23, it was decided to withdraw completely with a hope of being able to settle the score next year. During the two or three spare days at the end, Darbellay and Rey managed to reach within 650 feet of the summit of the virgin Fluted Peak (Gang Chhengpo, 20,978 feet) but again conditions prevented them from victory.

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*Langtrang Lirung.* The Canadian Peter Taylor returned to Langtrang Lirung (23,750 feet) in September and October to attempt a completely new route from the west. From Camp II at 21,400 feet, he and three Sherpas attacked the face of a 500-foot rock tower and reached 22,100 feet before deciding that the party was too weak for the climb, especially in the face of oncoming bad weather.

*Island Peak, Solu Khumbu.* The Danish climber Jesper Trier with three Sherpas climbed Island Peak (20,305 feet) on May 15. Several other ascents have been made.

*Glacier Dome, Annapurna Group.* The Federation of All-Japan Mountaineering Union's Chiba Prefecture expedition climbed in the Annapurna group. On October 16, Mitsuhiro Nishimura and the Sherpa Dorje stood on the summit of 23,800-foot Glacier Dome at 11:15 A.M., having climbed the western side. The leader was Sumio Shima; other members were Shoichi Ishikawa, Hiroshi Sato, Masami Takeuchi, Teruaki Arisawa and Yoshikatsu Takahashi.

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*Ganesh, Annapurna Group.* The Alpine Club of Kyoto sent an expedition to the southernmost peak of Annapurna I, Ganesh (23,800 feet) (not to be confused with the Ganesh Himal). On October 13 Masaaki