

the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in Manali, Dhan Kumar and Gian Chand. The H.I.M. climbers did not climb Mukar Bey, as reported on the next page, but rather a lower point on the same ridge.

India—Northeast Frontier Agency

Gori Chen. In little known NEFA an Indian Army and civilian expedition was active under the leadership of T. Haralu, with Major J. C. Joshi second in command. They climbed c. 22,500-foot Gori Chen.

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Tibet

Mount Everest. Rumors exist of a Chinese expedition to Mount Everest in May. No further news has come, leaving one to wonder if the group failed or if it ever went.

Nepal

Pemthang Karpo, Lantrang Himal. Previously unreported in this *Journal* was the ascent of Pemthang Karpo (22,447 feet) on October 22, 1964. Hiroaki Tamura was accompanied by his two Sherpas to the foot of the final ridge. The Japanese climber continued on alone to the top.

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Climbs in Soviet Asia, 1965. According to *Der Berkamerad*, on August 12, 1965 twenty-nine members of a Lithuanian-Esthonian expedition to the Pamir-Alai Range climbed Pik Lenin (23,406 feet) from the Krilenko Pass via the first-ascent route. Pik Kommunisma (formerly Pik Stalin; 24,590 feet) was climbed from the Beliava Glacier on August 12 to 19 by a group from the Army Sports Club. The north face of 16,962-foot Dschigiti (Jigiti (?)) in the Tien Shan was climbed for the first time by Aleksander Riabukhin, Vladimir Samokhvalov, Valentin Makovetzki and Olga Trubnikova. It was the third ascent of the peak, which is the second highest of the Terskey-Ala-Tau Range. *Alpinismus* reports that a Czech expedition on July 28 climbed Pik Lenin. The climbers were Miroslav Maly and his wife Marta, František Lehár, Rostislav Caletka and Pavel Winternitz. Eight members of a Lithuanian expedition climbed Pamir-of-the-Pamirs (18,061 feet), which is a southern spur of the Transalai in the northeastern Pamirs. The climb which received the prize for the most difficult climb above 5000 meters of the year 1965 was the first ascent under the leadership of E. Eltshibekov of Pik Kommacademie (21,129 feet), which had previously been attempted three times. On July 14 A. Piankov, V. Voronin, A. Liabin, H. Yakhin and G. Krukovsky left their Fedchenko Glacier Base Camp and attacked the precipitous southwest face. It took them eleven days and eight camps or bivouacs to reach the summit up steep rock and ice, and three more days to descend.