

remaining strength. No further attempt was made since food supplies were low and the weather much colder. The other members of the party were Arthur Clarke and his wife Yvonne, Bill Rowntree and I as leader.

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Kanjiroba. An expedition of the Osaka Shiritsu University was led by Kazuhisa Jokei and composed of Ichiryo Sato, Hiroshi Okuda, Hirotada Sawai, Munehiro Sawada, Shinichi Suwa and Masayki Goto. From Jumla they traveled to Base Camp via Chondabish Khola and Bizara Khola to Base Camp at 12,500 feet, which they established on September 25. They then crossed the Patrasi Himal, on the col of which at 17,725 feet was their Camp III. They then descended to the Jagdula Khola and went up the Jagdula Glacier. Camp V was placed at 17,125 feet on November 2, Camp VI at 18,050 feet on the 4th and Camp VII at 19,000 feet on the southeast ridge on the 6th. On November 7 Sato, Okuda, Sawai and Sawada reached the summit (22,580 feet) at 3:30 P.M. The mountain has been the objective of various expeditions, especially those of John Tyson, who recommended the southeast ridge in *A.A.J.*, 1970, 17:1, p. 183.

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India — Garhwal

Bethartoli South, Mrigthuni, and Attempts on Bethartoli Himal. Bethartoli Himal was attempted by an expedition led by Professor Ramesh G. Desai and sponsored by the Climbers Club, Bombay. Others were Harish B. Kapadia, Jagdish C. Nanavati, Dr. Prabhakar Naik, Zerkis S. Boga, Arun P. Samant and Nitin V. Patel. After leaving Joshimath on May 21, they established Base Camp on May 28 at Tridang at 15,500 feet in the Trisul Nala. Camp I was placed at 18,400 feet east of the peak and one Camp II at 19,500 feet at the base of the south ridge of Bethartoli South. On June 4 Desai, Kapadia and Sherpas Chhawang Tashi and Phuba Tharkay made the second ascent of Bethartoli South (20,730 feet). Meanwhile another group was attacking Bethartoli Himal (20,840 feet) on a route more or less parallel. Camp II was at 18,200 feet and Camp III at 19,200 feet. On June 5 a summit attempt by Nitin Patel and Sherpa instructors from Himalayan Mountaineering Institute Ang Kami and Passang Temba reached 19,800 feet on the steep south face of the east ridge before soft snow and bad weather halted their progress. Tragedy struck the party on June 6 when descending from Camp III in the face of continuous bad weather. An avalanche caught seven climbers on one rope of 165 feet and hurled them

200 feet into a crevassed area. Samant and Passang Temba were safe but shaken, Pemba Tschering was injured, but the others, Patel, Sherpas Ang Kami, Chhawang Phinzo and Gnapa, lost their lives, buried in crevasses under avalanche snow.

Bethartoli South was also climbed in September by a team from the Assam Mountaineering Association led by Atanu Prasad Barua. The summit was reached on September 28 by Rohini Kumar Bhuyan, Khagendra Nath Bora, Instructor Sher Singh and Sherpas Pemba Tarkay, Nima Tenzing and Nima Dorje from Camp II at 19,400 feet. Base Camp was established at 14,900 feet in the Nanda Devi Sanctuary on September 22. After failing to find a route to Bethartoli Himal from the col between it and Bethartoli South, they settled for the latter. Camp I was established on Mrigthuni at 18,000 feet on September 30 and Camp II at 19,400 feet on October 3. On October 4 three members including Ajit Kumar Sarma and five Sherpas including Nima Dorje reached the summit (22,490 feet). The first five had just left the summit when an avalanche swept them down 900 feet. Miraculously they escaped unhurt. Other members of the party included Dr. Prem John Cherian and Bhagat Singh. (Information supplied by Jagdish C. Nanavati, Soli S. Mehta and Kamal K. Guha.)

Trisul. Trisul (23,360 feet) was climbed by a ladies' expedition led by Dr. (Miss) Meena Agrawal and sponsored by the Climbers Club, Bombay. The leader and Sherpas Passang Lakhpa, Nima Tenzing and Nima Dorje reached the summit on June 4. Trisul was again climbed on July 10 by a ten-man team of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. The summiters were Hukum Singh, leader, Mohinder Singh, B. Lama. H. Ram and Ang Chhotar.

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Nanda Devi Attempt. Nanda Devi (25,645 feet) was attempted by an expedition sponsored by the Gujarat Sports Council and led by Nandlal Purohit. Bad weather allowed little advance beyond Camp III. (Apparently they were heading for the south ridge of Nanda Devi East.)

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Nanda Khat Attempt. Nanda Khat (21,690 feet) was attempted by a team sponsored by Giri Vihar, Bombay and led by Professor A. R. Chandekar. As they were trying to reconnoiter to Camp II on May 31, an avalanche in the Pindari Icefall killed D. C. Arora and Ramdas S. Prabhu.