

Labyrinth", which led to Camp II at 19,200 feet and Camp III on the southwest shoulder at 21,650 feet. The ice ramp between Camps III and IV on the edge of the summit plateau at 24,275 feet was of extreme difficulty. On April 25 all was in readiness. Messner and Jäger moved up the comparatively easy summit plateau in good weather while Fankhauser and Schlick came up to Camp IV in support. At ten A.M. Jäger felt he might hold Messner back and started to return to Camp IV. Messner continued alone up two steep snow pitches and along the final rock ridge to reach the top at two P.M. He started down almost immediately since the weather was threatening. Soon it was a howling blizzard; after wandering confusedly in the wild storm, he finally made it back to Camp IV at about dark. Jäger had not returned! Fankhauser and Schlick set off into the raging night in the direction of Jäger's shouts, but they could find no trace of him. After vain searching, they were forced to dig a snow cave to save their own lives. During the night Schlick headed out, never to be seen again. In the morning Fankhauser and Messner searched for the two in vain. Finally they had to abandon the search and beat a retreat down the ice slope, now covered by four feet of new snow. Conditions precluded any further search.

*Kande Hiunchuli, Patrasi Himal.* The expedition of the Tokyo Yamatabi Club was led by Hiroshi Nishida and had five other members. They were flown to Jumla on September 20. Base Camp (12,500 feet) was on the west side of the Patrasi Himal. Their route up the southwest ridge was the same taken by the Kobe Commercial University previously. From Camp II on October 18 Shigeru Kuwahata and Toyukazu Hirota reached the summit (21,742 feet). However they claim the altitude to be 6580 meters or 21,588 feet and they may have climbed some other peak in the range.

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*Central Peak of Annapurna South or Moditse.* Uzo Tada led four other members of the Doryu Alpine Club. They attacked the east ridge. On October 21 Yoshio Yamamoto and Kozu Yoshida reached the central peak (23,458 feet) of Annapurna South from the north. Owing to lack of time, they gave up climbing on to the highest peak of Annapurna South. (This summit is northeast of the main peak. See the map in Craig Anderson's article in this *Journal*.)

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*Tukche Peak.* The Tokyo Yakka University expedition was led by Kiichi Sakaguchi. On October 17 Naotami Yatsuyama and Sherpa Lakpa Norbu climbed to the top (22,730 feet) from Camp III at 22,650 feet.

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