

*Dhaulagiri IV.* The Japanese Gumma expedition was led by Fumio Kobayashi. After establishing Camp IV on April 26 at 20,300 feet on the Austrian route on this 25,135-foot peak, Takajiro Matsui fell ill and died on April 30 from pulmonary edema. The expedition was abandoned on May 8.

*Dhaulagiri IV.* The Japan Rock Climbing Society Expedition led by Akinori Otsu attempted Dhaulagiri IV from Base Camp at 13,500 feet in Kaphe Khola in the post-monsoon. They established Camps I at 15,775 feet on September 6, II at 17,400 on the 11th, III at 18,700 feet on the 20th, IV at 20,675 feet on the 29th, and V at 21,000 feet on October 3. They attempted the 65°, 1650-foot western ice wall of the ridge between Junction Peak and Gama Peak, but they gave up halfway up it. They returned to Camp IV and from there climbed up and on October 13 established Camp VI at 22,650 feet near Gama Peak. On October 14 Takeshi Fujika and Tetsuji Sato and two Sherpas crossed Gama Peak (23,453 feet) and continued as far as a small rock peak where the knife-edged ridge began. This was their farthest point on the route to Dhaulagiri IV. On October 15 Fujita and Sato with Yoichiro Anma climbed Dhaulagiri VI (23,246 feet).

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*Putha Hiunchuli.* The Seppyo Alpine Club Expedition was composed of Masahiro Kobayashi, Shuji Yasukawa, Kenzo Ishikawa, Satoshi Nara, Takashi Chigai, Hiroshi Aoki, Hidemitsu Yamaguchi and me as leader. We placed Base Camp up the Kaphe Khola at 14,450 feet on March 24 and Camp I at 16,400 feet on March 28. We fixed 350 feet of rope below Camp II which we established at 17,900 feet on April 2. We traversed right, then up and left to Camp III (April 7) at 18,850 feet, fixing some 800 feet of rope. Temporary Camp IV was placed at 20,175 feet on April 13 up a 50° ice face where we fixed 3000 feet of rope. Camp IV at 20,850 feet was established on April 17. On April 18 Hiroshi Aoki and the Sherpa Ang Norbu climbed the 60° ice and rock of the south face where they had 4000 feet of fixed rope. They made the second ascent of Putha Hiunchuli (23,774 feet) by this new route up the south spur.

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*Putha Hiunchuli.* Another Japanese expedition, from the Nagoya YMCA Alpine Club, led by Tadaki Sabashi, climbed Putha Hiunchuli also by the south spur in the post-monsoon. They too came from the southwest. Leaving Camp IV at 21,000 feet, on October 14 Hiroyuki Matsuo and Sherpa Nawang Samden climbed to the summit, followed by Yukio Aoyama, Koichi Sakuae and Toshihiko Fujiwara. Two days later Daizahiro Ito, the American James Pritchard and a Sherpa repeated the climb to the summit.