

The couloir between Camps I and II was threatened by avalanches. It took three days from Camp IV to prepare the route to within 600 feet of the summit. This was throughout a technical climb, involving step-cutting, aluminium stakes and fixed rope on hard, glistening blue ice. The summit proper (22,650 feet) was a three-fanged cornice toward the east, which shook under the weight of the 18 climbers who reached it more or less simultaneously on five different ropes at 12:35 on May 26.

MAHENDRA SINGH, *Indo-Tibetan Border Police*

*Nandapal.* This difficult virgin 20,690-foot peak, east of Tirsuli, was climbed by an Indo-Tibetan Border Police team on June 8 despite unfavorable weather. Deputy Leader Ramesh Chandra was one of the ten who reached the summit.

KAMAL K. GUHA, *Himalayan Club*

*Balakun.* This virgin peak of 21,430 feet northeast of Nilkanta was climbed on July 9 by a six-man team from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police led by Hukam Singh.

KAMAL K. GUHA, *Himalayan Club*

*Chaudhara.* Indians led by Professor A.R. Chandekar attempted Rajrambha and on June 2 made the first ascent of Chaudhara (21,364 feet), northwest of Panchchuli. After ascending the Ralam River, they made Base Camp on the Shiva Glacier at 13,800 feet. Camps I and II were at 15,100 and 17,700 feet. From Camp II on June 1 they attempted Rajrambha but they were turned back by technical difficulties. Nayan Katira, Subhas Desai and Sherpas Ajiba and Kami climbed Chaudhara the next day.

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*Uja Tirche.* This 20,344-foot peak was climbed by the Indians Bidijut Sarkar, K.K. Khananna and Manik Banerjee and Sherpas Kani and Kusang on October 15. After climbing a gendarmed ridge, they reached a rocky saddle some 150 feet lower than the summit. This final summit ridge was particularly difficult. Shyamal Chacraborty was the leader. The peak was climbed by Scots in 1950.

*Vasuki Peak.* Vasuki Peak (22,285 feet) is above the Vasuki Glacier, which feeds the Chaturangi Glacier. It was climbed on October 2 by Tej Singh, Ang Puri and Nima Futar of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. The expedition was led by L.P. Semwel.

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*Black Peak, Bandarpunch.* The 20,623-foot peak was climbed by four schoolboys led by Hari Dang on June 12 from a Camp III. Two