

VIII was on the col, from which the southwest ridge begins. Camp IX was on the ridge at 23,625 feet. The following reached the summit: Kazuyuki Takahashi and Yoshiteru Takahashi on October 19; Kuniaki Yagihara, Minoru Kobayashi, Tomo Negishi, Kosaku Suda, Shigehito Kogure and Yasuo Morozumi on October 20; and Tsutomu Miyazaki and Kozo Komatsu on October 21.

ICHIRO YOSHIKAWA, *A.A.C. and Japanese Alpine Club*

Dhaulagiri V. The success of the Okayama University Expedition was not just a lucky hit but the result of careful planning. In the 1974 pre-monsoon period three members of our expedition reconnoitered the mountain. We were able to get valuable information from two preceding Japanese expeditions. The expedition members were Eiichi Umeki, leader, Shiro Sadakane, Ken Ishihara, Genzaburo Yamasaki, Hideo Ogura, Shigeo Aoki, Hiroshi Hiratsuka, Masaru Kono, Masaaki Morioka, Norikazu Ichikawa, Haruhisa Kuroda, Hiromichi Mizohata, Dr. Yasuhiro Yumoto and I. We left Pokhara on February 16 with 230 porters and reached Temporary Base Camp on March 1 on the right side of the Myagdi Khola at 11,800 feet. After making an intermediate camp at 14,450 feet, we established Base Camp on March 14 on the Tsorabon Glacier at 16,000 feet. We made Camp I on March 22 at 17,700 feet and Camp II on April 3 at 17,350 feet on the southeast face. We fixed rope on the 50° snow and ice from Camp II to the White Peak on the end of the south ridge and up much of the narrow, icy south ridge. We placed Camp III at 21,000 feet on the south ridge on April 20 and Camp IV at 22,950 feet on April 26. On May 1 Morioka and Sherpa Pemba Tsering reached the summit.

KENJI KAWAGUCHI, *Japanese Alpine Club*

Churen Himal. Ryoten Hasegawa and Terayaki Kono reached this 24,184-foot summit via the west ridge on May 13. Nearly a month after leaving Kathmandu, the 10-man team led by Sinichi Nakajima set up Base Camp on April 7. Heavy snowfalls delayed the approach. Camps I (15,425 feet), III (21,450 feet) and IV (22,650 feet) were established on April 11, May 6 and May 12 respectively. The expedition was organized by the Meiji University Alpine Club of Japan.

KAMAL K. GUHA, *Himalayan Club*

Churen Himal. Suemitsu Ohtsuka led this six-man expedition of the Hohkei Club. On October 25 Masahiro Nagaoka and the Sherpa Parkam reached the summit from Camp IV at 22,750 feet on the west ridge. They had set up Base Camp (14,925 feet), Camps I (17,800 feet), II

(19,425 feet) and III (21,225 feet) on September 15, 22, October 5 and 12 respectively.

ICHIRO YOSHIKAWA, *A.A.C.* and *Japanese Alpine Club*

Kanjiroba. The Getsuryo Kai expedition which attempted the mountain in September and October from the north peak was led by Akira Takiguchi. The climb ended in tragedy when Seiji Takato slipped and fell 5000 feet from 19,700 feet when he was climbing from Camp IV to Camp V.

ICHIRO YOSHIKAWA, *A.A.C.* and *Japanese Alpine Club*

India—Garhwal

Nanda Devi and Nanda Devi East. Our expedition was organized jointly by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation and eight guide-instructors of the Ecole Nationale de Ski et d'Alpinisme at Chamonix. We had as our objective to traverse from Nanda Devi (25,645 feet) to Nanda Devi East (24,391 feet) and vice versa. There were five Indians: Balwant Sandhu, Alok Chandolo, Dorjee Lathoo, Prem Chand and Dr. Devenderjit Singh; and eight Frenchmen: Yves Pollet-Villard, Walter Cecchinell, Jean Coudray, Maurice Cretton, Charles Daubas, Yvon Masino, Raymond Renaud and I. The Indians were responsible for the approach march, the recruiting of porters and Sherpas and the food for the approach and Base Camp. The French provided the equipment and food for the actual climb. The team assembled in New Delhi on April 28 but took six days to clear customs. We traveled in two days by truck to Joshimath. The approach to Base Camp took ten days. We could find only 70 porters and had to use 200 pack-goats which carried 20 pounds apiece to the Rhamani. A helicopter lifted 2½ tons to within a day of Base Camp. The 70 porters relayed supplies from the Rhamani to Base Camp. Thus precious time was lost. We had hoped for eight Sherpas but had only four good ones. Kashmiris and local porters could not be used much on the mountain. We thus lost another ten to twelve days with problems of load carrying. At a Base Camp at 16,400 feet we divided into two teams for the two peaks. On the main peak Camps I (19,000 feet), II (20,350 feet), III (22,300 feet) and IV (24,275 feet) were established on May 20, 25, June 1 and 11 respectively. On Nanda Devi East Camp I (19,350 feet), II (20,350 feet), III (21,825 feet) and IV (22,475 feet) were pitched on May 23, 26, June 6 and 13 respectively. The summit of the main peak was reached on June 14 by Coudray and Renaud and on June 16 by Balwant Sandu and Prem Chand. Pollet-Villard, Cecchinell and Dorjee Lathoo got to the top of Nanda Devi East on June 16. After preparing much of the traverse be-