

The right branch of the Chogolisa Glacier offers excellent unclimbed peaks around 21,000 feet and there are many fine peaks in the area with opportunities for small groups.

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*Sherpi Kangri Attempt.* We did not get permission to attempt Batura Mustagh I and had to be content with unclimbed Sherpi Kangri, attempted by Japanese last year. The reason given us was that because of the construction of the Karakoram Highway the region northeast of Gilgit is out of bounds for foreigners. In Rawalpindi we had a two-week wait for a flight to Skardu. Once there we hurried to make up time lost but arrived at our 13,000-foot Base Camp with only three weeks of climbing time left. With good weather we established Camps I, II and III, the latter at 17,000 feet under the south face of Sherpi Kangri. After climbing to 19,500 feet, we realized that the difficulties were too great and the distance too far to reach the summit in six days. After establishing Camp IV at 19,500 feet, we were in a position to attempt two most attractive mountains, which lie southeast of Sherpi Kangri on the ridge to Saltoro Kangri. On August 14 John Vincent and I reached the summit of the more southeasterly and higher peak (21,300 feet) by its south ridge. Three days later, on August 17, Alan Hunt, John Cheesmond, Bob Smith and Dave Walsh climbed the other, already called "Pyramid Peak" (21,200 feet), by its east ridge. The two peaks stand 1½ and 2½ miles from Sherpi Kangri.

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*Peaks above the Biafo Glacier.* After considerable trouble in getting to Skardu by air from Rawalpindi, we hired a jeep to take us and our gear to Dasso, the end of the road. We commenced the three-day walk to Askole, the last village. This section went well, the weather being good and the porters no trouble. On reaching Askole, we paid off the porters and engaged locals for the trek up the Biafo Glacier to Base Camp. Problems began there. Leaving Askole, we walked and climbed for three days up the Biafo, reaching Ho Bluk under a thin covering of snow on the third day. We issued boots and goggles as agreed. That same evening, the head porter, Ali, and the porters got in a huddle and eventually made their demands. They would go no further unless we doubled their pay and issued socks, sweaters and anoraks to everybody! We were still four days from Base Camp on the Ogre (Baintha Brakk) with only ten days left before returning home. Not being able to meet the porters' demands, we paid them off, extracting a promise to return when sent for. The following day we commenced carrying the 50- to 60-pound loads ourselves up the crevassed Biafo Glacier at 16,000 feet,