

but we soon saw we could not get the necessary gear to Base Camp in time for a serious attempt on the Ogre. Reluctantly we retreated to Ho Bluk on the western side of the Biafo to attempt peaks in the vicinity. Fortunately the outcome of our expedition was a moderately successful and happy one. Splitting into three pairs, we tackled three peaks in the area, alpine-style. All three climbs were successful, one pair spending three days on their mountain with two 19,000-foot bivouacs. Peter Jennings and Alan Burke made the second ascent of Razaqi (18,000 feet; west of Hu Bluk and north of P 18,290 feet on Shipton's 1950 map, *Hispar-Biafo Glacial Regions*) on June 8. My party and I had made the first ascent on June 20, 1971. Pat Fearnough made the first ascent of "Pajo" (19,000 feet; three miles south of Ghur) on June 8. Ted Howard and I made the first ascent of "Pamshe" (c. 21,000 feet; three miles northeast of Ghur) on June 9. We were considerably higher than Ghur, our immediate neighbor. Dr. John Minors also took part.

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*Attempt on Peak above the Biafo.* Delay in getting flown to Skardu prevented Doug Scott, Clive Rolands, Robert Wood and Ronnie Richards from having enough time in Baltistan to accomplish their objective. Instead the expedition turned into a reconnaissance for the Ogre in 1977. They attempted a 20,000-foot peak above the Biafo but were turned back several hundred feet below the top by difficulties of the rock.

*Payu Attempt.* We had bad luck on Payu (less correctly written Paiju) this year. The members were Jean François Porret, Raymond Coène, Simone Badier, Jean Bourgeois, Dr. Lucien Honnilh and I as leader. We tried to climb Payu by the route attempted by the Clinch expedition in 1974 but had to give up because of an accident of which Porret and I were the victims. While descending from Camp I at 19,350 feet, we were swept by an avalanche which fell from the snowfield above the couloir. I just managed to stop the fall in the couloir, but Porret had a very badly broken right leg. The evacuation was very difficult and we got him out of Pakistan only after 26 days. We had great porter troubles. They demanded over 50 rupees a day on the glaciers and still went on strike.

JEAN FRÉHEL, *Club Alpin Français*

*Trango Tower Attempt.* A British expedition gave up their attempt on the Trango Tower after Martin Boysen came close to being the victim of an unusual accident some 600 feet below the summit. On a difficult free and aid pitch, Boysen jammed his leg in a wide crack and could not remove it. His companion, Mo Anthoine, was unable to help. Finally