

and thence to a top which lies a half-mile east and a few hundred feet lower than the main summit. An attempt was also made on Thui II, crossing from the Borumbar to the Qalandar Gum Glacier. Rubens and I followed the latter to its head and traversed a subsidiary peak of 20,000 feet to a 19,800-foot col immediately north of Thui II. Bad weather foiled the final attempt, but the climb appears fairly straightforward.

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*Thui III.* Our expedition was composed of H.P. Doswald, Dr. A. Stöckli, Frl. Dr. V. Merz, J. de Vries, H. Bumbacher, M. Dubacher, J. Huber, J. Ineichen, H. Rieder, K. Stadlin, P. Lenggenhager, and me as leader. We placed Base Camp (12,625 feet) between the Qalandar Gum and Agost Bar Glaciers. After establishing Camps I and II (14,600 and 16,400 feet) on the Qalandar Gum Glacier, Doswald, Dubacher and Huber on July 23 climbed the 3300-foot-high southwest ice wall of Thui III (20,260 feet) to make the first ascent. On July 25 Merz, Bumbacher and Stadlin and on July 28 Dubacher, de Vries and I repeated the ascent. An attempt on 20,204-foot Thui Zom was given up when the camp at 15,100 feet below the very difficult north face was destroyed by rockfall. The risk on the 7200-foot-high face was too great. We made the following first ascents: P 5160 (16,929 feet; 2 kilometers northeast of Thui An) on July 30 by Bumbacher, Stöckli; P 5160 (16,929 feet; on the south bank of the Qalandar Gum Glacier and 5 kilometers southwest of Thui III) on July 31 by Dubacher, Huber; P 4920 (16,142 feet; 3 kilometers northeast and southeast of the latter two) on July 28 by Doswald, Huber; P 4900 (16,076 feet; 1300 meters east of Thui An) on July 16 by Dubacher, Huber; P 4580 (15,026 feet; 1 kilometer northeast of Base Camp) on July 22 by Ineichen, de Vries and on August 2 by Stadlin, Stöckli; P 4398 (14,430 feet; 1½ kilometers west of Base Camp) on July 29 by Lenggenhager, Merz, de Vries.

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*Langar, 1974.* In *A.A.J.*, 1975 on page 216 we reported that Italians had climbed Langar but details were lacking. On August 5, 1974 Sergio De Infanti, Mario Qualizza and Aldo Scalettari reached the summit of Wala Peak 193, which lies just north of Saraghrar North. Wala gives no altitude for this peak but the Italians give 7100\* meters (23,294 feet); Wala gives a peak some two miles west of the Italian peak as Langar Main Peak at 7061 meters. The Italians established Base Camp at 13,550 feet at Totiraz Nohu alongside the Roshgol Glacier on July 17, 1974.

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\* The Hindu Kush expert, Dr. Diemberger, doubts that this peak is more than "nearly 7000 meters."



PLATE 76

*Photo by Ramón Ramona Brams*

**The Southwest Ridge of Saraghrar,  
Hindu Kush. Bottom of ridge: 16,650  
feet; Camp II: 17,450 feet; Camp III:  
18,200 feet; Camp IV: 19,600 feet.**

Camps I and II were on the glacier at 15,100 and 16,825 feet. Camps III, IV, V and VI were on the steep face, where ropes were fixed, at 18,875, 19,525, 20,500 and 21,325 feet.

*Buni Zom, South Face.* The Bernina Alpine Club Expedition was led by Masao Okabe and had five more members. They left Chitral on July 14 and began walking at Koghozi on the 16th. They went via Birmoha, Romen, Golen Gol, Chakholi, Bokht, Phargam An to reach Base Camp on the Ghordoghan Glacier at 12,500 feet on July 25. They placed Camp I at 15,750 feet on July 26 to reconnoiter the Ghordoghan Glacier. Camp II, established on July 30, was at 17,000 feet on the east side glacier of the ridge which connects the main and south peaks. Camp III was made at 19,000 feet on August 3. The next day route preparation on the south face got up to 20,175 feet. On August 8 they reached 20,500 feet; five climbers bivouacked at 20,350 feet. On August 9 Masao Okabe, Hideo Sato and Shigeru Tabe climbed the snow face and reached the summit (21,493 feet). Base Camp was evacuated on August 16.

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*Saraghrar Attempt.* The members of our expedition were Jordi Colomer, leader, Joan Claramunt, Eduard Lluís, Enric Pérez, José L. Pérez, Alfred Martínez, Francesc Sabat, Xavier Tena, Dr. Pere Xaus and I. On July 20 we placed Base Camp at Totiraz Noku (13,650 feet). Our objective was the southwest ridge of Saraghrar (24,075 feet), a steep rock wall, using tactics similar to those of Bonington on the Annapurna south face. On July 23 we placed Camp I at 16,100 feet and began the actual climb from the foot of the wall at 16,650 feet. After several days of bad weather, on the 28th we established Camp II at 17,450 feet, having fixed ropes. On August 4 we placed Camp III at 18,050 feet. Several days of bad weather followed before we climbed a very difficult part of the ridge to a height of 19,600 feet where we placed Camp IV. Bad weather came in again and obliged us to rappel to Camp I, where we spent seven days waiting for better weather. On the 22nd, in nice weather, we started back up the 5500 feet of fixed rope and on August 24 we reached 19,750 feet, but unfortunately the weather changed again. Food and time ran out and so we had to give up.

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*Matkash, Hindu Raj.* Four climbers from Trieste, Walter Mejak, Bianca Di Beaco, Fioretta Tarlao and Fabio Benedetti climbed above Mastuj and the Yarkuhn valley. They made the difficult ascent of a peak