

Camp I was established at 18,000 feet, and Camp II at 19,600 feet. Fixed ropes were utilized all the way from Camp II to the summit of the south peak, up some steep ice walls and narrow ridges plastered with hard water ice. From the summit of Bethartoli South (20,730 feet) we tried to descend to the saddle between the main and south peak, about an 800-foot descent. After several frustrating hours floundering in waist-deep snow, the saddle was reached by Tony Watkin and John Nanson. A third camp would have to be established on the col in dangerous avalanche conditions to launch an attempt on the main peak (20,840 feet). As there was no safe way of circumventing the south peak, and blizzard and white-out conditions occurred every day after ten A.M., the attempt was abandoned. Nine members and three sherpas reached the south summit via the new route. The expedition returned from Base Camp to Lata in three days. It had taken 13 to reach it. Members: Lute Jerstad, leader, John Nanson, M.D., Robert Arnot, M.D., Bruce McCubbrey, Tony Watkin, Willis Crouse, Joe Wagner, Karl Gerdes, Jerry Tinling, Jerome Corr, Peter Albert. Liaison Officer: Sudhir Sahi. Sherpas: Dawa Gyelgen, Gyelgen, Pinzu, Nima Norbu, Bal Ram.

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*Dunagiri, East Ridge Attempt.* A Japanese attempt on the east ridge of Dunagiri failed some 800 feet below the summit. The leader was Yoshihiro Oga.

*Tharkot.* A Japanese expedition of 29 men and four women climbed Tharkot (20,010 feet), which lies seven miles southeast of Trisul. They climbed from the Mrigthuni Glacier with three camps. A total of 24 climbers got to the top from October 4 to 6. Banoti (18,520 feet), which lies southeast of Tharkot was climbed also by 24 members.

*Kamet.* In May and June an all-Indian Ladies expedition to Kamet (25,447 feet) was sponsored by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation. The team consisted of six members from different parts of India: Thrity Birdy, Chandrababha Aitwal, Bharati Banerjee, (Mrs.) Najma Mamdani, Rekha Sharma and me as leader. We arrived at Joshimath on May 17. After arranging for porters, rations, etc., we left for the roadhead at Malari (9900 feet) two days later. Base Camp was established at Vasudharatal (15,725 feet) on May 24. Camps I, II and III were placed on the East Kamet Glacier at 16,525, 17,500 and 18,375 feet on May 28, 31 and June 3 respectively. Camps IV, V and VI were established at 20,675, 22,300 and 23,420 feet on June 6, 11 and 13