

and over steep connecting snowfields on the south face. From the shoulder they stepped left and for hours struggled up ice-filled chimneys and finally back to the ridge crest. The ridge was then closely followed with several very delicate slab pitches of UIAA V+, one pitch of VI and finally a tension traverse and VI pitch to a bivouac ledge at about 20,000 feet. There was not room even to pitch a tiny tunnel tent. On June 1 they climbed mixed pitches, a steep snow ridge, past a huge bergschrund and finally at one P.M. onto the broad summit. As we watched from Advanced Base, our joy sank into gloom as a terrible snowstorm arrived minutes later. Their descent, which ended the next day, down the unknown north-west ridge, in a storm and through numerous spindrift avalanches, had always been under control—just! We abandoned Advanced Base on June 4.

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Peaks in Upper Tos Glacier Region, Kulu. Rowland Perriment, Bernie Jones, Dave Waddington, Pete Sinclair, Jim Byrne, Charlie Self and I visited the upper Tos Glacier region in May and June, 1976. We were accompanied by one local, Rigzing Ladakhi. We climbed seven peaks, all first ascents, alpine-style. Four of the peaks were in the southern ridge which encloses the East Tos Glacier. These were from west to east P c. 18,000 climbed on June 9, 1976 by Self, Sinclair, Rigzing via west face; east, beyond an unclimbed summit, P 19,800 on June 12 by Jones, Owen via south ridge; again east, beyond Roberts Peak, P 17,600 on June 2 by Sinclair, Rigzing via northwest face to south face; and also on June 2 P 17,820 by Jones, Owen via northwest face of P 17,600 and north ridge. North of the East Tos Glacier on May 30 Perriment and Waddington climbed the middle (19,800 feet) of the three peaks between White Sail and Rinzing. On May 23 Perriment, Jones, Waddington and Owen ascended the first peak (17,650 feet) on the ridge that runs southwest from Roberts Peak by its southwest ridge. On May 23 Self soloed the westernmost of the three peaks on the ridge that runs east and west south of these other peaks.

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Kun, 1976. Many expeditions now climb in the Nun-Kun group. There was one such on which we did not report last year which originated in Switzerland. It was the eighth on the mountain and the second successful one. On August 26, 1976 Patrick Diebold and Jean-Paul Schupisser climbed the White Needle (21,510 feet). On August 31 Patrick Morier, Pierre-Alain Secrétan and Schupisser reached the summit of Kun (23,250 feet).