

*Tirich Mir West IV, Southwest Face.* An Italian expedition led by Tullio Vidoni was composed of Danilo Saettone, Gian Luigi Sterna, Gian Piero Soster, Emilio De Tomasi, Alberto Ezio, Gianni Calcagno and me. We left Chitral by jeep on July 5 and drove to Mush Gol below the Zani An. After crossing this pass, we continued through Shagrom, past Atak and up the Tirich Glacier to Base Camp at 15,750, which we reached on July 10. Camp I was placed at 19,000 feet on the upper Tirich Glacier and Camp II at 20,000 feet right below the rocky 4000-foot southwest face. The first 2000 feet of the wall were reconnoitered and 3500 feet of rope were fixed on the red granite slabs and ice chimneys. After the initial snow couloir, the first part of the face offered sustained technically difficult rock climbing with no objective dangers. On July 20 Calcagno, De Tomasi and I headed up the face from Camp II and reached the end of the fixed rope at noon. Ezio was suffering from stomach troubles and had stayed behind. The face was easier above and we ascended a large snow couloir. We decided to bivouac at 22,650 feet at six P.M. rather than to descend. Without enough bivouac equipment or food, the night was long and uncomfortable. We set off early. At eleven o'clock, they were amazed to be overtaken by Ezio, now recovered. The final obstacle was a 650-foot snow couloir, which was in miserable condition. This led close to the summit. I quit there, but the other three continued, arriving on top at 3:15 P.M. on July 21. On July 22 Vidoni left Camp II and climbed solo to the summit. This was a completely new route, the Spaniards in 1976 having climbed the peak from the col between Tirich IV and III.

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*Tirich North Attempt.* The members of our expedition were J. Baehler, R. Bregnard, C. Fasel, P. Hofmann, R. Zanon and I. We approached via Chitral, Zani Pass, Shagrom, Atak and the upper Tirich Mir Glacier. We attempted from July 2 to August 7 the north spur of Tirich North (22,086 feet), which is north of Tirich Mir. This route was climbed by Kurt Diemberger in 1966. Base Camp was at 15,100 feet at the foot of the spur. It was an interesting, steep, mixed route. We placed camps at 16,750, 18,375 and 20,000 feet. The high point of 21,000 feet was reached by Baehler, Hofmann and Zanon. We simply lacked time, being tied to another group and having a fixed return date. The price of porters is very high. For example for 2½ days from Shagrom we had to pay per porter \$35 (US). Moreover administrative formalities led to loss of time.

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*Istor-o-Nal Northeast Attempt.* Our six-man Nagoya Keiryo Club Expedition failed to climb Istor-o-Nal Northeast. We established Base