

marginal conditions, we were able to carry enough supplies up to the site of Camp IV to stock that camp for the planned summit assault. The evening of April 19, however, a new storm began to rage which continued for four days and deposited as many feet of new snow at Camp III. On April 22 all climbers on the upper part of the mountain were forced to retreat to Camp II to await improved snow conditions. The following day a violent storm began which literally buried Camp II with over seven feet of snowfall. As a result of the extreme avalanche conditions caused by the heavy snows and low food supplies, the expedition was forced to admit defeat and withdraw from the mountain on April 29. We arrived back in Kathmandu on May 9.

GLENN PORZAK

*Manaslu Attempt.* The leader of a Japanese expedition, Seiji Shimizu, and Yasuo Kato failed in their attempt to climb the first-ascent route on Manaslu (26,760 feet), the northeast face. Their highest point reached on October 7 was about 26,250 feet, but they could not go on because of very deep snow on the climb itself and delays and shortages of food caused by difficult supply.

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*Peak 29.* A Japanese expedition of eight men and two women was given up after three of them were killed by the blast of an avalanche on September 14. The group, led by Tumio Tanaka, was attempting the southwest face and south ridge of Peak 29. Camp II at 17,200 feet was swept by an avalanche and Yoshifumi Takahashi, Mamoru Ushizawa and Hisatsugu Mammi were killed. Two other Japanese and a Sherpa survived. A high point of 19,500 feet had been reached on September 11.

*Putha Hiunchuli.* Our attempt on the south face of Putha Hiunchuli failed at about 20,000 feet. All our equipment, tents, rope, were buried and lost in a snow avalanche at about 19,500 feet.

DIETER STEIGLEITER, *Deutscher Alpenverein*

*Kang Guru Attempt and Hiunchuli Middle Peak.* One of our groups attempted the northeast ridge of Kang Guru (23,000 feet), northeast of Manang, but was prevented from getting to the summit by heavy snow storms. Another group did climb to the middle summit of Hiunchuli (23,775 feet).

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*Churen Himal.* A Japanese expedition to Churen Himal (24,184 feet) was abandoned on April 25 due to heavy snowfalls. The highest point