

southwest ridge. We fixed ropes and gained the ridge crest to place Camp I at 18,700 feet on the 27th. We continued to prepare the route up the ridge over the second rock peak, and on October 3 placed Camp II at 18,925 feet in a col. The knife-edged ridge got much steeper above 20,000 feet. On October 13 we pitched Camp III at 21,000 feet. We had to remove 1300 feet of fixed rope from between Base Camp and Camp I to supplement the rope we still had. Above Camp III we left the ridge and climbed the south face to the right. On October 14 and 15 we prepared the route up the 60° to 70° face. On October 16 Mitani and Nakanishi left Camp III at four A.M. and stood on the summit (23,685 feet) at 8:45. On the 17th Miyagawa and I climbed to the summit as well.

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*Nilgiri South.* Our Shinshu University Expedition was composed of Taichi Fujimatsu, Hideki Yoshida, Nobuhito Morota, Seiji Tanaka, Yoshiaki Kato and me as leader. We left Pokhara on September 5 and got to Base Camp at 13,300 feet beside the Miristi Glacier on the 16th. We placed Camp I at 15,600 feet on September 24. There is a big icefall that descends from between Nilgiri Central and Nilgiri South. We pitched Camp II at 17,900 feet in the middle of this on October 1. Camp III at 20,175 feet was established on October 8 on a plateau on the east ridge of Nilgiri South. On the 10th all of us climbed the snow face and ridge to the summit (22,438 feet), completing the first ascent.

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*Tukuche Peak.* The Nagai Alpine Club of Japan Expedition to Tukuche Peak was led by Teruo Kurosawa and had Kensaku Takeda as climbing leader. They attempted in the post-monsoon season an all new route up the southeast ridge from the Kali Kandaki valley. However they failed at 17,000 feet after several minor and one serious accident to Sherpas.

MICHAEL J. CHENEY, *Himalayan Club*

*Dhaulagiri, South Buttress.* At 11:30 in the morning of May 10, the long-awaited radio message came from Toshiaki Koyayashi that he and Tatsuji Shigeno were the first two successful climbers of our expedition to reach the summit of Dhaulagiri (26,795 feet). This was our second trial; in 1975 we had attempted the same route but an avalanche had killed two members and three Sherpas at 20,000 feet. The route lies up the buttress at the extreme left of the south face. We set off on February 27 with 450 porters and got to Base Camp at 12,000 feet above the Maryandi Khola on March 11. Camp I was established at 17,000 feet on March 28, Camp II at 19,000 feet on April 7 and Camp III at 21,325