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*Gasherbrum V, East Peak, 1978.* Details, lacking in *A.A.J.*, 1979, have appeared in *Iwa To Yuki* № 69. The Japanese party led by Ryuichi Babagushi made the first ascent of the east peak (23,300 feet) of 24,020-foot Gasherbrum V. Base Camp and Camps I and II were made at 16,750, 18,000 and 19,000 feet on July 1, 5 and 13 respectively. A route on the southeast ridge was given up because of avalanches in favor of a rock route, also on the same ridge. The rock route was then abandoned because of knife-edges. A third route was worked out up séracs between the southeast and east ridges and Camp III was established at 21,000 feet on July 30. K. Mukaide, M. Sakaguchi and T. Sato reached the east peak on August 1. On August 2 the leader set out alone ahead of seven more climbers. They found him dead near the top in a crevasse.

*Sia Kangri and Baltoro Kangri III.* Our expedition consisted of S. Hiraoka, S. Etori, S. Uemura, T. Mizuoshi, T. Kurita, K. Miyashita, T. Kobayashi, Dr. T. Takahashi, J. Futagami and me as leader. Having left Skardu on May 21 Kobayashi, Takahashi, Mizukoshi and I made a round trip to the head of the Chogo Lungma Glacier, went up the Kero Lungma Glacier, over the Nushik La and the Hispar Pass and down the Biafo Glacier, where we were joined on June 21 at Askole by the other members. We then went up the Baltoro and Abruzzi Glaciers to the foot of Sia Kangri. On Sia Kangri we followed G.O. Dyhrenfurth's route. Base Camp was at 16,500 feet, Camp I on the Conway Saddle at 19,400 feet, Camps II and III at 21,100 and 22,375 feet. On July 30 Kobayashi, Miyashita, Mizukoshi, Takahashi, Futagama, high-altitude porter Gohar Shah and I reached the summit (24,350 feet) of Sia Kangri. On August 4 Kobayashi and Futagami got to the top of Baltoro Kangri III (23,885 feet), the highest in the Baltoro Kangri group. We descended the Siachen Glacier, went past the Teram Kangri III expedition's Base Camp to the junction of the Lolofond Glacier on August 12 and descended to Goma on the 15th.

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*P 7024, Sia Group.* Our expedition left Khapalu on May 29 and established Base Camp on the Kondus Glacier on June 3. Camp II was at 18,700 feet on the Sia La at 18,700 feet. P 7024 (23,048 feet) was some three miles north of the pass. Camps III and IV were established on June 18 and July 5. On July 8 Yoshinori Mitamura and Dr. Matsubayashi reached the summit. On July 9 Michio Kawazoe, Shinji Hayashi