

On August 7 and 8 Jiří Růžička and Vilém Schwab climbed M2 (21,076 feet) by its east ridge, which had some 50° ice, and continued along the ridge to M3. Cídl and Bednařík climbed the 1962 Polish route on Kohe Nadir Shah (22,356 feet) on August 9 and 10. The last acclimatization climb was made by Beneš, Tallová and me when on August 12 and 13 we did the first ascent of the north face of Kohe Nadir Shah. The 3500-foot wall was mixed and with some 70° ice. On August 16 Bednařík made the first ascent solo of the 5000-foot northeast face of Kohe Shakhaur, which had difficult climbing of 65° ice, reached the northwest ridge at 21,650 feet and continued along the ridge to the summit (23,347 feet). Two pairs, Růžička-Schwab and Cídl-Skříčka began on August 15 to ascend the French route on the north ridge of Kohe Shakhaur. The first pair reached the top on August 18 and the second on the 19th. On August 18 Krch, Tallová and I began the first ascent of the northwest face, a route between the two previously mentioned ones. We started late and bivouacked under the rock buttress. Although Tallová was struck by rockfall, we completed the climb, some on 70° ice. The most difficult climb was that of the 10,000-foot face of Shakhaur, which was avalanche-threatened. It was done by Beneš and Bednařík on August 21 to 23. After reaching the summit, they continued along the ridge to Udren Zom (23,396 feet), returned and descended the French ridge. On August 25 Růžička and Schwab climbed Kohe-Hawar (20,286 feet) from the south.

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Shisha Pangma Reconnaissance. At the end of May Manfred Abelein, Fritz Zintl and I were in China and Tibet to prepare our joint expedition. We had to travel by jeep over 500 miles from Lhasa to the Shisha Pangma Base Camp to make plans.

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Mount Everest Reconnaissance from the North, 1978. Fifteen Iranian and twenty Chinese climbers made a reconnaissance of the North Col route on Mount Everest in 1978. They brought 185 tons of materials and were supported by several hundred. Base Camp was set up on May 7, 1978. Camps were at 18,000, 19,700 and 21,325 feet on the East Rongbuk Glacier and on the North Col at 22,925 feet. Nine Chinese and two Iranians reached 24,600 feet on May 21, but the early monsoon prevented their going higher. (The main expedition, planned for 1979, was called because of internal problems in Iran.)

Mount Everest, Reconnaissance from the North. In preparation for the joint Japanese-Chinese expedition to the northern side of Mount