

*Langtang Lirung Attempt.* Our expedition consisted of Mike Stead, Nick Groves, John Marjot, Dr. Neil Harding-Roberts, Rod Mackenzie and me, *British*, Shana Parent, *Canadian*, and Sarki Tsering, *Sherpa*. We had hoped to do the second ascent of Langtang Lirung (23,770 feet, 7245 meters) via the unclimbed south face, alpine-style. On April 7 we established Base Camp at only 11,500 feet above Langtang village. Steep rock walls rose directly above and it was impossible to get laden porters higher. After reconnaissance, we climbed the rock wall by a relatively easy gully system and established Camp I at 15,000 feet. The 12,000-foot face and its logistical problems made an alpine-style ascent impossible. We then intended to establish three camps, the highest at 19,000 feet, and to climb the top 5000 feet alpine-style. Above Camp I a series of snow and ice gullies led to the south rib at 17,500 feet, where we had an excellent site for Camp II. Unfortunately the weather was bad throughout April. Most of us at some stage climbed the airy, solid rock buttresses above Camp II to the steep ice arête that led to the summit ridge 3000 feet above. Above Camp II, there was nowhere to pitch a tent. The ice arête, which was the only route up, was also threatened by avalanches from a line of séracs on a hanging glacier. On May 3 we abandoned the climb, retrieving our few fixed ropes.

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*Langtang Lirung, South Ridge.* All six members of a Japanese expedition led by Iwao Otsuka on October 28 climbed to the summit (7245 meters, 23,770 feet) via a new route, the south ridge from Camp IV with a bivouac.

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*Ganesh Himal III Attempt.* A joint expedition of five Japanese and three Sherpas led by Yoichiro Arai attempted to climb virgin Ganesh Himal III (7132 meters, 23,400 feet) by the west face of the south ridge and the south ridge. After establishing five camps they got to 22,150 feet on May 7.

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*Ganesh III Attempt.* A joint Nepalese-Japanese expedition with twelve members was led by Shoji Imai. Originally they had permission for Ganesh I via its north ridge but recent border adjustments have put this route into Tibet and it is not available to climbers from the Nepalese side of the mountain. The Nepalese government proposed the southwest face, but the expedition believed this impossible. They then requested permission for the north ridge of Ganesh III (7132 meters, 23,400 feet). Base Camp was placed at 11,975 feet on September 13. They reached a