

high point of 18,375 feet. On October 9 Hiroshi Terui, Kaoru Kuroiwa and Masaru Mizuno were overwhelmed by an avalanche while descending from Camp I. The expedition was abandoned after a week of fruitless search for the three men.

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Ganesh II Attempt. A joint expedition of four Swiss and two Nepalese was led by Peter Molinari. They attempted the southeast face to the south ridge but on October 16 failed to get higher than 20,000 feet. They had only one camp (18,500 feet) above Base Camp. They had considerable difficulty finding a route and encountered rotten ice, which would not hold ice screws.

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Ganesh IV (Pabil). A French expedition led by Michel Feuillarde originally had nine members, including a photographer, but four climbers left the expedition in late September. The leader and three Sherpas tried to climb from Base Camp to the southwest ridge but got only to 20,000 feet, having established Camp I at 19,000 feet. The summit was made from Camp I alpine-style with four bivouacs by Erik Decamp, Guy Dufour and Alain Richier, who reached the top on October 11. They climbed via the south-southwest spur to the southeast ridge and south face. They descended the 1978 Japanese route.

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Ganesh IV Winter Attempt, 1981. Our United States-Nepalese party included Mingma Tensing, also sirdar, Yogendra Thapa and Kamal Bandari, also liaison officer, and me. A sirdar and liaison officer are required. Thapa and Bandari are members of the Nepalese Police and also climbers. Mingma Tensing, who has reached the summit of Annapurna and Manaslu, is in the trekking business in Kathmandu. We also had two Sherpas. Mingma departed from Trisuli on December 18 with 15 porters and arrived at Base Camp on December 28. Thapa, Bardari and I went by helicopter from Kathmandu to Base Camp on the 30th. Base Camp was on a steep, 14,100-foot moraine below the south face of Ganesh IV above the glacier which feeds the Anku Khola. It had been Camp I for the Japanese-Nepalese first-ascent party in 1978. I spent two days at Base Camp, acclimatizing. On January 1 and 2, 1981 we all carried loads to Camp I at 16,700 feet. Mingma and Thapa remained there on the 2nd. Until then the weather had been beautifully clear, temperatures around -10° C with virtually no wind. Bandari and I carried loads and moved to Camp I on January 3 in light snow. By