

Mount Ghent, Second Ascent. From May 15 to July 5 Dr. Peter Brill, Georg Mezger, Dr. Rolf Schöpl-Sedlacek, Bernd Schreckenbach and I as leader were on 24,280-foot (7400-meter) Mount Ghent, which was first climbed by Wolfgang Axt in 1961. We followed the steps of the first-ascent party up the Shyok, Saltoro and Kondus valleys, across the Kondus Glacier, over the Sia La and up the west ridge of Mount Ghent. On June 18, Brill, Mezger and Schöpl reached the summit. The ascent was made on skis up to the highest camp, Camp IV at 21,100 feet.

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Apsarasas. The highest point of Apsarasas (7131 meters, 23,396 feet)* was gained on September 18 by two groups of an Indian Army team led by Brigadier K.N. Thadani. Seven members reached the summit at eleven A.M. and eight at 6:15 P.M. despite bad weather. From Leh in Ladakh they had traversed the Siachen Glacier. Advanced Base was set up at the junction of the Teram Shehr, Lolofond and Siachen Glaciers.

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Latok IV. The Sangaku Doshikai Expedition was composed of Koji Okano, Hisashi Handa, Tsutomu Tagusari, Dr. Masaki Noda and me as leader. Latok IV lies south of Latok III. A Japanese attempt in 1976 ended when a member was killed. We made Base Camp at 15,100 feet on the Baintha Lukpar Glacier on July 4, Camp I at 16,750 feet on the 7th and Camp II at 17,725 feet under the southwest face on the 8th. All but the doctor set out to attempt the face alpine-style on the 9th. We climbed three pitches on avalanche debris and twelve in a 45° ice couloir. Then we followed the ice face running up to the col between the main and south summits. Okano and Tagusari were exhausted at 19,700 feet. We all bivouacked there. On the 10th Handa and I reached the col. We climbed along the summit ridge but could not tell which of the four summits was the highest. Short of time, we retreated 150 feet below the first summit to the bivouac. With the other two we returned to Base Camp three days later. On July 15 Okano, Handa and I set out, but Handa had to give up. Okano and I bivouacked at 18,700 and 20,500 feet. We reached the summit (6456 meters, 21,182 feet) at 8:45 A.M. on July 18. On our return to the col, I soloed to the south peak. The weather turned bad on the descent. It was snowing heavily when we reached 19,200 feet. After we began to dig snow for the bivouac, we

* The altitude is usually given as 7245 meters or 23,770 feet. It is surprising that an Indian Army force should have crossed the Cease-Fire Line and entered into what is generally held to be Pakistan, although the Indians would dispute this.—*Editor.*