

*Kunyang Chhish Attempt.* During July and August Phil Bartlett, Dave Wilkinson and I made the first attempt on the north side of Kunyang Chhish (7852 meters, 25,760 feet) in the Hispar Mustagh. (It is also spelled Kunyang Kish.) In spite of indifferent weather, we succeeded in climbing the northwest spur, a 6500-foot climb on snow and ice, and reached the north ridge, where a third snow-hole camp was dug at 22,500 feet. Heavy snow marooned us there for six days before we retreated to Base Camp for more supplies. A week later we climbed back to Camp III for a second attempt on the summit ridge. Again the weather went bad and again we were stuck for five days. Vast quantities of snow and dwindling supplies ruled out a summit bid and we descended empty-handed. The mountain has been climbed only once, from the south, by Poles Heinrich, Stryczyński, Szafirski and Zawada in 1971.

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*Yutmaru Sar.* This peak lies west of Kanjut Sar north of the Hispar Glacier. Our party consisted of Yu Watanabe, Shoji Ebara, Masahiro Motegi, Dr. Ryoko Kato and me as leader. Having approached from Nagar, we established Base Camp on the Yutmaru Glacier at 15,250 feet on June 19. We all climbed up the North Yutmaru Glacier to the site of Camp I at 16,900 feet at the foot of the mountain on the 21st. On the way back, Ebara fell into a crevasse and broke a rib. This and bad weather delayed activity. On July 3 we established Camp I. Camp II was at 18,875 feet. On July 5, despite bad weather, we got to the col on the west ridge and placed Camp III at 20,175 feet. On July 17 we crossed the great snowfield and placed Camp IV at 21,325 feet below the north ridge. The first summit attempt on the 18th failed in a snowstorm. It cleared on the 21st and we set out from Camp III for the summit, in spite of having little food. We bivouacked at 22,300 feet. On July 22, I was buried by a snow slide but was uninjured. In the afternoon Watanabe, Motegi and I got to the summit (7330 meters, 23,951 feet).

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*Momhil Sar Attempt.* The members of our expedition were José Espoña, Raúl Ferrara, Guillermo Fernández and I. We hoped to ascend the unclimbed west buttress of Momhil Sar (7343 meters, 24,092 feet). We traveled up the Gharesa Glacier and turned north up the first tributary, which leads past the west side of Momhil Sar. Base Camp was at 15,100 feet on the glacier, Camp I at 15,750 feet at the foot of the buttress and Camp II at 17,300 feet on the west buttress. We reached a foresummit of 17,725 feet on June 20 after some very difficult, partially

vertical ice climbing. We could not continue when Espona fell sick with pneumonia and Fernández froze his feet.

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*Lupghar Sar.* A Japanese expedition led by Kazuo Ito made the third ascent of this 23,610-foot (7196-meter) peak, climbing the southwest ridge. After approaching from Nagar to the Gharesa Glacier, most of the porters refused to go further and the climbers and four porters carried loads and pitched Base Camp on June 10. They followed the route of the previous German and Japanese ascents. Advance Base was at 17,400 feet. Camps I, II and III were placed at 18,050, 19,850 and 21,000 feet on June 5, 20 and 28 respectively. The first summit try failed 150 feet from the top after a bivouac. Ito and Takehiro Okazaki bivouacked at 22,950 feet and reached the summit of the west peak on August 4. They did not attempt to traverse to the east summit. (See *Iwa To Yuki*, N° 80, page 106.)

*Batura Attempt.* Noburu Takenaka and Hirooh Komamiya tried to climb the south ridge of Batura (7785 meters, 25,540 feet) from the Muchichur Glacier. After establishing Camp III at 23,300 feet on August 16, Takenaka lost a crampon and they descended to Base Camp. Komamiya had to return to Japan, but Takenaka returned to try it solo. He had to give up on August 27 about 1000 feet from the summit because of fatigue caused by deep snow. Takenaka was killed five months later during the Japanese winter attempt on Mount Everest. (More details in *Iwa To Yuki*, N° 80, page 106.)

*Bindu Gul Zom or Kunotak, Correction.* On page 312 of *A.A.J.*, 1979 there is an incorrect account of the first ascent of Bindu Gul Zom, just east of Tirich Mir. There is a photo on page 311. Actually I made the first ascent of that peak in 1964. See *A.A.J.*, 1965, p. 472 and *Mountain World*, 1964-5, p. 193. The most complete account appears in the *Himalayan Journal*, 1965, p. 52, accompanied by a photo facing page 54 which is almost identical to the photo in *A.A.J.*, 1979. In my accounts we refer to the peak as Kunotak, the name used on the maps we consulted at the time.

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*Tirich Mir, East Peak, Southeast Ridge Attempt.* Our expedition was composed of Murray Foubister, leader, Doug Herchmer, Hamish Mutch, Ian Taylor, and me, and was partially supported by the Alpine Club of Canada. We set up Base Camp (11,750 feet) near the junction of the North and South Barum Glaciers on August 23. Camp One (14,150 feet) was above the lower icefall on the South Barum Glacier and Camp II