

II at 22,000 feet, I kept finding bits of fixed rope (presumably left by Yugoslavs in 1976—*Editor*). I was pinned down in Camp II by storm; above, the terrain got much steeper. From there I believe my route was new since the fixed rope bits went up a sheet-ice ridge. I found a better route some 300 meters to the left, with some sheet-ice spots where I had to climb with both ice tools. Camp III was a tiny site. Above Camp III I rejoined the ridge. I reached the summit (7120 meters, 23,360 feet) on May 26 and shortly after arriving, I was surprised by very bad weather. I made a final bivouac 1000 feet below the summit in a snow hole and got back to Base Camp eight days after I had left it.

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*Trisul.* An expedition of the German Alpine Club's (DAV) Mountain and Ski School, led by Franz Kellner, got 14 of its 17 members to the summit by the normal route.

*Trisul, West Face.* A seven-man Japanese expedition climbed the Yugoslavian route on Trisul's west face. The leader was Kozo Sakano. Base Camp was established at 15,550 feet on September 4 and Camp I at 16,900 feet on the 7th. Camp II was placed at the foot of the south-west ridge at 19,350 feet and Camp III at 20,775 feet on the 22nd. Ropes were fixed up to 22,475 feet, where Camp IV was made on October 2. On October 3 Sakano, Toshio Arai, Kimiaki Miura and Hiroshi Nihei reached the summit (7120 meters, 23,360 feet).

*Kamet.* A 25-man expedition of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police led by Sohan Lal left Joshimath on April 10 and, hampered by snow, got to Base Camp at 15,550 feet on April 25. Camp I was set on April 29. Then came blizzards. As they moved to Camp III at 23,000 feet on May 10, some of the climbers developed high-altitude mountain sickness and had to be evacuated. On May 14 Jemadars Roshanlal and Nima Tsering, Havildars Ang Tharkey and Nima Dorje and Naik Magan Singh reached the summit (7756 meters, 25,447 feet). Roshanlal, Ang Tharkey and Magan Singh skied down to Base Camp.

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*Shivling, East Pillar, and Bhagirathi II Tragedy.* On May 7 ten of us, from various parts of the world, met in Delhi en route to the Gangotri. We were Georges Bettembourg, *French*, Greg Child and Rick White, *Australians*, Mervyn English, *New Zealander*, Stephen Sustad,\* *American*, Colin Downer, Don Whillans and I, *British*, and

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