

Peak (6824 meters, 22,390 feet) because of the impossibility of ascending the Miar Glacier. They did make the first ascent of a peak of about 6000 meters and obtained valuable scientific data.

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*Diran Attempt.* On June 16 Kunio Asai, Dr. Isao Ogasawara, Miss Kazuko Ono, Eiichi Kurihara, Kikuo Okayasu, Kuniyoshi Otsubo and I reached Base Camp on June 16 from Minapin in two days. We attempted the unclimbed north ridge. We placed camps at 12,375, 15,550 and 17,625 feet. Bad weather forced us to give up the climb at 5770 meters (18,931 feet) on July 4.

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*Batura I Winter Attempt.* Our expedition had as members Edi Koblmüller, Franz Six, Dr. Gustav Ammerer and me. In weeks of winter climbing we got two-thirds of the way up the 12,000-foot south face of Batura I (7785 meters, 25,540 feet) and reached an altitude of 20,675 feet. We arrived in Gilgit on January 12 and on the 16th suffered a porter strike when still some eight miles from the base of the face. We got to Base Camp with three new porters and set out up the easiest route. While we were above our 15,100-foot Base Camp, it was destroyed by a huge avalanche. By February 2 we had reconnoitered a much more difficult but safer buttress and corniced-ridge route up to 16,400 feet. In the only stretch of good weather, three days, we made snow caves at 16,400 and 18,000 feet and climbed to 18,700 and 19,000 feet. Bad weather returned. Until February 22 we kept on climbing in the stormy weather, made a snow-cave camp at 20,350 feet and climbed on steep bare ice along the knife-edged ridge to 20,675 feet. We had to give up because of the bad weather (only four clear days in 42), avalanche danger, sub-zero F. temperatures and climbing difficulties.

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*Thaime Chhish, Batura Region, Attempt.* Tim Relton, Bob Knapp, Jeff Thompson and I hoped to climb a mountain first attempted in 1954 by a strong German-Austrian team who referred to the peak as the "Wildspitze;" they retreated from a point close to the summit in bad weather. Entering the Bola Das from Chalt we established Base Camp on July 25 at a shepherds' colony called Baltar. We carried heavy loads across the Baltar Glacier on the northern flank of our mountain. The long northeast ridge was first tried but eventually we found a route to a col on the northwest ridge. The climb to the col was up two steep, unstable icefalls. On August 18 we all set off for a summit bid and