

*Annapurna II Attempt.* A Japanese group led by Kazuhiko Yamada reached 24,125 feet on the unclimbed south face of Annapurna II on October 5 but had to give up because of bad weather. They had established two high camps.

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*Annapurna IV.* Our expedition, organized by Auslandsbergfahrten of Graz, Austria, had five Austrians, eight Yugoslavs, two Swiss, a sirdar and two Sherpas. After an eight-day approach from Dumre to Omgre in the Marsiyandi valley in the last days of September, we established Base Camp at 15,425 feet under the northern slopes of Annapurna IV. We ascended the northern slopes to the northwest ridge, placing Camps I, II and III at 17,400, 19,700 and 22,300 feet. We fixed 600 feet of rope below Camp I and 200 feet below Camp II. On October 15 Jean Luc Amstutz, *Swiss*, and Willi Wehinger and Walter Bell, *Austrians*, reached the Dome, the 7450-meter (24,443-foot) foresummit. On October 17 Sirdar Pemba Lama, Sherpa Ang Nima, Mario Bago, Edin Alikalic, *Yugoslavs*, and I, *Austrian* got to the summit (7525 meters, 24,688 feet). That same day the Dome was reached by Theo Kubicka, Herbert Kaltenegger, *Austrians*, and Zelco Gobec, *Yugoslav*.

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*Annapurna III Tragedy.* A Japanese expedition of eleven was led by Tsukasa Nakase. They attempted the north face of Annapurna III (7555 meters, 24,787 feet), hoping to repeat the Indian route of 1961. On April 24 Masayoshi Okabe was killed by an avalanche at 22,000 feet while carrying a load to Camp V; two other members and a Sherpa were buried. Camp V at 22,650 feet was entirely swept away. All climbing ceased. They were well aware of the avalanche danger, but they said there was no route which would not take them under the fatal séracs.

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*Annapurna III, Southwest Face Attempt.* Our expedition was made up of Guillem Arias, leader, Manuel Benavent, Josep Fuste, Joan Oliva, Dr. Anton Rañe and me. We left Pokhara on September 17. We prepared the route with fixed rope beyond Machapuchare Base Camp up the Modi Khola gorge on September 22 and moved up to our Base Camp on the 23rd. The fixed rope was needed for the porters in this section. We established Camp I at 14,600 feet on September 25 on the true right bank of the Modi Khola. We placed Camp II at 15,750 feet just below the rock buttress on the true right side of the glacier that descends from the Gangapurna-Annapurna III col on September 27. On