

*Gaurishankar, South Summit.* A ten-man Yugoslav expedition was led by Slavko Cankar. They climbed the south face to the southwest ridge, where at 21,325 feet they joined Peter Boardman's route, which they followed to the south summit (7010 meters, 23,000 feet). They made no attempt to go to the main summit. They had three high camps plus a snow cave on the ridge. On November 1 Cankar, Smiljan Smodie and Bojan Sret reached the summit, followed on November 4 by Franc Papevnik and Joze Zupan.

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*Langtang Ri.* An expedition of three Japanese and three Nepalese was led by Ryohei Nishioku. They climbed the previously ascended southwest ridge of Langtang Ri, establishing three high camps. On October 9, Japanese Yasunori Tsuchiya, Nepalese Sudeep Gurung and Sherpas Pema and Pemba Lama reached the summit (7205 meters, 23,638 feet).

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*Langtang Lirung Attempt.* Steve Tenney, Chris Wood, Chris Reveley and I were unsuccessful in an alpine-style attempt on the south ridge of Langtang Lirung (7234 meters, 23,734 feet). Advanced Base Camp at 16,000 feet was abandoned in late April after twelve days on the mountain due to extremely heavy snow and avalanche potential.

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*Ganesh II Tragedy.* A nine-man Polish expedition led by Janusz Majer attempted the dangerous southwest face of Ganesh II. After a nine-day approach, on October 7 they got to Base Camp at 14,100 feet. Because of objective dangers, they decided to climb rapidly, alpine-style. On October 18, Andrzej Hartman, Ryszard Pawłowski and Krzysztof Wielicki set out up the right side of the face. After six days of difficult climbing up to UIAA V and 55° slopes, on October 23 they got to a big tower on the southeast ridge at 22,300 feet, 1000 feet below the summit. Having used up their technical gear, they regretfully started to descend. On the third rappel, Hartman's dead-man anchor pulled out and he plunged with both ropes, 6500 feet to his death. Pawłowski waited there, without food while Wielicki made a daring solo descent. He melted a liter of water each day in his sleeping bag. On October 24 his companions set out on his rescue. It took three days to reach him. They descended in 16 hours.

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*Ganesh Himal IV (Pabil).* Our members were Stanley Kent, Dr. Lawrence Dunn, Gordon Seibel and me. Our approach took eight days through an area new to Americans. We had planned to take twelve days on the approach, as had the Koreans and Japanese before us, but managed to cover significant ground on