

*Himlung Attempt.* A joint expedition of 15 Japanese and three Nepalese was led by Teizo Yoshino. They attempted the northeast ridge of still unclimbed Himlung (7126 meters, 23,380 feet) from the southeast, the same route attempted by the Japanese in the spring of 1982. Yukitoshi Endo and Nobuyuki Furuya reached 21,325 feet on May 7. The climb was given up on May 8 when they felt they needed 2000 feet more of fixed rope but had no more supplies left. Several members were sick and two Sherpas had gone home. Daily snowfall made for very slow progress and frequent avalanches.

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*Himlung.* Under the leadership of Junji Kurotaki, five Japanese and three Nepalese made the first ascent of Himlung (7126 meters, 23,380 feet) via the east ridge from the south. The route had been twice unsuccessfully attempted by Japanese. On October 27 Japanese Makito Minami and Ken Takahashi, from a bivouac at 21,625 feet, and Wataru Saito and Sherpa Kirkin Lama, from Camp III at 20,475 feet, all reached the summit.

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*Kang Guru Attempt.* A German expedition of eight unsuccessfully attempted to reach the northwest ridge of Kang Guru (6981 meters, 22,904 feet) by its west face. They had three high camps. The leader Bernhard Scherzer and Peter Brill reached 20,350 feet on May 9. They abandoned the climb the next day when they realized that above the high point lay at least 1500 feet of hard ice, requiring much tedious step-cutting and rope fixing, for which they had neither sufficient equipment nor interest. A quantity of equipment and clothing (sleeping bags, down trousers) were stolen from Camp I at 16,075 feet by yak herders while the camp was unoccupied because a member suffering from altitude sickness was being taken down for a helicopter evacuation. The police recovered the goods after one week.

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*Kang Guru.* A Japanese expedition led by Shuichi Torii climbed Kang Guru (6981 meters, 22,904 feet) by the west ridge, following the post-monsoon 1982 route of the Yugoslavs. They had three camps above Base Camp. The summit was reached on October 19 by Masanori Inada, Misatomi Matsumoto, Shuji Tsuchiya and Ang Dorje Sherpa and on October 20 by Shigatoshi Ichimaya, Sukeharu Shinabara and Lhakpa Gelu Sherpa.

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*Kang Guru, Winter Solo Ascent.* A four-man Japanese team led by Koichi Kato pitched Base Camp at 12,625 feet, Camp I at 17,050 feet on December 11 and Camp II on the west ridge. Hiroyuki Baba left Base Camp on December 17