

feet on September 14 and 20. On September 24 Camp II disappeared and Camp I was destroyed. We placed a new Camp II at 17,550 feet on the 28th but the weather was bad until October 5. On October 8 Besana and I placed Camp III at 20,350 feet, but heavy snow from October 9 to 12 made Camps II and III disappear from sight. We got back down on the 14th and 15th.

PAOLO PANZERI, *Club Alpino Italiano*

*Annapurna Attempt and Tragedy.* A nine-member South Korean expedition led by An Chang-Yeul attempted Annapurna's face by the Dutch Rib. They set up Camps I, II and III at 16,050, 17,725 and 20,350 feet on September 1, 5 and 9 respectively. On September 24 an avalanche swept through Camp II killing Chung Yang-Keun and two Nepalese porters, Malla Magar and Tikaram Magar. Kim Chung-Hwan miraculously escaped. Miss Kim Young-Ja and two Sherpas reached the high point of the expedition of 22,000 feet on October 1. They discovered that so much of the team's supplies had been lost up and down the mountain in avalanches that the climb was abandoned.

MICHAEL J. CHENEY, *Himalayan Club*, and ELIZABETH HAWLEY

*Annapurna, Winter Attempt.* A four-man Japanese team led by Tadao Sugimoto attempted the north face of Annapurna. They set up Base Camp and Camps I, II and III at 13,950, 16,075, 17,725 and 20,000 feet on November 27, December 1, 3 and 10 respectively. On December 19 Yu Watanabe reached 22,310 feet. Two days later the expedition was abandoned due to strong winds.

KAMAL K. GUHA, *Himalayan Club*

*Hiunchuli, Southeast Face.* Rising 10,000 feet above the Modi Khola gorge, Hiunchuli (6441 meters, 21,133 feet) presents a climbing and route-finding challenge. We arrived at our 13,200-foot Base Camp after a strenuous 3000-foot climb up grass slopes out of the gorge. Camps I and II were at 15,500 and 17,500 feet respectively below and above the rock band that guards the upper mountain. Camp III was at 18,800 feet among seracs on the glacier that descends from the summit. Our summit day, October 9, required laborious trail-breaking with several ice pitches. We descended our 3000 feet of fixed rope to Base Camp in a raging blizzard. Reaching the summit were Andy Politz, Ron Hight, Jim Waldron, Dick Wright, Daria Jezierska and I.

ERIC SIMONSON

*Tilitso, Winter Ascent.* A four-man team from South Korea had permission for Tilitso's northwest ridge, but they found the route dangerous and switched to the northeast ridge. All four climbed together and bivouacked for four nights, one without a tent. On December 10, Kim Yong-Un fell sick at 22,300 feet. The leader, Lee Yong-Ho, descended with him while the other two continued on.