

7550 feet, where we were warmly received by representatives of the Ministry of Tourism and passed into the country without formalities. The approach on foot started on August 25 and lasted 4½ days, longer than usual because of a broken bridge. Horses carried our gear. Base Camp was at 13,950 feet below the south-east ridge of our peak. [The ridge appears on the right of the photo on page 223 of *A.A.J.*, 1984.—*Editor.*] Giorgio Corradini, Tiziano Nannuzzi, Graziano Ferrari and Filippo Sala established Camp I at 17,550 feet on September 2 after climbing a very long and very sharp snow ridge. From Base Camp to 16,075 feet the route was fixed with rope. Bad weather stopped the climbing until September 8. On the 9th Ferrari, Corradini, Sala and Rolando Menardi climbed to 18,700 feet, fixing rope. On the 11th Corradini, Nannuzzi and Sala reached 19,350 feet but snowfall on September 12 and 13 stopped operations. On the 15th, as Corradini and Nannuzzi were breaking camp, they were hurled 2500 feet down the east face when a section of the snow ridge crest broke. All began the search for them, including Bhutanese soldiers and a helicopter, but stormy weather and the inaccessibility of the spot forced us to leave our friends in their icy tomb. We had excellent collaboration from the government. The very high cost—\$3000 peak fee and \$80 per man per day—was made possible by our official sponsor.

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*Kang Bum.* Japanese climbers placed their Base Camp south of this mountain at 4590 meters on October 18 and Camp I at 4850 meters two days later. On October 23 leader Nagahisa Sugawara, Yasuo Nagai and Tetsumi Yajima reached the summit, followed on October 25 by Sugawara again with Toshimitsu Sugawara, Seiichi Ueda, Jun Yoshino, Shuichi Kobayashi and two Bhutanese.

*Namshila.* Thirteen Japanese men and three women led by Shohei Komiya were given permission to climb a 6595-meter peak, Namshila. Base Camp was set up at 5070 meters on the Godhu Chu (river). Camp I was placed on a snow plateau at 5400 meters. The summit was reached on August 18 by six Japanese and two Bhutanese, on the 19th by seven including the three women and on the 20th by six. Despite the official altitude, the expedition's altimeters registered 5710 meters (18,734 feet) at the summit. The location of the peak is not known to the Editor.

## India—Sikkim

*Simvo.* An Indian Army Medical Corps team was led by Major Subhendu Sen. Base Camp was established on the Zemu Glacier beside Green Lake at 16,200 feet on September 16. Three more camps were set up at 17,500, 19,000 and 20,340 feet. On September 26 Major Rupinder Singh Sanhu, Nautiyal,