

*Dhaulagiri II Attempt.* A French expedition of four had hoped to make a ski descent of Dhaulagiri II. They say they were actually on the northwest ridge, although they approached from the south and east. Leader Benoît Chamoux and Georges Sichap reached 6800 meters on October 5. The expedition then failed because none of the members was well acclimatized. They made a second attempt but this time three members reached only 5200 meters. No skiing was possible.

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*Churen Himal West Attempt.* Korean Kim Byoung-Hoon and a companion wanted to climb Churen Himal West by the west ridge. Kim and a Sherpa reached Camp II at 19,500 feet on April 5 but the next day he gave up because of frequent avalanches and the very small party.

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*Churen Himal West Attempt.* A team of four Northern Irishmen attempted Churen Himal West by its southwest face. From Camp I, on May 4 leader Dawson Stelfox and Martin Manson reached the team's high point of 21,500 feet while the other two members, Philip Holmes and Malcolm McNaught went to 21,000 feet that same day. Manson was hit and bruised by a falling stone. The face above was threatened by rockfall, strong winds were blowing and a snow-storm was building up. That evening they decided to abandon the climb.

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*Putha Hiunchuli.* Our expedition consisted of Jung Sang-Kun, Yoon Dae-Hyo, Kim Kyung-Nam, Kang Young-Ki and me as leader. We approached via Nodanda and Beni and got to Base Camp at 4200 meters on March 20. We climbed the south ridge and south face. We placed Camps I, II, Depot Camp and III at 5200, 5400, 6200 and 6600 meters on March 23, 26, 28 and 31 respectively. On April 1 Jung, Kang and Sherpas Ang Dorje and Ang Phurba reached the summit (7246 meters, 23,774 feet) at 4:05 P.M.

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*Putha Hiunchuli.* An eight-man joint Japanese-Nepalese expedition led by Kaneo Nakamura climbed Putha Hiunchuli by the south ridge to the south face, the standard route. On October 4 the summit was reached by Akira Mizutani, Yoshinori Nakajima, Pasang Gyalgen and Kami Rinzi. It took nine hours to climb from Camp III at 6900 meters to the 7246-meter (23,774-foot) summit.

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