

*Yukshin Gardan Sar, Second Ascent.* Our joint Japanese-Pakistani expedition was composed of Japanese Kenshiro Otaki, leader, Akio Hayakawa, Fumihide Saito, Tetsuei Hanzawa, Dr. Ichiro Shirouzu and me and Pakistanis Major Sher Khan, deputy leader, Rahat Ali, Qaiser Khan, Iftikhar Hussain and Dr. Atif Aohail. With 70 porters, we approached from May 24 to 30 from Pasu up the Shimshal valley to Base Camp at 12,400 feet on the Yazghil Glacier. At first we attempted the north ridge of Yukshin Gardan Sar, but after a month's effort we gave it up because of vertical and brittle rock above 21,325 feet. We changed from the north to the south side and made two alpine-style attempts. On our first, three members left Advance Base Camp at 13,450 feet on July 6 carrying gear and food for eight days but failed because of bad weather and a shortage of food. On the second attempt, Hayakawa, Saito, Hanzawa, Major Sher Khan and I went up the right of the Yazghil Glacier to the Upper Yazghil Glacier to the col between Yukshin Gardan Sar and Yutmar Sar with food for twelve days. We got to the col on July 21 and reached the summit (7530 meters, 24,705 feet) on July 23. Our success was the second ascent because we found the flags of the Austrian-Pakistani expedition on the summit; they had climbed to the summit on June 26.

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*Yakshin Gardan Sar, Third Ascent.* A Japanese expedition led by Hiroshi Tateoka originally had permission for Rimo, but because of a border dispute, the authorities changed their objective. They approached from the Hispar Glacier over a col north of Khunyang Chhish North to the upper Yazghil Glacier. They then took more or less the same route as the other parties. The top was reached on July 25 by Masayuko Ando, Hiroshi Fujii and Hiroyuki Okamura and on July 26 by Toru Matsubara and Mamoru Asada.

*Malangutti Sar Attempt.* This 7000er north of Distagil Sar was unsuccessfully attempted by Japanese led by Yoshiro Kasai. Details are missing.

*Rakaposhi Attempt.* A Slovene expedition led by Janez Skok headed in June for the Garhwal Himalaya through Bulgaria, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan up to the Indian frontier, where they were halted because the Panjab was closed. They waited for ten days in Islamabad for visas but in vain. They then asked the Pakistanis for permission for Rakaposhi. They received it in another twenty days and headed for Rakaposhi's north face to try a new route. From a 10,000-foot Base Camp, they worked out a route up 2500 feet on a difficult and dangerous glacier. They fixed rope up a 2000-foot-high rock band. On a second attempt, Igor Herzog slipped on steep ice, was severely hurt and had to be helicoptered out. They called the expedition off. The other members were Ines Božič, Zvone Drobnič, Erika Gregorka, and Rck Kovač.

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