

very heavy snowfall in the following days and on October 19 the leader called off the climb.

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*Manaslu, Northeast Ridge in Winter.* As both Yasuhira Saito and I were fatigued when we came back from Everest, we spent several days of rest in Kathmandu. Then, we were carried by helicopter to Sama on December 2. On December 5 we moved to 4800 meters by the side of the Manaslu Glacier and made Base Camp. Carrying a small tent, gas stove and a little food, we started climbing the next day. On the Manaslu Glacier, knee-deep snow slowed us. We bivouacked at 5450, 6100 and 6850 meters on December 6, 7 and 8. On the 9th we started for the summit but had to give up at 7200 meters because of terribly strong winds. We went down to Base Camp that same day. We spent the next waiting for the winds to subside. On December 11 we left Base Camp for the second attempt and spent the first night at 6100 meters. On the next day, however, heavy snowfall kept us from moving up. We got to 7050 meters on December 13. At 3:20 A.M. on December 14 we left the bivouac site. We suffered from strong winds and cold. The winds were so strong that when we reached the summit ridge, we had to rope together to keep from being blown away. We gained the summit at 11:40 A.M. There, I found a Japanese cigarette can which had been left by the first summit party in 1956. We had to descend immediately because of strong winds. We had one more bivouac at 7050 meters and reached Base Camp on December 15. We came back to Sama that same day. Last year, in 1985, I climbed three 8000ers: K2 in July, Everest in October and Manaslu in December.

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*Himalchuli Ascent and Tragedy.* The members of our expedition were Laszlo Berzi, Sandor Csanadi, Peter Greskovits, Dr. Antal Kallo, Laszlo Katona, Jozsef Csikos, Istvan Szabo, Gyorgy Toldi, Istvan Tolnai, Csaba Toth, Laszlo Voros and I as leader. From Botha Odar we started with 63 porters, a sirdar and two Sherpas. We followed the Marsyandi Khola and then the Dordi Khola for seven days and got to Base Camp at 4550 meters. From there we climbed the 1984 American route up the southwest ridge to the west peak and from there the 1960 Japanese route. We established Camps I, II, III and IV at 5450, 6480, 7000 and 7200 meters on April 30, May 4, 12 and 22. On May 5 our two Sherpas deserted from Base Camp, taking all their equipment; we don't know why. Csanadi and Greskovits started from Camp II to carry loads to Camp III on the morning of May 16. They did not arrive there. Probably they were swept away by heavy winds. Despite a search for them, we did not find any trace of them. On May 23 Jozsef Csikos, Laszlo Voros and Sirdar Norbu Sherpa got to the summit (7893 meters, 25,895 feet).

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