

*Bhagirathi II.* A seven-man Polish team led by Janusz Baranek hoped to climb the unascended west face of Bhagirathi II (6512 meters, 21,364 feet). After nine days of effort, four members reached 6000 meters (UIAA IV-V, A1, ice up to 60°) but constant bad weather put an end to the attempt. Previously, during the acclimatization period, on September 4 Paweł Bujakiewicz and Jacek Kozaczkiewicz and on the 7th Władysław Kacorzyk and Andrzej Pusz climbed to the summit of Bhagirathi II by the easy east side.

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*Bhagirathi III.* On June 6 Christian Bouvet, J-F. Lemoine, Guy Mervellec and I completed the third ascent of the Catalan route on the southwest buttress of Bhagirathi III. We made nine bivouacs, three of them in hammocks. We rappelled down the same route. The rock portion is comparable in difficulty to the Salathé route on El Capitan. The final mixed section was in excellent condition.

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*Thalay Sagar Attempts and Tragedy.* A 3-man Japanese expedition led by Kenji Takagi failed to climb Thalay Sagar by its north face. After they had reached 6400 meters in late September, the leader fell to his death from the high point while rappelling. Another Japanese expedition of six were to attempt the first-ascent route via the northeast couloir but they quit after three were non-fatally avalanched on an acclimatization climb on Bhrigupanth. For more details, see *Iwa To Yuki*, N° 113.

*Shivling.* An Indian Army expedition went to Shivling to prepare climbers for their expedition to Mount Everest. This large group was led by Major Kiran I. Kumar and Colonel Tankha. They placed Base Camp on the Meru Glacier at the end of March. They made Camps I and II at 5175 and 5640 meters on the normal west ridge route. Seventeen climbers reached the summit.

*Shivling.* A British-American expedition was composed of British Geoffrey Hornby, leader, David Crowther and Colin Foord and Americans Thomas George Norris, Stephen John Ruoss and Robert Yee. They placed Base Camp at Tapovan on July 30, Advance Base on the Meru Glacier at 16,800 feet and Camp I at 18,200 feet on the west ridge. Crowther went alone to the summit on August 16. Norris, Ruoss and Foord climbed to the top on August 23.

*Shivling.* The German Alpine Club organized a training expedition to Shivling during the autumn. The virgin north face was the objective but bad weather upset the plans. They established two high camps on the west ridge. From September 23 to 26 all 12 party members reached the top: leader Günther Härter, Helmar Assfalg, Uwe Werner Bischoff, Rainer Bolesch, Ralf Dujmovits,