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*P 6504 Attempt.* Jerry Hadwin, Neil McAdie, Andy Scrase and I attempted the first ascent of P 6504, which is the western summit of Satopanth. Despite delays caused by heavy rains, we established Base Camp at Tapovan on August 31, Advance Base at Sunderban on September 8 and Camp I at the foot of the mountain on the 10th. Although the weather had been settled for five days, on September 11 the skies clouded over and we had the first of the snowstorms that were to plague us for 14 days. On the 15th the weather showed no sign of improvement, but we established Camp II at 5300 meters in a cwm directly below the southwest face. It continued to snow, but we resolved to attempt the ascent and on the 17th climbed a broad snow couloir towards the south ridge. The snow conditions were atrocious. We climbed as quickly as possible to a ledge system overlooking the couloir and watched avalanches pour down it all day. Our prospective route above our 5800-meter bivouac up the ridge was of mixed snow and rock in dangerous condition. We therefore retreated. No real improvement in the weather made us give up the expedition.

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*Chandra Parbat.* Chandra Parbat II (6728 meters, 22,075 feet) lies between the Suralaya and Sweta Glaciers. This peak was first climbed by Austrians in 1938 and again in 1965 and 1974. Possibly it is called Chandra Parbat, rather than Chandra Parbat II, and the slightly higher peak connected to it to the southeast may be only P 6739. Its fourth ascent was made by climbers from Calcutta. They first thought they would attempt the west ridge by which the mountain had first been climbed, but they found it more feasible to bypass the beginning of the ridge, climb the south side of the west ridge to its mid-point and continue along it to the summit. This was reached on May 31 by leader Mazundar Pulak, Samarendra Nath Dhar, Debabrata Seal and Pronab Kumar Saha from Camp IV. (We are grateful to expedition member Jiban Krishna Paul for this information.)

*P 6131 Ascent and Tragedy.* The well known Indian climber Asit Kumar Moitra led an eight-man team composed of Samir Bhattacharya, Manas Bardhan, Nabagopal Basak, Ramjan Bose, Krishna Ganguli, Asish Roy and Sanjoy Roy. They set up three high camps and climbed P 6131 (20,125 feet) on September 26. The peak lies above the Shyamvarn Glacier. On the way down from the summit, Moitra slipped and fell 2000 feet to his death.

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