

India—Himachal Pradesh

Dharansura, Angdu Ri. A 10-person expedition from Bombay made two ascents in East Kulu. On July 5 A. Ghosh, Miss V. Gadre, S.M. Farookh and W.M. Pinto climbed Angdu Ri (5953 meters, 19,530 feet). On July 8 leader Zuzer Rangwala, A. Eicher and Bada Tashi got to the summit of Dharansura (White Sail; 6445 meters, 21,148 feet) on a second attempt.

Menthosa, Women's Ascent. A four-woman Japanese expedition led by Midori Morishita in August made the first ascent of the mountain by women. They established two high camps on the east ridge, by which the mountain was first climbed. Those who reached the summit (6442 meters, 21,135 feet) were Kimie Kobayashi, Fumie Kimura, Miwako Shimoda, high-altitude porter Lama Tashi and kitchen boy Gopal.

CB 13a. Japanese Takashi Aoka, Masanobu Ohuchi and high-altitude porter Pyarl Lal climbed CB 13a (6240 meters, 20,473 feet) on August 10 from the South Dakka Glacier. The leader was Takashi Chiku.

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Nun, Kun and Pinnacle Peak. A large number of expeditions now climb in this area. Among the successful parties on Nun (7135 meters, 23,410 feet) were French led by Gunther Steinmar on the west ridge on July 14, Japanese Tadikuyo Sakahara, Ryoichi Okabayashi, Hitoshi Yamaguchi and Daisaku Tomura on the west ridge in August, Spanish led by Carlos Sole Estabelle, French led by Jean-Pierre Boyer on the east ridge in August. Kun (7077 meters, 23,220 feet) was climbed by French led by Dominique Marquis in July, by French led by Jean-Pierre Bernard by the east ridge in August and Germans led by Arnold Hasenkopf by the west ridge in August. Pinnacle Peak (6930 meters, 22,737 feet) was ascended by French led by Marc Prat in September and by Austrians led by Karl Robert Zwickl in October.

Nun Attempt. Paul Clark, Ted Kerasote, Larry McDonnell, Doug Rovira and I attempted the Czech ridge of Nun (7135 meters, 23,410 feet) from June 19 to July 5. Climbing alpine-style and without Sherpas, we were about to begin our summit bid when a severe storm, during which it even rained in Leh, created extreme avalanche hazard. Lacking the time and energy to wait out a return to stable conditions, we turned our attention to D41 (5758 meters, 18,892 feet) on our way home. An intense storm stopped us near the top and a slab avalanche nearly ruined our day on the descent.

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