

feet from the summit. Other climbers of the group climbed Karphogang (5931 meters, 19,460 feet). In September, the two-man party, Hiroshi Aota and Toshiyuki Kikuchu, had hoped to try the same route, but they were prevented by new snow from climbing high.

*Latok II Attempt.* A four-man Japanese expedition led by Tomoyasa Yamazaki failed at 6200 meters to climb Latok II.

*Ganachen Group.* Chris Forrest and I reached the Sosbun Glacier on July 30 after a three-day walk from Dasso with five porters. We had originally hoped to attempt the rocky spires that make up the peaks of the west Biafo wall. However, on this side of the range the rock is obviously and universally appalling! We turned our attention further west to the Ganachen group. Base Camp was on the lateral moraine of the Hoh Lungma Glacier at 4250 meters. We climbed Bakree Peak (c. 5050 meters, 16,568 feet) via the northwest face and northeast ridge on August 2. From an advance base near the head of the Chongahamung Glacier we ascended Zarn I and II (5200 and 5150 meters, 17,061 and 16,897 feet) via the north face on August 10 and Hoh Lungma Peak (c. 5600 meters, 18,373 feet) via the east-northeast face on August 11. All four were previously unclimbed. The main objective, the heavily corniced east ridge of Hikmul (6410 meters, 21,031 feet) was abandoned at two-thirds height after three days of climbing due to dangerous snow conditions even during the night. On August 16 an attempt on Ganachen South (c. 5750 meters, 18,865 feet) was also thwarted. The weather was poor with rain on 80% of the days. With mild temperatures, the snow conditions were the worst we had ever encountered. Alarmingly, we did find large "yeti"-like footprints in moraine mud which bore a remarkable similarity to previous photographs. We presume they belonged to a large species of bear. We began our walk back to Dasso on August 21.

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*Bobisghir.* Our expedition was composed of Yukitoshi Tanikawa, leader, Shinichiro Kasai, Takeshi Oshida, Dr. Shigeki Nakajima and me. After leaving Dasso on May 28, we established Base Camp at 4850 meters on the Nobande Sobande Glacier on June 5. Since we were too far from the foot of our ridge, we deposited material at 5200 meters. Camp I was established on June 20 at 5750 meters on the junction peak. Between Camps I and II there are two small foresummits. We made a deposit camp on the first one at 5950 meters. We spent a lot of time on this portion of the climb because of much snowfall. On July 2 we established Camp II at 6200 meters beyond the second foresummit. On July 7 Kasai, Oshida and I completed the first ascent of Bobisghir (6416 meters, 21,050 feet).

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