

*Lukpe La Brakk Tragedy.* A six-person group of the South Wales Mountaineering Club came in July to Snow Lake of the Biafo-Hispar Glacier region, hoping to climb there. Dave Parsons had altitude problems and left with his wife. After Bob Williams was injured in a crevasse fall, he was evacuated by Don Hillman. Dr. Michael Harber and Dr. Michael Morris stayed on, hoping to climb Lukpe La Brakk. They have been missing ever since. Despite an extensive search, no trace of them has been found.

*Kanjut Sar II.* Our expedition comprised Daria Vezzoli, Ueli Stahel, Richi Ott, Hans Peter Achnich and me as leader. On the approach march along the Hispar Glacier from Nagar with 29 porters, we had lots of problems. Endless discussions over wages, food rations and daily stages kept us busy. After 11 days we established Base Camp on June 19 on the Khani Bass Glacier at 4650 meters. Our first attempt on Kanjut Sar II ended high in bad weather on a route with technical difficulties. Short of time, we attempted the unascended south face of Kanjut Sar I. From an Advance Base at 5000 meters we started on July 5 alpine style up the steep face. Frontpointing for the first six pitches in hard ice of more than 60°, we gained 250 meters. The angle lessened, allowing good progress. We had just set up Camp I at 5700 meters when we heard the sound of tons of wet snow sliding. We jumped aside to a safer spot. The avalanche swept away our camp, leaving us barefoot in the snow. Fortunately we could dig out enough gear to descend, but it was difficult without outer boots. Stahel, Ott and I decided to try Kanjut Sar II alpine-style. We climbed the west glacier, which had some pitches up to 50°, to the saddle between the summit and P 6500. We established Camps I and II at 5800 and 6400 meters on July 8 and 9. It stormed on the second night, but July 10 was perfect. After a traverse around a rocky ridge, we climbed a gully of steep black ice. Between the rocks and the séracs of the summit shelf glacier, the ice was 70°. After this, we worked up soft snow to the summit (6831 meters, 22,411 feet).

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*Diran Ascent, Nanga Parbat Attempt and Other Peaks near the Karakoram Highway.* We left Britain on June 18, hoping to climb rock pinnacles in Hunza, the Rakaposhi north face and Nanga Parbat from the south. We failed on all of these but did climb Diran and several minor summits. Basically heat and disease severely weakened us, a situation exacerbated by being constantly on the move with four different Base Camps and also, to a lesser extent, by porter troubles. After travelling up the Karakoram Highway, we reached Karimabad on June 30, where we split into two groups. My son Michael Scott, Alastair Reid and Ice-lander Snaevær Guomundson went up into the Passu Glacier area. Mark Miller, Sean Smith, American Stephen Sustad, Australian Greg Child, Pakistani Nazir Sabir and I went up to camp three hours above Karimabad on a pasture at 8000 feet by the Ultar Glacier. After waiting for fresh snow to clear, all but Nazir in two days climbed a steep dangerous couloir to a col beneath Bubl-Mo-Tin