

*Nanga Parbat, Rupal Buttress Ascent and Tragedy.* The Rupal Buttress of Nanga Parbat was very nearly climbed by Swiss Ueli Bühler on the 1982 Herligkoffer expedition. He reached the 8042-meter south summit, the top of the buttress, but could not go on to the top. A principally Polish expedition led by Pawel Mularz completed the route in 1985 on this southeast buttress. They had very bad weather and found the route dangerous. One of them, A. Samolewicz, fell 600 meters but miraculously was merely stunned. Piotr Kalmus was less fortunate. While returning to Camp I from Camp II he was struck by an avalanche and killed. On July 13 Poles Jerzy Kukuczka and Zygmunt Andrzej Heinrich, Mexican Carlos Carsolio and American Slavomir Lobodziński reached the summit from Camp V. This was the ninth 8000er for Kukuczka.

*Nanga Parbat Attempt by the First-Ascent Route.* Eight Japanese led by Kazuyuki Shimazu set up five camps on the northeast ridge of Nanga Parbat. On July 10 Hideo Yokohama, Yutaka Mukai, Koji Hasegawa and Akira Echigoya left Camp V at 6900 meters for the summit but they had to turn back at 7550 meters. On the descent on July 11 they climbed Rakiot Peak (7070 meters, 23,196 feet). For more details, see *Iwa To Yuki*, N°113.

*Nanga Parbat, Diamir Face.* Michael Dacher and Peter Habeler reached the summit of Nanga Parbat via the Diamir Face on July 12. Their first attempt failed in bad weather about 650 feet from the top on July 6 in very severe weather. This was the eighth 8000er for Dacher and the third for Habeler.

*Nanga Parbat, Rupal Face Attempt.* With 36 porters, our six-man expedition reached the Rupal Base Camp on August 31. On September 1, one group with five porters established Camp I at 5100 meters. At that time the conditions were excellent and the section between Camps I and II was almost without snow. On the 3rd, two members climbed to the site of Camp II at 6100 meters. That very day the bad weather started and it lasted without interruption till the end of the expedition. Bad weather and snowfall made the part between Camps I and II dangerous and difficult. There was a lot of black ice and verglas on the rocks. Despite snowfall, we fixed ropes on that part and established Camp II. On September 23 one of our members was struck by a big rock on the head and suffered a concussion. On October 2 we tried a last unsuccessful push. On October 5 we left Base Camp.

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*Nanga Parbat Attempts.* Although many of the dozen expeditions that went to Nanga Parbat this year were successful, there were those which did not reach the summit. These include Swiss led by Stefan Wörner and Japanese led by Takashi Ozaki, both on the Diamir Face, Spaniards led by Alberto García Astudillo on the Rupal Face and Japanese led by K. Dobashi on the northeast ridge.