

accident spot on the 3rd, I was caught in a slide but escaped from it. Climbing activities began again on October 4, but as our permit was running out, we had to abandon our attempt.

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*Shishapangma.* Twelve of our expedition reached the summit of Shishapangma. Base Camp, Advance Base, Camps I, II, III and IV were at 5000, 5400, 5800, 6400, 6900 and 7150 meters. We divided into three groups and reached the summit on May 10, 12 and 19. Oswald Gassler made the first ski descent of the mountain. The following reached the top: Austrians Gassler, Leopold Schausberger, Balthasar Kendler, Thomas Schilcher, Helmut Wagner, Gottfried Heinzl, Leopold Karner and Hanns Schell and Swiss Max Wettstein, Angelo Vedani and Sepp Wangler. We had no high-altitude porters and no artificial oxygen.

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*Shishapangma.* An Italian commercial expedition led by Renato Moro climbed Shishapangma on May 16 when Giuliano De Marchi and Moro reached the summit. Storms prevented the other members of the expedition from getting to the top.

*Shishapangma.* Our Swiss expedition was organized and led by Markus Itten. The others were Peter Bärtsch, Henrik Rhyn, Marcel Rüedi, Hansruedi Staub, Peter Weber, Diego Wellig, Stefan Wörner and I. We got to Base Camp at 5100 meters on September 7. On the 10th we set up Advance Base at 5800 meters and already on September 12 Rüedi, Wellig and I started out alpine-style. Rüedi had been on K2 and we other two were acclimatized from being high in the Alps. We used skis to our second bivouac at 7100 meters. On September 14 we left our tent at 5:30 A.M., got to 7400 meters at 9:30 and followed just left of the ridge crest to avoid avalanche danger. From 7600 meters the snow was hip- to chest-deep. We got to the summit ridge at five P.M. and the summit at 5:30. We drank a bottle of Swiss wine in lovely but frigid weather and were back at our bivouac at 8:30. This was Rüedi's eighth 8000er. We skied to Advance Base the next day. Heavy snowfall and avalanche danger kept the others from getting above 7100 meters.

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*Lalaga Ri Attempt.* A nine-man Japanese expedition led by Yutaka Yasui failed to ascend unclimbed Lalaga Ri (6666 meters, 21,870 feet), which lies in Tibet 14 miles northwest of Shishapangma. Base Camp was established at 4900 meters on May 4, Advance Base at 5200 meters on May 7 and Camp I at 5500 meters on May 8. On May 9 Toshinori Takahashi and Hisashi Goto started up the northeast ridge and bivouacked at 6100 meters. On the 10th they fixed 200