

*Ganesh II Attempt.* A six-man Korean expedition led by Park Jong-Tae hoped to climb Ganesh II by its west ridge from the south face of Ganesh IV, the same route attempted unsuccessfully by Swiss in the autumn of 1984. The high point of 6600 meters was reached on May 10 by deputy leader Park Chung-Sang and Choi Ok-Rim. The climb was then abandoned. By now Park had injured his leg, one of their two climbing Sherpas had broken his leg and two other members were out of action from injuries received from falling séracs. For most of their climbing period, the weather was bad with low clouds obscuring the route and frequent snowfall.

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*Manaslu Attempt and Tragedy.* A 16-person German-Austrian expedition led by Michael Dacher hoped to climb Manaslu by the normal northeast-face route. On May 3, three members established Camp IV at 7400 meters. Then disaster struck and Camp IV was never reached again. A party of five had set out that day from Camp III, but two of them realized they could not make it all the way to Camp IV and turned back. One of these two, German Wilhelm Klaiber, apparently fell while descending the fixed ropes going back to Camp III. No one saw him fall. He simply disappeared and was never seen again. During that night there was heavy snowfall. The three in Camp III, Germans Fred Bässler and Arthur Wirthensohn and Austrian Dieter Oberbichler, the deputy leader, descended on May 4. Oberbichler now fell; again no one saw him fall, but the other two suddenly came upon his body as they were moving down. He must have shot past them, for he had been behind them. Oberbichler was already dead; the two tried to bring his body down with them, but while doing so, Bässler broke his ankle and got mild frostbite and Wirthensohn got badly frostbitten fingers on both hands. A final summit push was attempted with six members moving up from Base Camp on May 9, but they got no higher than Camp III because of heavy snowfall. The climb was abandoned on May 11.

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*Manaslu Northeast-Face Attempt.* A Colombian expedition of nine was led by Carlos Eduardo Gómez. They attempted the normal route. The maximum altitude reached was 7250 meters, where Camp IV was established. It was reached by Manuel Arturo Barrios and Juan Pablo Ruiz on October 31 and again by Barrios and Marcelo Arbeláez the next day. On November 2 it was decided to abandon the climb because of strong winds and cold. Two members had already been mildly frostbitten and it was feared that more serious frostbite might be in store if they continued.

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*Manaslu Southeast-Face Attempt.* A 10-man expedition from Macedonia, Yugoslavia was led by Jovan Poposki. They attempted the southeast face, the