

built by Mr. Traill, the First Commissioner of Kumaon, in 1830. From there, we explored access to Changuch (6322 meters, 20,740 feet). We gained the upper Kafni Glacier from the col at the head of the Shal Changuch Glacier. From a camp there, Laspa Dhura (5913 meters, 19,400 feet) received its first ascent via the north ridge; descent was by the west ridge. The summit was reached on September 1 by John McKeever, Aqil Chaudary, Duncan Hornby and Jonathan Preston and on the 2nd by Bivujit Mukhoty and me.

GEOFFREY M. HORNBY, *Comford Wheeltappers and Shunters Club, England*

Bamba Dhura. Bamba Dhura is so remote and difficult of access that it took us 20 days to have our first glimpse of the peak. Mungsiari was the last bus station, reached via Almora. From there it took us four days to get to Base Camp at 13,200 feet on the moraine of the Sankalpa Glacier. We went on for endless miles with Advance Base, Camps I, II and III at 15,800, 17,200, 18,500 and 19,500 feet. Although we left Mungsiari on August 5, we established Camp III only on the 26th. After reconnaissance and the acclimatization climb of P 20,260, we had to descend to Advance Base for three days of bad weather. On September 2, Shirish Joshi, Lama Tashi and I reached Camp II and on the 3rd at 4:25 P.M. got to the summit (6334 meters, 20,780 feet) via the west ridge, a new route. Other members were Vasant Ghag, Nandu Agashe, Pramod Joshi and Satish Ranade.

SHRINIVAS DATAR, *Bharat Outward Bound Pioneers, Pune, India*

Nanda Kot. A joint Indo-Japanese expedition led by Kosuke Ota was composed of seven Japanese and two Indians. On October 17, Masaki Nomura, Tsuyoshi Takeda, Hiroaki Takeishi, Akira Tomita and two Sherpas reached the summit (6861 meters, 22,510 feet), followed the next day by the leader and Mitsumasa Ushikubo. The Japanese were all graduates or students of Rikkyo University; it was an expedition of Rikkyo University that made the first ascent of Nanda Kot in 1936.

Trisul. A Spanish expedition led by Jaime Izquierdo made the ascent of Trisul. Details are not yet available.

India—Garhwal

Kamet and Abi Gamin. An expedition of the Indian Border Security Force was led by Deputy Commander Chhering Ram. Bugged down by bad weather, landslides, road blocks and deep snow, they got to Base Camp only on May 17. Their last camp, Camp V at 7150 meters on Meade's Col, was set up on May 25. The first summit attempt was made on June 1. When 200 meters from the top in a blinding snowstorm, one climber slipped and pulled off his partner.