

have been impossible. It took three of us two days to descend, removing the fixed ropes, while Fouquet descended to Base Camp in eleven minutes by *parapente*. He made a very exposed, windless take-off only a few meters from the abyss. We rate the climb as 6c, A4 with no let-up on any of the 30 rope-lengths. (The Nameless Tower was climbed by British climbers, including Joe Brown, in 1976 by a difficult route on the southwest face, to the right of this route. Another British group in 1984 climbed a route between the present route and the first-ascent route, but had to give up 100 meters from the summit.—*Editor*.)

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*Nameless Tower, Trango Towers, Second Ascent.* A six-man Yugoslav team from Celje, Slovenia, led by Slavko Cankar, climbed the 1200-meter-high south-southeast face of the Nameless Tower on a new route to the left of the Polish-Japanese and American attempts of 1986. For six days they fixed rope on the lower 900 meters. The crux was a nearly vertical section just above the snow ledge 300 meters up the wall. They were ready to attack the summit in early June, but bad weather drove them back to Base Camp. The final push started during the night of June 15. The pitches above the previous high point were climbed in icy cold. The summit was reached by Cankar, Franc Knez and Bojan Šrot. During the descent, the weather worsened again and it snowed. The expedition then moved to Broad Peak but was unsuccessful there.

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*P 5753, Trango Towers.* A Japanese expedition led by Reiji Nonaka ascended P 5753 (18,875 feet). Also on the expedition were the leader's wife Yukiko, Toshikazu Fujita, Takao Sasaki and Masahiro Oto. They climbed 63 pitches on the east face and southeast buttress, a difficult route (VI+, A2), which took them 15 days. They reached the summit on September 8. This foresummit of the great Trango Tower was tried unsuccessfully by two Japanese expeditions in 1986.

*Latok I Attempt.* Our expedition was composed of Remy Martin, Roger Laot and me. We hoped to climb the Lowe route on Latok I. It took us seven days from Dassu to reach Base Camp on the Choktoi Glacier on July 11. We fixed rope on the first 600 meters. The climb was particularly difficult because there was a lot of snow covering the rock. Moreover, the weather was very bad in the Karakoram this summer. Martin became sick. Laot and I made a summit attempt and on August 1 reached about 6000 meters.

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