

Glacier tongue and the Biafo. Powell, Hubbard and I took 23 hours on August 11 to climb the north face and descend over a subsidiary peak to the northwest. The descent involved a 1500-foot detour down the south face to avoid dreadful snow conditions on the corniced northwest ridge.

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*Kunyang Chhish Tragedy.* A Japanese expedition led by Seichi Wada tried unsuccessfully to climb Kunyang Chhish. On July 19 Takumi Onuma fell and was killed after his rope was cut by a falling block of ice. Further details are not available.

*Rakaposhi Attempt.* Twelve climbers from Črna in northern Slovenia attempted to make the second ascent of Rakaposhi's north ridge, which was first climbed by Japanese in 1979. We established Base Camp, Camp I and Camp II at 3600, 4300 and 5350 meters on June 23, 27 and 28. On July 4, we reached a high point of 5700 meters. We just could not establish Camp III because of deep snow. The members were Zdenko Žagar, Karlo Ritonja, Milan Savelli, Milan Plesec, Tomo Jeseničnik Jure Mavrič, Ivan Štornik, Alojz Keup, Zdenko Razbornik, Miro Jelen, Dr. Janez Gorjanc and I as leader.

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*Rakaposhi Attempt.* A Japanese expedition from Meiji University was composed of Munehiko Yamamoto, leader, Atsushi Yamamoto and Hiroshi Ohishi. They attempted the east ridge, also tried by Edi Koblmüller in 1985, who got only to the east peak. After establishing four camps and fixing ropes, they got to the east peak on July 3, but gave up because of the difficulties above.

*Rakaposhi Attempt.* We had hoped to make the first ascent of the east ridge of Rakaposhi. In 1985, Austrians led by Edi Koblmüller climbed to the east summit (7010 meters, 23,000 feet) via the north spur. Before we arrived, Japanese attempted the climb in siege-style with four camps and fixed ropes to 6700 meters. On July 3, the Japanese got to the east summit and turned back despite excellent weather. They told us that traversing the ridge to the summit of the east ridge (c. 7300 meters) seemed too difficult. Our expedition was composed of Arnfried Braun, Ulrich Calmbach, Hans Jakobi, Felix Haas and me as leader. On July 1, we got to Base Camp at 3470 meters, two days distant from Pisan on the Karakoram Highway. We acclimatized for ten days and on July 11, the weather turned bad for a week. We started an alpine-style attempt on July 17, but got only to 5100 meters before being driven back down by the weather. We made a second try starting on July 22. The next day we got to 5700 meters, but the route from 5100 meters on was very dangerous from