

was possible due to the rotten rock near Base Camp and the distance to the mountains with greater snow cover.

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*Momhil Sar Attempt.* The members of our expedition were Heiko Irmisch, Rolf Steffens, Roland Köhler and I as leader. We hoped to make the second ascent of Momhil Sar (7343 meters, 24,092 feet) by the east ridge, the route by which Austrians made the first ascent in 1964. We approached our 4600-meter Base Camp via the Trivor Glacier in five days from Nagar with 32 porters. We got to our highest point, 6600 meters, on July 8. While descending to Camp III at 6350 meters, three of us were caught in an avalanche from which luckily we could free ourselves. Since it snowed each day, avalanches were constant, the east ridge seemed to us under the present conditions unclimbable and any other route out of the question, we decided to abandon the expedition.

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*Yazghil Sar.* Between August 15 and September 26, a team of six led by me visited the remote Shimshal valley. We successfully made the first ascents of both the north and south summits of Yazghil Sar, an isolated snow-and-ice peak which lies between the Yukshin Gardan and Yazghil Glaciers, some 10 kilometers north of Yakshin Gardan Sar. Yazghil Sar should not be confused with much higher Yazghil North and South Domes, which are due east of Disteghil Sar at the head of the Yazghil Glacier. Pete and Claire Foster reached the north summit on September 7 via the northwest face and north ridge. They made the climb in three days from Base Camp at 3600 meters on a lateral moraine next to the Yazghil Glacier. It had taken four days prior to the ascent to reconnoiter the peak and stock an advanced camp. The south summit (5933 meters, 19,465 feet), which is about 100 meters higher than the north summit, was reached on September 8 by Ernie McGlashan, Jack Brindle and John O'Reilly. They used the same approach and climbed the interconnecting ridge between the summits. Again the route took three days of climbing, using the high camp on the northwest slopes at 4670 meters and a bivouac ledge hacked out of the ice on the north ridge at 5180 meters.

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*Tupopdan.* Our expedition made the first ascent of Tupopdan (or Tlipobdan) in the Markhun valley of the Karun Koh region of the northern Karakoram. We were Andy Cave, Tom Richardson, John Stevenson, Joe Simpson and I as leader. We established Base Camp under the north face at 4000 meters on June 14 and a snow cave on the col at the foot of the northeast ridge at 5180 meters on June 28. Further visits to the col had to be abandoned because of snow