

*Gyagar, Spiti.* We made the first ascent of remote Gyagar (6400 meters, 20,998 feet), which lies near the junction of Tibet, Ladakh and Spiti. With 10 yaks, Ramkrishna Rao, Dolphy D'Mello, Vasant Dalvi, Shridhar Vaishampayam, high-altitude porter Tikamram Thakur, cook Jagdish Thakur and I made a grueling nine-day approach. We went over Zingu Top (4150 meters), Sisbang Top (5060 meters) Lalung Dagda, Sherula, crossed the Lingti River at Phipuk, went over Kulia (5880 meters) and Chaksachhala (5260 meters) and back down to the Lingti at 4280 meters. We went upstream and established Base Camp at 4500 meters at the junction of the Lingti and Gyagar Nala. We moved north up the *nala* to place Advance Base at 5000 meters on June 29. On July 1, all seven of us climbed Gyagar by its south ridge. The return to Kaza took us until July 12.

DHIREN PANIA, *Paramount Trekkers, India*

*Phabrang.* A four-member Japanese group led by Shiro Sekimoto climbed Phabrang (6172 meters, 20,250 feet) twice by different routes. On August 8, all four climbed the southeast face and on the 13th they all climbed to the summit again via the east face.

HARISH KAPADIA, *Himalayan Club*

*Indrasan from the North.* After bicycling from Simla to Manali, our approach began on May 8. The conditions for the porters were very difficult because of abnormally deep snow at that season. We placed Base Camp at 4300 meters at the foot of the magnificent north face on May 12. Camp I was installed below the northeast col on May 14. Five climbers had to turn back at 6000 meters on May 15. On May 21, Frenchmen Yves Tedeschi, Eric Gramond, Bruno Prom, Dominique Gleizes, Philippe Renard and I, and Indians Takkur Dass and Liaison Officer S.C. Sharma reached the summit of Indrasan (6221 meters, 20,410 feet) at 12:30 P.M. I descended to Base Camp by paraglider in 15 minutes. During the descent, Gleizes slipped on ice and fell 300 meters, but did not have to be evacuated.

ALAIN ESTÈVE, *Captain, Groupe Militaire de Haute Montagne*

*CB 13.* A Japanese expedition with 11 climbers led by Isao Minami put two teams on the summit of CB 13 (6264 meters, 20,223 feet) via the north ridge. On August 3, Yoshichika Yamada, Yoshio Nakagawa and Hiroyuki Nakamori set out from 6000 meters and got to the summit the next day after a bivouac at 6000 meters. On August 5, leader Minami, Yosuke Minami, Etsuji Kawase, Mayumi Kobayashi and Indian liaison officer Bijai Sagar Shimeshi also climbed to the summit. This was a low-budget, fast ascent with a father-son summit climb. Yosuke Minami at age 16 may be the youngest Japanese to have climbed to the top of a 6000er.