

*P 6666 Attempt.* A Japanese expedition led by Akira Takita was unable to get higher than 5200 meters on the northwest ridge of P 6666 (21,871 feet) because of bad weather. The unclimbed peak lies northeast of the Haramosh La.

*Spantik.* Our expedition was composed of Helga Kircher, Rolf-Christian Reich, Emilie-Ursula Reich, Dr. Wolfgang Bunzl, Ludwig Rohrmeier, Franz Kuhnhauser, Johann Geiss, Reinhard Schönfeld, Eberhart Zindel, Netherlander Gerhard Meerten and me as leader. We approached via Doko, Arandu and the Chogolungma Glacier to reach Base Camp at 4300 meters below the southeast ridge on August 10. We occupied Camps I and II at 5150 and 6100 meters on August 14 and 17. Steep snow below and above Camp II was secured by fixed rope, where the climbers had to have good crampon technique on steep ice. There were flat stretches on the glacier between Camps I and II and on the summit climb, where the snow was deep in places. The summit (7027 meters, 23,055 feet) was reached on August 18 by all except Rohrmeier.

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*Spantik Attempt.* Another group of Germans led by Herbert Streibel failed to reach the summit of Spantik.

*Diran Attempts and Tragedy.* Of the expeditions which went to Diran (7257 meters, 23,810 feet) in 1989, only the Japanese group led by Ken Takahashi was successful. Seven Koreans were led by Chang Su-Jeong. On June 20, Ha Sang-Woen and Lee Su-Hee died in an avalanche and the expedition was given up. Also unsuccessful were Japanese led by Katsumasa Nakamura, Germans under Norbert Nanzel and French under the leadership of Luc Berthaud.

*Diran, North Ridge.* The six-man expedition of the Hirosaki University Alpine Club was led by Ken Takahashi. They climbed the north ridge, which had not been climbed before, although Austrians had descended it in 1985. On July 11, Takahashi, Suzuki, Nobuo Tsutsumi, Masayuki Ando, Hiroshi Hori and Tetsuro Yoshimura reached the summit. There were three parties on the same route and some of the route fixing took place in cooperation with another Japanese party from Toyo University.

*Rakaposhi Attempt.* After arriving at Jaglot on July 24, José Angel Cobo, Perfecto Rodríguez, Francisco José Ruiz, Iñaki Ruiz, Pedro Sánchez and I as leader set out with 18 porters through Barit and Dobar to arrive at Base Camp at 3750 meters on July 27. We attempted the northwest ridge. This was first climbed by a Polish-Pakistani expedition in 1979 and by Netherlanders in 1986. The two routes were different in how they got onto the ridge. Our route was a slight variant of the Netherland route. We placed Camp I at 4700 meters on July