

descended to Base Camp. The three were highly experienced. They were members of the team that made the fantastic 12-summit, 77-kilometer, 15-day traverse from Pik Pobedy to Khan Tengri in the Pamirs in August. In May 1989, Khalitov and Lunyakov completed the entire Kangchenjunga Traverse, and on May 7, 1990, Lunyakov climbed Everest.

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*Manaslu Attempt.* Ron Rutland led six British climbers on an unsuccessful attempt to climb the northeast face of Manaslu. They reached a high point of 6000 meters on December 6 but had to give up in the face of bad weather.

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*Manaslu Solo Winter Attempt, 1991.* Frenchman Eric Monier attempted to climb the normal route on Manaslu in winter. He reached 7950 meters on January 6, 1991 before having to give up the attempt. He realized he had been hallucinating. He had been talking to "people" who had been accompanying him, including a woman who said she was 100,000 years old.

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*Himalchuli West, Winter Ascent.* An expedition of six Koreans was led by Park Dong-Seol. They climbed the southwest ridge. On December 19, Lee Suk-Hwan completed the fourth ascent of the western summit (7540 meters, 24,738 feet) of Himalchuli.

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*Cheo Himal Attempt and Tragedy.* There was an attempt on an unclimbed mountain, a British try on Cheo Himal (6820 meters, 22,375 feet) in the Peri Himal not far from the Manaslu area, a peak which had never been attempted before. This pioneering effort, led by Alan Burgess, reached 6250 meters on the southeast ridge, but then it suddenly ended in tragedy when Dawa Wangchu Sherpa fell 800 meters to his death.

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*Annapurna II Attempt.* An American group of six led by Steven Brimmer attempted to climb the north face of Annapurna II (7937 meters, 26,041 feet). On October 10, they reached a high point of 7200 meters.

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*Annapurna IV Attempts.* Two French expeditions were unable to reach the summit of Annapurna IV (7525 meters, 24,688 feet). A group of twelve led by