Manaslu, Post-Monsoon Northeast Face Ascent and Attempts. An international party of 15 Swiss, an Austrian, an Italian and an American was headed by Bruno Jelk. On October 25, Swiss Mauro Ferrari and Horst Brantschen reached the summit, having climbed the normal northeast-face route. Less successful were Italians led by Oreste Forno who got to 7100 meters on September 28 and again on October 8 and Catalan Spaniards under the leadership of Antoni Llasera who reached 7900 meters on October 6.

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Manaslu, South Face Attempt. An American expedition led by Austin Weiss was composed of John Owen, Craig Dobkin, Clyde Soles, Jim Graham, Mark Kightlinger, Deborah Eads and Mark Selland. Their high point on the south face was 7800 meters, reached on October 22.

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Cheo Himal. The previously untrodden summit of Cheo Himal (6820 meters, 22,375 feet), which is north-northwest of Manaslu, was reached on October 13 by Japanese Shigeki Imoto and Nepalese Tshering Sherpa, Ful Bahadur Rai and Dambar Bahadur Gurung, members of a joint Japanese and Nepalese Police Force expedition, led by Japanese Masanobu Okazaki and Nepalese Gupta Bahadur Rana. Their route above Advance Base began on the south face of Himlung Himal on the lower part of the route which the Japanese had used when they made the first ascent of Himlung Himal in 1983. Camps I and II were established at 4800 and 5580 meters on September 22 and 30 on that face, despite serious rockfall. They then traversed a snowfield to the east to place Camps III and IV at 5800 and 6400 meters on the southeast ridge of Cheo Himal. The summit was reached by four of the nine who set out on a long summit day.

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Himlung Himal Winter Attempt. British climbers led by Richard Emerson attempted to climb Himlung Himal (7126 meters, 23,379 feet) by a western spur to gain the south ridge. They were able to get to 6050 meters on December 19.

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Kang Guru. Our expedition was composed of Domenico Bidese, Imerio Dal Santo, Paolo Ghitti, Fiorenzo Pagiusco and me as leader. On October 4, we established Base Camp at Meta, a deserted village at 3600 meters at the foot of the mountain. We placed Camp I on the 7th at 4900 meters below a rock wall which seals off the valley. On October 12, we climbed the wall up a steep couloir to place Camp II at 5600 meters. Camp III was set up at 6100 meters at the foot of the northwest ridge on October 20. On October 21, Bidese, Ghitti, Pagiusco,