

meters and is five kilometers long. Much of the ice is of 60° and some is vertical. Meanwhile, G. and T. Corbellini, M. Melacarne, D. Saettone and A. Zucchetti climbed the normal west ridge. A Spanish team under the leadership of Pere Gelis was also successful, but details are lacking. A French expedition led by Philippe Allibert failed.

*Diran Attempt.* Pole Aleksander Lwow, Americans Randy Rhodes, Ken Nolan, Steve Truitt, Clay McGann and I as leader attempted the standard west-ridge route on Diran. Extreme avalanche danger on the north face which led to the ridge prevented our climbing it. We had only three weeks for the ascent and ran out of time. We established Camp I at 5800 meters on the north face. We then climbed to 5950 meters but snow conditions prevented further progress. The face was a nightmare of avalanche conditions because of its northern exposure, huge size and ice séracs despite an angle of only 40°.

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*Distaghil Sar Attempt.* Our members were Jean-François Lassalle, Jean-Claude Lefèbvre, Christophe Lefèbvre, Christian Mathieu and I as leader. We had hoped to climb Distaghil Sar (7885 meters, 25,870 feet) by its south face. We approached from Hispar via the Hispar and Distaghil Sar Glaciers. Base Camp and Camp I at 4200 and 4700 meters were set up on June 12 and 15. The latter was an hour from the foot of the face, reached after a very crevassed section. Much snow fell from June 17 to 24. A depot we had placed at 5800 meters was carried away by an avalanche on June 27. That was our high point. There are many dangerous séracs on the face and objective danger.

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*Momhil Sar Attempt.* Our expedition, which attempted to climb Momhil Sar (7342 meters, 24,088 feet) by the northeast ridge, was composed of Michael Wärthl, leader, Volker Kron, Uli Schneider, Heiner Dehn, Dr. Alexandra Rothkopf, and me. We left Passu with 36 porters on June 29 and got to Base Camp at 4000 meters on July 2. We established Camps I and II at 4800 and 5600 meters on July 4 and 9. The route to Camp I was mostly easy glacier-walking. On the way to Camp II we fixed 150 meters of rope on easy mixed ice-and-rock climbing. On July 17, we reached a highpoint of 6200 meters. The attempt was unsuccessful because of bad weather conditions the whole time and avalanche danger.

TOM DAUER, *Deutscher Alpenverein*

*Trivor Ascent and Momhil Sar Attempt.* Masahiko Miyoshi, Morikatsu Hashimoto, Hidetoshi Nakama, Masahiro Izawa, Atsushi Endo, Hiroshi Kobayashi, Nabuaki Tuchizawa and I as leader reached Base Camp at 4300 meters on the Momhil Glacier on July 27. We continued up the broken glacier to Advance