

*P 6180, Mustang Himal and Source of the Kali Gandaki.* Austrian Helmut Burisch and I followed up the Kali Gandaki to where it forks near the Tibetan border. The bigger branch flowed from the northwest from the heart of the Mustang Himal. It obviously flowed from the five glaciers that clothe the slopes of the holy mountain, Dongmar. We followed the stream for two days to where at 5500 meters it emerged in an amphitheater from the glaciers. In 1953, Herbert Tichy had climbed Dongmar (6210 meters, 20,374 feet, now usually called Kangdungmar). We climbed P 6180 (20,276 feet), which lies west of Lo Mantang, the medieval-like capital of Mustang. Local people told us the mountain was called Kang Gongola.

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*Kangdungmar.* An Italian expedition visited the Kingdom of Mustang and climbed in the Thingar region. Their objective was the highest mountain in the region, Kangdungmar. [The first ascent had been made in 1953 by Austrian Herbert Tichy.] On August 13, Mauro Dell'Amico and Andrea Zini climbed the mountain via the east ridge despite unsettled weather. Other members of the party were Andrea Cocconi, Giuliana Iott, Mauro Sant and Marco Zuccardi.

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*Saipal Attempt.* Our members were Frank Evans, Matthew Heffer, John Holland, Caroline Purkhardt, Julia Wood and I as leader. We had hoped to climb Saipal (7031 meters, 23,068 feet) by a new route, approaching from Surkhet in 18 days up the Karnali River system. We finally reached the Kuwari Khola and established Base Camp below the east face of Saipal at 3650 meters on April 26. We made Advance Base at 3850 meters in the middle of the glacier below two large icefalls separated by a rock buttress. Avalanches and rockfall ruled out any direct assault on the face. We circumvented the right icefall to the north and camped at 4800 meters, but attempts to reach the north ridge via its northeast spur were unfruitful. We descended into Humla and climbed avalanche-prone slopes to camp at 5200 meters. Our final effort was to climb to 5700 meters on the northeast spur. While descending from this camp, Nuru Sherpa fell and broke his ankle. A marathon journey was made over the Chote Lagna (4700 meters) to Simikot to order a helicopter, which evacuated him on May 21. We left our Base Camp on May 26, traveled through upper Humla and completed the loop by trekking from Simikot to Jumla via Rara Lake.

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*Api Attempt.* A five-member British expedition led by Robert Brown was unable to complete the climb of the south face of Api (7132 meters, 23,399 feet), reaching only 6000 meters on October 10.

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