

clear but frigid weather, we climbed to the summit to complete the 39th ascent of Manaslu. We were back in Base Camp by mid-morning on May 3. Rather than to return by the approach route in the Buri Gandaki, we crossed the Larkya La to join the Annapurna trekking route to Pokhara, thus completing the circuit of Manaslu.

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*Manaslu Ascents, Tragedy and Attempts.* An expedition of 11 Italians led by Paolo Paglino managed to put Silvio Modinelli on the summit via the south face on October 13. Austrian Josef Inhöger, leader of eight Austrians and two Germans, succeeded in getting to the summit solo on October 15 via the northeast face. A Russian party of eight led by Valeri Karpenko was also on the northeast face. On October 19, Vladimir Lopatnikov climbed to the summit, followed on the 21st by Igor Khmiliar and Mrs Ekaterina Ivanova. Tragically, two members of the group died: Khmiliar, who was blown off his feet on his summit day and fell, and Sergei Jadrchnikov, who was smothered in an avalanche on October 22. An expedition of five Germans and an Austrian led by Heinz Schauer was not able to get higher than 7300 meters on the northeast face, which they reached on October 6.

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*Kang Guru.* A Japanese expedition led by Kiyoshi Washizu made the 14th ascent of Kang Guru (6981 meters, 22,904 feet) by the normal west ridge. They placed Base Camp, Advance Base, Camps I and II at 3800, 4600, 5600 and 6020 meters on March 25 and 30 and April 2 and 6. They fixed 13 pitches with rope above Camp II to reach the west ridge. On April 14, Masake Koike, Koichi Nagamori, Sarki Nurbu Lama Sherpa climbed to the summit, followed on the 16th by leader Washizu, Kazuhiko Ogawa, Eiichi Hitomi and Pasang Sherpa.

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*Annapurna IV Attempt.* A 13-member British team hoped to climb Annapurna IV (7525 meters, 24,688 feet) by the northwest ridge. They had to turn back at 7400 meters on November 20. The leader was Robin Roy Hamer.

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*Annapurna and Dhaulagiri Climbed by Tibetans.* On standard routes were the first Tibetans and first of any Chinese, on a climbing venture outside China. Their team, called the "China Tibetan Expedition to the 14 Mountains above 8000 Meters in the World," commenced its program to put Tibetans on the summits of all the 8000ers by the year 2002 by going first to Annapurna and then to nearby Dhaulagiri. Led from Base Camp by a 1975 Everest summitter,