

afflicted again by mountain sickness. Desperate efforts by Hall and others, who moved down to Camp II, were in vain and the next day, Ball expired. This points out clearly that he made no use of his serious K2 experience. Climbers, knowing that they are sensitive to the effects of high altitude should never attempt the very highest peaks again.

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*Churen Himal Attempt.* An expedition of nine Italians led by Adriano Favre attempted to climb Churen Himal (7371 meters, 24,183 feet) by the west ridge from the south. They reached a high point of 6600 meters on October 29.

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*Tripura Hiunchuli II.* The members of our expedition were Mariano Diaz, Vincent Devlamynck, Francis Parrot, Olivier Pohl, Michel Lentz, Juany Pérez, Didier Demesy and I as leader. We approached via Jumla in western Nepal. We set out with 35 porters and on the recommendation of a local installed our first Base Camp at the foot of Dudu Kundare. Since we were not in a good valley, we set up a new Base Camp six days later up the Jagdula Khola, which we had to cross twice by Tirolean traverse. On October 5, we placed Advance Base on the glacier at 4600 meters. The next day, Demesy and I set up Camp I at 5230 meters, having found deep and unstable snow. We two placed Camp II on October 7 at 5450 meters after climbing for 5½ hours. On October 8, we two continued up the southwest ridge to complete the first ascent of this summit. (The main peak is 6553 meters or 21,499 feet. This summit is the second of four along the southeast ridge, probably about 6450 meters high.—*Editor.*)

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*P 6455, Palchung Hamga Himal.* We had received permission to climb Kanjiroba by its northern side. However, because of the difficulty of the approach up the Langu Khola, this proved to be impossible. Instead, Dr. Fritz Mross, Dr. Helga and Helmut Schempp, Dr. Gudrun Scharifi and I crossed the Dolphu Kang to the settlement of Dalphu, ascended the Chhapa Khola to Phopagaon eventually to the Dunai airstrip. In the Palchung Hamga Himal, we made the first ascent of P 6455 (21,178 feet; 29°41'22" N, 82°52'27" E) with Base Camp at 5000 meters and Camp I at 5400 meters. We climbed the corniced ice ridge which rose up to 50°. Travel is difficult in this area. We had to climb over ten passes of 5200 to 5700 meters. Every day, we had at least one difficult section where we had to build a bridge or climb with UIAA III difficulty.

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