

*Diran Tragedy.* The leader Francesc Xavier Socias and José Marmol of a 9-man expedition from Mallorca, Spain were killed in an accident on Diran. Details are not available at this time.

*Diran.* A British expedition led by Flight Sergeant William Batson of the Mountain Rescue Team of the Royal Air Force is said to have put three members onto the summit. Details are lacking.

*Koz Sar Attempt.* Our party consisted of Peter Williams, Declan MacMahan, Steve Richardson, Ivan Wolton and me as leader. We hoped to make the first ascent of Koz Sar (6677 meters, 21,875 feet) at the western end of the Karakoram. Being close to Afghanistan, the area was reopened in 1991 after 40 years as a closed zone. After two weeks of acclimatization, we established Base Camp at 3700 meters at the foot of the south ridge on June 6. We followed easy ground up a moraine to Advance Base at 4450 meters. On June 10, we placed Camp I in a snow hole at 5000 meters after climbing a safe route up a small glacier. From here, the main difficulties began with a 900-meter-high face between us and the crest of the south ridge. Despite bad weather, we fixed rope to 5800 meters and hoped to establish Camp II. However, the freezing level was rising and snow conditions were deteriorating. The team was becoming tired and on July 14, the last day of the permit, an attempt to establish Camp II turned into a gear-stripping session and a final withdrawal to Base Camp.

ANDREW CREIGH, *Anglo-Irish Koz Sar Expedition*

*Nanga Parbat Attempt.* Ours was the first official expedition from what was East Germany to attempt an 8000-meter peak. We attempted to make the third ascent of the Buhl route on the Rakhiot side of Nanga Parbat. Base Camp was established on May 19 at 3950 meters. We made good use of skis. We employed no high-altitude porters. After placing Camp I at 4480 meters on May 25, bad weather prevented our occupying Camp II at 5300 meters on June 5. Camp III was made at 6150 meters on June 11. A few days later, Jörg Ehrlich fell into a crevasse and broke his right arm. Gunnar Kind injured his knee badly skiing. That left only Jörg Leopold and me to put up Camp IV near Rakhiot Peak on July 3. We two reached a high point of 6750 meters on July 5.

CHRISTIAN WALTER, *Alpinclub Sachsen, Germany*

*Nanga Parbat.* Five Spaniards climbed Nanga Parbat by the Kinshofer route on the Diamir side. After arriving at Base Camp on June 6, they established four high camps. On July 7, leader Pablo Barrenetxea and José Luis Clavel left Camp IV at 7300 meters at one A.M. and climbed to the summit, which they reached at 12:30 P.M.