

out alone and reached the summit at 6:30 P.M. Ms. Daniela Docheva was the fifth member of the party.

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*Nanga Parbat.* Our expedition was composed of Ichiro Hosoda, Yosuke Kurita, Shinji Chiba, Hideki Omiya, Toshiyuki Kitamura, Yasuhiko Mochizuki, Tsuyoshi Kokubo and me as leader. We took four days from Bunal to reach on July 26 the foot of the Diamir face. We placed Camps I, II and III at 5000, 6000 and 6600 meters on July 27, 31 and August 7. On August 14, Mochizuki and Chiba traversed the snow plateau and established Camp IV at 7200 meters. Because of bad weather, they remained at Camp IV on the 15th, but they left at midnight. Chiba had to quit after two hours and returned to camp. Mochizuki kept on, climbed a gully in the west face of the summit cone and got to the top at four P.M. of the 16th. He started down at once but, overtaken by darkness and fearing crevasses, he bivouacked in a small crevasse without sleeping bag, tent or stove. At six A.M., he was at Camp IV. He and Chiba descended to Camp II and, with others, to Base Camp the next day.

TADAKIYO SAKAHARA, *Japanese Teachers' Expedition*

*Nanga Parbat.* Our international expedition was a commercial but not a guided one. We ascended a variation of the Kinshofer route, climbing the snow couloir to the right of the normal arête. We were Frenchman Yves Durieux, German Rüdiger Schleypen, Briton Adrian Dubois, Poles Mirosław Konewka, Bogdan Stefko and I as leader. We reached Base Camp on August 8. Stefko and I climbed to the summit on August 24 in cold windy conditions. We had left Camp IV at one A.M., reached the top at 11:30 A.M. and returned to Camp IV at three P.M. Schleypen and Konewka left Camp IV early on August 27, bivouacked at 8000 meters in good weather and continued to the summit on the morning of the 28th. They were back in Camp IV at five P.M. Durieux and Dubois curtailed their attempt on August 31 at 7300 meters. The expedition went well despite the Chilas who tried hard to live up to their atrocious reputation. At 56, Schleypen became the oldest person to climb Nanga Parbat. It is his sixth 8000er.

RYSZARD PAWŁOWSKI, *Himalayan Guides, Pole living in Scotland*

*Akher Chioh Attempt and Tragedy, Eastern Hindu Kush.* My wife Anita Burkhardt-Fendt, Klaus Cramer, Christine Wieloch, Dr. Klaus Schönwald, Edeltraut Schönwald and I as leader hoped to make the fourth ascent of Akher Chioh (7020 meters, 23,032 feet). The mountain was first climbed by Austrians from Pakistan in 1966. The next two ascents were made from Afghanistan. From Chitral, we jeeped to Uzhnu in the Thurko valley. With 25 porters, we made the three-day approach up the Uzhnu Gol, via Palut Gari and Wakhikan