

*Annapurna III Attempt and Tragedy.* A Slovene expedition led by Boris Strmšek attempted a new route on the southwest face of Annapurna III (7555 meters, 24,787 feet). They placed Base Camp, Camps I, II and III at 4050, 5100, 5750 and 6600 meters. On October 14, Beno Dolinšek set out for the summit solo. Bad weather forced him to turn back at 7000 meters. He disappeared during the descent and the expedition was abandoned.

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*Annapurna III Attempt.* Four Spaniards led by César Gregorio attempted to climb Annapurna III by its southwest face. They had to turn back at 5400 meters on October 6.

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*Tharpu Chuli (Tent Peak) Ascent and Tragedy.* Japanese Kentaro Yamao and partner climbed Tharpu Chuli (5663 meters, 18,580 feet) on May 2, but on the descent, when they had reached 4700 meters, the former fell to his death.

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*Tarke Kang.* On October 15, Sepp Hirtreiter, Rolf Thorenz, Andi Kern, Bernhard Hron, Alban Griesmair, Christoph Markowski and I got to the Gangapurna Base Camp at 4800 meters. On the 17th, we began carrying loads to establish two camps on the north face of Tarke Kang (Glacier Dome) without the help of high-altitude porters. Unfortunately, Markowski fell ill and had to descend to the valley. We other five established Camps I and II at 5600 and 6300 meters. Then, Griesmair became sick and had to retire to Base Camp. On October 22, four set out for the summit from Camp II. Germans Hirtreiter and Thorenz reached the summit (7193 meters, 23,600 feet) but Austrians Kern and Hron had to turn back an hour below the top because they were suffering from the altitude. Having regained his health, Markowski came back and with a Sherpa made two unsuccessful summit tries.

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*Annapurna Summer Attempt.* A Japanese expedition of five led by Ichiro Hosoda attempted to climb Annapurna's north face by the Dutch Rib but had to give up at 5840 meters on August 10 after two camps were destroyed by avalanches during the three weeks they were on the mountain. No one was injured.

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