

conditions before returning to ABC. Following a two-day delay due to bad weather, there remained sufficient supplies to allow only two climbers to attempt the Northwest Ridge. On October 1 Malcom Bass and Julian Clamp commenced the summit attempt, accompanied by two other climbers to assist in load carrying to Meade's Col. The next day, the two-man team continued up easy snow slopes of Meade's Col and climbed four pitches of mixed ground (Scottish Grade II/III) to gain the ridge proper. An exposed camp was placed on the ridge at the base of a prominent granite buttress. In the face of very high winds and unusually cold temperatures, which made open bivouacs impossible, the climbers felt that they would not be able to move fast enough to reach the summit and return with their remaining two days of food and gas. They therefore decided to retreat from the camp at around 6400 meters.

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*Chaukhamba II Attempt.* A Korean expedition led by Jai Young Jeon attempted the northeast ridge of Chaukhamba II, situated at the head of the Gangotri Glacier. All members reached C3 but continuous bad weather from September 18-20 exhausted them at the high camp and they had to return.

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*Mana Northwest, Southwest Ridge.* An Indo-Japanese Expedition (Indo-Tibet Border Police and Himalayan Association of Japan), led by S. D. Sharma and Hideyuki Uematsu, climbed Mana Northwest (7092m) in August. Summit was reached on August 18 and August 20 from the southwest ridge by S.D. Sharma, Prem Singh, T. Samnla, Kulwant Singh, (Indians), Tomoyas Ishikawa and H. Uermatsu (Japanese). The expedition started from Delhi on July 24. They approached from Badrinath and Mana villages. On August 18 two Indians and two Japanese mountaineers reached the summit of this virgin peak from the southwest ridge. On August 20 two more climbers reached the summit.

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*Mana, Northwest Ridge.* An Indo-Tibet Border Police team, led by Mohinder Singh, started on the August 12 for Mana (7272 meters). Basecamp was established at Vasudhara Tal on August 12. Following the East Kamet Glacier, camps were established at 5100 meters, 5600 meters