

we put our boots on, grabbed axes, and staggered up the bump in the ridge to where we could see. No sign of them. Instead the slope was covered in a mass of car-sized blocks of ice, with a line of footprints above and below. Their fate was clear. The light faded as we stood in dumb witness to this icy grave of our friends. If mountaineers must die in action, this wild spot would be a fitting place for burial. The three survivors were then trapped at the camp by two further days of snowfall before they were able to return to Base Camp.

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*P 6400 and P 5900 Ascents, and Bublimotin Attempt.* Americans Lois Remington, Tim Dolan, Doug Lubes, and Scott Burch, after receiving permission from Pakistani authorities in Gilgit, established Base Camp at 3950 meters under P 6400 in the Chapchinal group south of Kunjerab Pass. After two high camps, all four climbed on unconsolidated snow and 60° ice to reach the summit on October 31, 1994, via the southwest ridge. They descended via the south face. The next day, Burch climbed Peak 5900 via its southeast ridge. Remington and Burch returned to Hunza in mid-November to climb Bublimotin from the Hasanabad Glacier. They were unsuccessful due to much new snow and dangerous avalanche conditions.

SCOTT BURCH, *unaffiliated*

*Istoronal, Southwest Ridge.* Reinhold Stauber led a nine-member Austrian expedition on the second ascent of Istoronal (7403 meters) via the southwest ridge, reaching the summit on July 19 at 10:15 a.m. The team experienced mixed climbing with the crux between Camp 1 (5400 meters) and Camp 2 (6400 meters) where fixed ropes were used due to loose rocks. The rest was mixed (55°). The expedition made Base Camp at 4500 meters, Camp 1 at 5400 meters, Camp 2 at 6200 meters, and Camp 3 at 7000 meters. Other members were Dr. Haymo Uhl, Hans Matweber, Guenther Pischelsberger, Karl Tortschanoff, Alois Stueckler and Mrs. Gudrun Stauber.

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*Tirich Mir, Ascents and Tragedy.* On June 14 the three Japanese members of the "Barbarian Club Tirich Mir Expedition" led by Ayumi Nozawai arrived at Base Camp (4800 meters). Despite an initial period of unsettled weather they climbed in a lightweight semi-alpine style, establishing caches of food and equipment at 5500 meters, 6200 meters and 6600 meters before