

(33), made two attempts on the ridge, reaching Camp II at 6100 meters. The Koreans representing the Myung Ji University Club (Park Kwang In, 26, and Kim Min Sik, 25) showed remarkable resilience in attempting the peak, which was attempted by four expeditions this year, three of which were from Japan.

The group reached Base Camp (4800 m) on September 16 and took 10 days to establish Camp I (5600 meters) on a rock slope Seo graded as UIAA Grade IV that had frequent rock fall. The group made Camp II (6100 meters) on October 1. The climbing offered mixed climbing starting at 6000 meters.

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*Ultrar Sar, Attempt.* Masami Hasegawa, whose husband Tsuneo Hasegawa died on Ultrar Sar in an avalanche in 1991, attempted the 7388-meter peak via the southwest face, the same route that claimed her husband. It is unclear how high she reached. She made her attempt in the autumn.

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*Bublimotin (a.k.a. Lady's Finger), Southwest Face.* Members Yasushi Yamanoi (leader), Daisaku Nakagaki, and Taeko Nagao arrived at the foot of southwest face on August 12, 1995, with great baggage, after a long and dangerous approach. We started to climb on August 13 and climbing capsule-style reached the summit of Lady's Finger on August 24. It took 12 days including one rest day because of snow. The wall's height is 800 meters. We rated the route 5.10 A3+. We brought two 11 mm, 50-meter ropes, two 10 mm 50-meter ropes, three sets of Friends, three sets of nuts, 50 pitons, 12 days food and 60 liters of water.

YASUSHI YAMANOI, *Japan*

*Rakaposhi, Northwest Ridge.* As part of a six-man Colombian expedition, Anibal Pirvada climbed Rakaposhi (7788 m), summiting August 3, after climbing the northwest ridge, previously climbed in 1986 by a team from Holland. This might be the eighth ascent of the mountain.

VOLKER STALLBOHM, *Columbia*

*Diran Peak, South Face, Attempt and Ascent.* Shigero Aoki led a 15-member team that attempted the south face of Diran Peak (7257 m). The face proved unclimbable due to bad weather and constant avalanches. Two members, Iguchi and Hiruta, were able to reach 6700 meters but high winds and insufficient time made them return to safety on July 31. The group made Base Camp at 3200 meters, Camp I at 4100 meters, Camp II at 5000 meters, and Camp III at 5800 meters.

Earlier, two Japanese from another expedition, Iwasaki and Suzuki, reached the summit during a break in the weather on July 27.

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*Disteghil Sar, Attempt and Tragedy.* It was reported that two Britons and a New Zealander died in an avalanche high on the 25,869-foot Disteghil Sar in August. A Pakistani official in the northern town of Gilgit said the climbers, whom he identified as Stephen Thornley, 25, and Andrew Boas, 24, both British, and Christopher Hoare, a New Zealander, had died on August 12 in the Shamshal Valley on the 25,869-foot peak. Three other climbers from the same expedition, all New Zealanders, set off by road from Gilgit for Islamabad after the accident. The six men arrived