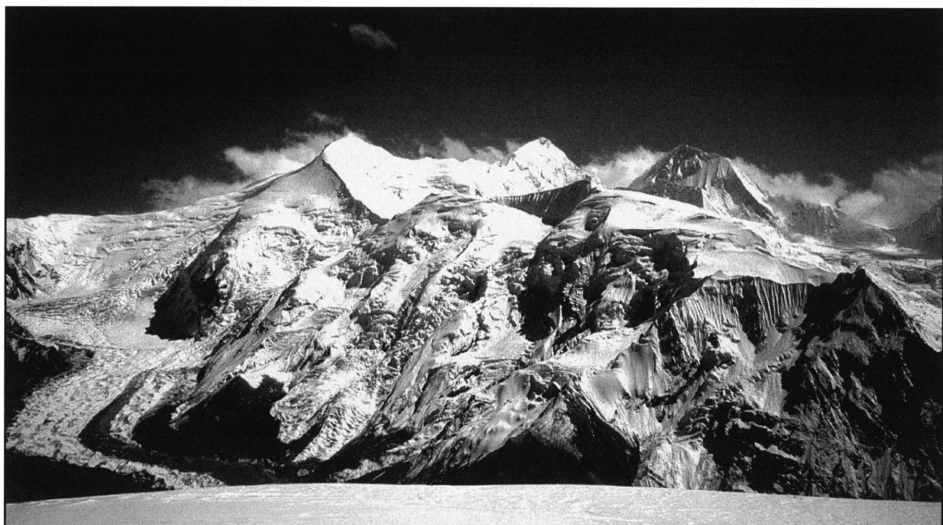


hardest section of the climb. Following Ringi, Bull and Cooper reached the summit, a feat repeated on September 28 by Lind, Pemba Sherpa and Tom Wedgwood. A helicopter rescue was initiated to save Lind, who back at BC found that he had developed frostbite in one foot. The journey back to Hurikot followed a route to the west of the Jagdula that crossed two high passes, including the last col in the ridge that runs southeast from Milch Berg (Palta Thumba, 6126m), and traversed a series of high plateaus well above the gorge before following a long gully down to the main valley. (*High Mountain Sports* 212)

*Kangtokla, First Official Ascent.* Kangtokla (6294m) was one of the ten peaks opened to foreign expeditions in 1998. Miguel Angel Videl led a four-member Spanish team that made the first official ascent of the peak via the southeast ridge. The summit was reached on October 11. (*High Mountain Sports* 212)

*Raksha Urai, Attempt.* Hubert Fitzwallner led an Austro-German expedition that on October 20 reached a high point of just under 6000 meters on one of the summits of Rakshi Urai. The team climbed the east ridge to the east face in their attempt. (*High Mountain Sports* 212)

*Himlung, Attempt.* The members of the expedition were Götz Wiegand (leader), Frank Meutzner, Olaf Zill, Matthias Braun, Tilo Bähr and myself. We started our expedition in September. Before starting out to attempt Himlung, we met Miss Elizabeth Hawley in Kathmandu. We have heard about the fact that Himlung was quite hard to find. It seemed that other expedition teams would possibly be there, too. But the information we received was very poor and conflicting. The biggest problem for us was that everything we heard about Himlung could possibly refer to Nemjung, located close to Himlung. So we collected all the available information and started for Base Camp at the foot of Himlung, Gyachikang and Nemjung. This BC was used by a Japanese expedition in 1992.



Left to right: Himlung, Gyachikang and Nemjung I as seen from the summit of the 5800-meter peak climbed by the German Himlung expedition. The team attempted the ridge on Himlung that runs up from right to left. ANGELA HAMPEL