The highest mountains 1968–77
D. F. O. Dangar

This table of summits over 23,000ft climbed during the years 1968–77 is a continuation of previous lists published in the *AI*. Heights in the *AI* are now given in metres, thus coming into line with Continental practice. The nearest round figure in metres to 23,000ft is 7010m = 22,999ft.

References to the ascents listed below can be found, with a few exceptions, in the *Alpine Journal* or the *Himalayan Journal*, the 2 sources most readily available to British readers.

More than 150 of these great mountains have now been climbed but there still remain in the Himalaya and Karakoram more than 100 virgin summits over 7010m in height.

Notification of any errors or omissions in this list will be gratefully received.

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1971

May 18

DHAULAGIRI II, 7751m.
Dhaulagiri Himal.
A. Huber, R. Fear, A. Weissensteiner, Sherpa Jangbu.

July 11

NANGA PARBAT VORGIPFEL, 7910m and Pt 7530m (above Silbersattel), Kashmir.
J. Psotka, A. Puskaš, I. Urbanovic.

Aug. 23

MALUBITING WEST, 7453m. Karakoram.

Aug. 26

KHINYANG CHHISH, 7852m. Karakoram.

1973

May 14

YALUNG KANG
(Kangchenjunga West Peak), 8433m. Sikkim-Nepal.
Y. Ageta, T. Matsuda.

June 6

SASER KANGRI, 7672m.
Karakoram.

Oct. 20

DHAULAGIRI III, 7715m. Dhaulagiri Himal.
G. Haberl, H. Saler, K. Schreckenbach.

1974

April 29

ANnapurnA EAST, 8026m. Annapurna Himal.
J.-M. Anglada, E. Civis, J. Pons.

May 23

SHARTSE (Junction Peak), 7502m. Everest group.
K. Diemberger, H. Warth.

May 26

KANGBACHEN, 7902m. Kangchenjunga group.
W. Branski, W. Klaput, M. Malatynski, K. Olech, Z. Rubinowski.

July 21

PASU PEAK (Shisparé), 7619m. Karakoram.

July 21

GHENITA PEAK, 7090m. Karakoram.
J. Kurczab.

July 30

TIRICH WEST III, 7699m. Hindu Kush.
M.-F. Amy, M. Breuil, G. Pistillo reached the summit 2 days later.

Aug. 16

TIRICH WEST II, 7500m. Hindu Kush.
G. Machetto, G. Re.

Aug. 30

K12, 7468m. Karakoram.
T. Ito, S. Tagachi

1975

May 1

DHAULAGIRI V, 7618m.
Dhaulagiri Himal.
M. Morioka, Pemba Tsering.

May 9

DHAULAGIRI IV, 7661m.
Dhaulagiri Himal.
S. Kawazu, E. Yusuda.

June 14

KAMPIR DIOR, 7143m.
Karakoram.
Y. Hayashi, S. Mori, K. Takami, Y. Teranishi.

July 28

BROAD PEAK (Central summit), c 8000m Karakoram.
K. Glazek, M. Kesicki, J. Kulis, B. Nowaczyk, A. Sikorski.

Aug. 2

CHOGOLISA (SW summit), 7654m. Karakoram.
A. Furtner and H. Sturm
reached the summit 2 days later.

Aug. 2 MALUBITING CENTRAL, 7260m. Karakoram.

Aug. 4 URDOK I, c 7300m. Karakoram.

Aug. 11 GASHERBRUM III, 7952m. Karakoram

Aug. 12 TERAM KANGRI, 7463m. Karakoram.
K. Kodaka, Y. Kobayashi.

1976

June 30 BATURA MUSTAGH I, 7785m. Karakoram.
H. Bleicher, H. Oberhofer

Aug. 7 APSARASAS I, 7245m. Karakoram.
Japanese expedition.

Aug. 8 SINGHI 7141m. Karakoram.

Aug. 10 SHERPI KANGRI, 7303m. Karakoram.
T. Inoue, T. Ogata.

Aug. 11 SKYANG KANGRI, 7544m. Karakoram.
Y. Fujiohji, H. Najata.

1977
July 13 OGRE (Baintha Blakk), 7285m. Karakoram.
C. J. S. Bonington, D. Scott.

Aug. 10 UDREN ZOM (Central), 7078m. Hindu Kush.
Japanese expedition.

Aug. 28 LATOK II, 7110m. Karakoram.
E. Alimonta, T. Mase, R. Valentini.

June or July KOH-e-SHAN, 7010m.
Hindu Kush.
Czech expedition.

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1966

Aug. 10 AKHER CHIOH, 7020m.
Hindu Kush.
R. Goschl, H. Schell.

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Turner—Promethean of Alpine painting
Walter Amstutz

Where there is fear there is little love, and so it is with mountains. Until the Middle Ages, and even beyond, man was in awe of them and lacked any desire to depict them.

Even Johann Jakob Scheuchzer, the great Swiss naturalist of the 18th Century, still believed in dragons hiding in mountain caves. Crossing the Alps in the 1740s, the eccentric Horace Walpole described his experience succinctly in staccato style: 'Precipices, mountains, torrents, wolves, rumblings—Salvator Rosa'; and then he added: 'I hope I shall never see them again.' Samuel Johnson, another man of fame from that epoch, defined a mountain in his Dictionary of the English Language (1755) as 'a vast bulk of earth', all of which is far removed from serenity and beauty.

It needed another great mind, that of Albrecht von Haller, Bernese poet-physician-scientist and precursor of Rousseau, to overcome established opinions. His lyrical poem Die Alpen, which appeared in 1729 and was translated into some 30