

*Ama Dablam Picture Correction.* The Editor regrets that the Frontispiece of the A.A.J., 1983, showing Ama Dablam, was printed backwards.

*Ama Dablam, East Ridge.* Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Club Alpin Belge, a joint Belgian-Swiss expedition climbed the previously unascended east ridge of Ama Dablam. Base Camp was at 17,225 feet. Camp I was on the glacier at 18,050 feet and Camps II, III and IV at 18,700, 20,500 and 20,675 feet on the east ridge. On April 22 Belgian Alain Hubert and Swiss André Georges set out from Camp IV for the summit. Ice mushrooms made route-finding difficult. On the second day Georges fell several dozen meters, losing his ice-axe and rucksack. They had bad weather and heavy snow. They bivouacked four times. On April 26 they reached the summit (6812 meters, 22,350 feet), exhausted and hungry. They descended the south ridge. The expedition was led by Nadine Hubert, mother of one of the summit pair and four other married siblings.

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*Ama Dablam.* Our expedition was composed of Hans Penz, Dr. Theo Lyubanowitsch, Stefan Krismer, Gernot Pollhammer and me as leader. We placed Base Camp on the edge of the moraine below the west face of Ama Dablam at 14,925 feet. On April 4 we set up Camp I at 16,550 feet and on April 6, Camp II at 18,700 feet at the beginning of the southwest ridge (the most usual route). On April 8 we fixed rope on the jagged granite ridge to where it rises steeply toward the summit. Camp III was placed on April 11 on the prominent black tower at 19,700 feet. After several days of snowfall, Krismer and I reached the summit on April 21 at 7:30 P.M. in glorious weather and with good ice. We used fixed ropes from previous parties. We bivouacked on top in a snow cave during a cold, starry night. This was the first Austrian ascent, the ninth successful expedition and the 21st rope to reach the top. Unfortunately the cold, lack of oxygen and liquids and too tight boots gave me third-degree frostbite and I have lost seven toes.

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*Ama Dablam, Ascent and Tragedy.* Our expedition was led by Guido Bumann and I was the climbing leader. Other members were Ruth Beck, Lieselotte Schmidt, Maya Senn, Heidi Cadisch, Christoph Jetzler, Fritz Maurer, Max Wettstein, Christoph Häuter, Supersaxo Beat, Jean-Pierre Wagnières, Jean-Pierre Cuerel, Jörg Kindschi, Hans-Peter Reiss, Rudolf Julier and Stephan Welz. From October 22 to 27, fifteen Swiss and sirdar Ang Kami reached the summit. We made the fourth ascent of the north ridge, fixing rope along nearly the whole ridge and pitching two camps, Camp I at 19,350 feet on October 16 and Camp II at 20,675 feet on the 19th. On October 22 the first four reached the summit. In the following five days, eleven more climbers got to the top. Of the