

it had started. Lugging heavy packs, we negotiated the collapsed section, climbing vertical steps where there had been none and ambling past horizontal ladders which had previously been vertical. It was dark before we stumbled into Base Camp, exhausted.

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*Everest.* A Korean expedition led by Hahm Tak-Young successfully climbed Everest by the South Col. Heo Young-Ho and Ang Rita Sherpa reached the summit on December 22. Heo used oxygen while sleeping at Camp IV on the South Col, where he spent three nights, and above while climbing and bivouacking, but Ang Rita used none at any time. They left Camp IV at half past midnight and arrived on the summit at 2:20 P.M., having had trouble finding the route past numerous crevasses. They began their descent at three P.M. and near the south summit made an unprepared bivouac. Heo had fallen 15 meters down the east face when a cornice collapsed under him. He was unhurt. He and Ang Rita were roped and the Sherpa held the fall. They were only slightly frostbitten. This was Ang Rita's fourth ascent of Everest, making him the second man atop Everest four times (following Sundare Sherpa). He claims to have made all ascents without artificial oxygen. This would make him the first to make four ascents without bottled oxygen, including the only winter ascent without it.

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*Nuptse Attempt.* On October 10, after four bivouacs, the two members, Italians Enrico Rosso and Fabrizio Manoni, reached 6700 meters on the south spur of Nuptse, previously attempted twice by Jeff Lowe. They abandoned the climb because of bad snow conditions.

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*Nuptse Attempt.* Like the Italian team this season, Americans Rob Newsom and his companion wanted to climb the south spur of Nuptse, attempted previously by Jeff Lowe. This pair never even got onto the spur. They waited for the Italians to finish their attempt and acclimatized themselves. Then they went to the base of the south face on October 12. They got no higher than 400 meters above Base Camp at 5640 meters that day and turned back when they saw a storm approaching. They thought they would have to wait only a couple of days for improved weather but the big blizzard buried their gear at Base Camp and left unconsolidated powder snow. The climb was over.

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*Pumori Attempt.* The two Dutch climbing members, leader Joost Pielage and Bart Jordans, never really got onto the mountain in their attempt on the east