

summit of Shisha Pangma. On Cho Oyu we climbed the normal route with camps at 6500 and 7100 meters. These were set up on "acclimatization sorties." On Shisha Pangma, we climbed a new line left of the one Steve Untch and I did in 1987. We arrived at 5900-meter Shisha Pangma Base Camp on May 10. On May 11, we moved to camp at 7000 meters below the north face, where we rested until 1:30 A.M. on May 12. We climbed an 800-meter gully on the north face to reach the central (or west) summit at 1:30 P.M. [To have reached the main summit via the connecting ridge would have required another two hours. — *Editor.*]

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*Cho Oyu.* A Japanese expedition of 13 climbers was led by Takao Haga. They climbed the normal route from the north: the west ridge and west face. On April 27, Hiroshi Kato, Yasushi Tanahashi, Mingma Tenzing Sherpa and Pekka Tenja Sherpa completed the 66th ascent of the peak.

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*Cho Oyu.* An Australian expedition led by Rick White made the 68th ascent by the normal route when Michael Groom reached the top of Cho Oyu on May 22. They then made an unsuccessful attempt on the north buttress, reaching 6800 meters on May 22.

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*Cho Oyu.* A commercial expedition led by Günther Härter climbed Cho Oyu by the normal west-ridge, west-face route from the north. On May 19, Germans Härter, Reinhard Müller, Dieter Albin Porsche, Walter Treibel and Austrian Gottfried Lindebner reached the summit. They were followed on May 27 by Germans Sigi and Gaby Hupfauer, Gerhard Binder, Peter Blank, Werner Funkler, Berthold Hochstuhl, Fräulein Gerhild Kurze, Harald Rössner, Uwe Schnitz, Franz Stark, Klaus Westphal, Udo Zehetleitner, Karl Zöll, Austrian Josef Tschoten and Ang Nawang Sherpa. The Hupfauers thus became the third married couple and the second surviving couple to have climbed three 8000ers together.

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*Cho Oyu.* An expedition led by Briton Harold Taylor had five British climbers, 2 French, a Swiss and a New Zealander. They climbed the normal route. On June 21, Taylor, New Zealander Russell Brice, and Sherpas Da Nuru and Lhakpa Gyalu reached the top.

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