

visiting places where we passed our childhood and happier days. I wish I were a man and not a woman to accompany you to those darling darling places to see with my own eyes those hills where we often played a childish hide and seek game with much frolics, and those snow-capped hills and yonder mountains where our eyes never got tired of looking at the Majestic beauty of those mountains. When you reach those places, my dear Sir, do please remember us, and think in your mind that your Angtharkay and his beloved wife are actually with you to show all that they could possibly do in their power to be as much helpful as they would be . . .

Again Sir with my very kind wishes from

Yours ever

Wife of Sirdar Angtharkay Jee

Dr. Houston writes, "If anyone familiar with the Sherpas has any lingering doubts as to whether or no they appreciate the mountains, this beautiful and moving letter should effectively dispel them."

*Everest.* In July 1950 a Bombay newspaper reported the arrival of a Swiss party intending to attack Mt. Everest, but no further account of this group has been received.

Reports of the terrible Assam earthquake and flood tell of 20,000 to 30,000 square miles being affected, with hundreds of villages inundated and 5,000,000 people made homeless. "Whole chains of mountains seem to have vanished," says the Associated Press; and a special dispatch to the *New York Times* announces that Everest has risen 198 ft. and is now 29,200 ft. high. Since the height of Everest has long been given officially as 29,141 ft., the accuracy of this statement about the shake-up can be questioned.

A Peiping magazine, *Open Minded Youth*, strongly urges that Everest be called Chu Mu Long Ma, which is Tibetan for "Mountain of the Waters of the Sacred Mother."

*The Bear that Climbs.* Russian climbers who made the first ascent of a 15,770-ft. peak in Russian Turkestan promptly named it, according to a midsummer dispatch from Tass, for the Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse Tung.

Russian explorers have reported a hitherto unknown mountain range in eastern Siberia near the source of the Indigirka River, in an area long considered to be in winter one of the coldest in the