

place. We felt they could make it but feared windslabs. On November 3 they set out at 6:30 and by ten o'clock were above the highest fixed ropes. They took an hour and a half to cross the 150 feet of the rocky barrier. They were on the summit (23,442 feet) at noon in brilliant but windy weather. The second team, Blanc, Renaud, Sirdar Ang Temba and I, were at Camp III as they descended. There was room for only four people at the campsite, which previously had taken us two days to carve out of the steep ice. We four were at the summit on November 4 in bright, still weather. We used 170 pitons, 15 ice screws, 70 pickets and 10,000 feet of fixed rope.

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*Lhotse Attempt.* Germans Gerhard Lenser and Michael Holz hoped to try Lhotse (27,923 feet) from the east but failed to find approach routes to the mountain. In early April they found their way barred by a formidable ice wall. They rested briefly at Kunde, which they left on April 9 for another approach via Mingbo Pass. At 17,000 feet they were confronted by another ice wall, 500 feet high and completely smooth, which their load-carrying Sherpas could not handle.

KAMAL K. GUHA, *Himalayan Club*

*Kangchungtse or Makalu II.* A four-man Japanese group from Denki-Tsushin University led by Tadashige Nishiyama from Base Camp on the Barun Glacier reconnoitered Kangchungtse (25,066 feet), which was first climbed by French in 1954. They established their highest camp, Camp IV, on the northwest ridge at 22,000 feet on May 4. Yusuke Ito and a Sherpa got to 23,000 feet on May 6, but they had no supplies for a summit bid.

*Makalu.* The Mountaineering Union of Yugoslavia expedition was led by Ales Kunaver and comprised ten climbers, three scientists and one journalist. They attempted the unclimbed south face, placing Camp V at 25,750 feet on 27,825-foot Makalu. In early November Miya Malezie and Janko Azman reached the top of the south face at 26,575 feet but could not get to the summit.

*Kongde-Ri, East Peak.* A German Alpine Club five-man expedition from the Allgäu-Kempton section made the first ascent of Kongde-Ri's eastern (lower) summit (19,991 feet), 21 miles southwest of Mount Everest. The climb was made from the Lumding Khola, which lies south of the peak. Franz Dürschmidt made a solo ascent of 19,000-foot Kan-karmu, which is south of Kongde-Ri's east peak.

*Rolwaling.* Franz Ludwig Klement, his wife Annelie, Max Leonhard, Florian Maurer, Ferdinand and Max Pfordte and Harro Storck from