

days, enabling the five Sherpas to jümar with loads. The face was steeper and more difficult than the Matterhorn north face. Camp I was placed on the face at 14,750 feet on April 16 and Camp II on the west ridge at 18,700 feet on April 22. The climbing on the sharp ice ridge and steep flanks to Camp III took the highest concentration of effort. The weather was bad for weeks at a time. Lightning was particularly threatening on the exposed ridge. Tents had to be protected with lightning rods. Not until May 6 was Camp III occupied at 21,150 feet above the chief climbing difficulties and 13,000 feet of fixed rope. Three feet of new snow then drove us back to Base Camp. Despite doubtful weather, we set out for the summit push on May 13. Camp IV was placed at 23,125 feet on May 16. On May 17 Neumair, Sherpa Ang Chhopal and I climbed to the summit in 10½ hours. We were back at Base Camp three days later.

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*Nilgiri North Attempt.* Three South Koreans led by Oh In Hawan attempted to climb Nilgiri North by its south face. They established two high camps but did not get beyond 20,350 feet.

MICHAEL J. CHENEY, *Himalayan Club*

*Tilicho Attempt.* A joint German-Swiss expedition attempted Tilicho in the pre-monsoon season via the north ridge from the east. The leader was Dr. Jörg Biel. They reached about 20,000 feet. Of only three climbing members, one got sick. The Sherpas were inexperienced in rock climbing. There was inadequate manpower for safely continuing the climb.

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*Tilicho, Third Ascent.* On October 10 our eight members left Dumre with six Sherpas and 40 porters and reached Base Camp at Tilitso, a lake at 16,075 feet 14 days later. We fixed some 2250 feet of rope on the mixed climbing above Base Camp. On October 28 we placed Camp I at 20,000 feet at the junction of the north and northeast ridges. From there, on October 30 Martin Braun and Walter Renner reached the summit (7134 meters, 23,405 feet) in six-and-a-half hours. The climbing above the high camp was on firm snow. On the 31st Werner Hein, Hansruedi Zurfluh, Giovanni Kappenberger and Sirdar Krishna Rai Tulung also got to the summit.

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*Kang Guru Attempt.* A 10-man Japanese expedition was led by Shozo Kikuchi. They established Base Camp, Camp I and Camp III at