

two P.M. at 26,750 feet Philippe Petten and Pierre Favez with the Sherpas Pasang Rita and Ang Tsering decided to turn back. At 4:45 P.M. Jean Hauser and Daniel Bruchez reached the top of Lhotse Shar (8383 meters, 27,504 feet). This was the second ascent by the Austrian route of 1970. The two descended to Camp IV and on October 17 descended to Camp III, where they found only the Sherpas. The bodies of Petten and Favez were seen two days later on the southwest face but could not be recovered owing to the dangerous nature of the face. The expedition left Base Camp for home on October 24. Two days later, Joseph Fauchère died as a result of a fall on the walk back.

TREVOR BRAHAM, *Himalayan Club*

*Pumori, Winter Ascent, 1982.* Early in December our small party arrived at the Pumori Base Camp to attempt the first winter ascent of this, one of the world's most beautiful mountains. The four of us, Ned Gillette, Jan Reynolds, Steve McKinney and I, chose a new route, several hundred meters to the right of the major icefall on the east face. The first attempt failed after we ran out of food at 22,000 feet. We rested at Base Camp for three days. Craig Calonica arrived at Base Camp and McKinney left to return to the United States. The second attempt was successful and Jan Reynolds, Ned Gillette and I reached the summit on January 6, 1982. We climbed the east face with one camp at 21,000 feet and another where we got to the northeast ridge at 21,800 feet. We followed the northeast ridge for the last 1700 feet. The route was of moderate but sustained difficulty and required seven days of climbing and load-carrying on the final push.

JAMES BRIDWELL

*Nuptse Attempt.* A four-man Scottish expedition led by Malcolm Duff attempted a new route, the west ridge, hoping to traverse from the western summit to the main summit and descend into the Western Cwm. They failed on October 10 at 22,000 feet.

MICHAEL J. CHENEY, *Himalayan Club*, and ELIZABETH HAWLEY

*Nuptse Attempt by Canadians.* Jim Elzinga, leader, Rusty Baillie, Dwayne Congdon, John Laughlan, Dave McNab, Lauri Skreslet and I attempted Nuptse from the south. A high avalanche hazard kept us from trying the original south-face route of Bonington's. We requested and received permission to attempt the west ridge from the south face, a new route. We climbed a 3000-foot buttress on the western section of the south face and fixed rope to 21,000 feet to just below the west-ridge crest; Camp I was at 20,000 feet. The buttress gave us difficult mixed climbing over steep rock steps and unstable ice-and-snow mushrooms.