

top and hurt himself. He had frozen to death while attempting to return. Details, photographs, maps, etc. appear in *Iwa To Yuki*, Numbers 85, 87, 91, and 92.

*A Note on the Chinese Name for K2, "Qogir."* The Chinese use "Qogir" for the name of the world's second highest peak. The Editor and other experts deplore this name. It would be written "Chogir" in our usual orthography. This is obviously a corruption of "Chogori," a synthetic name made up by Western explorers early in this century from two Balti words: *chhogo* = big and *ri* = mountain. It has no local usage. The mountain was not prominently visible from places where local inhabitants ventured and so had no local name. Years ago, the Survey of India assigned the peak a survey number, K(arakoram)2. This still is its official name in Pakistan. Most Pakistanis I know object strenuously to "Chogori" and insist on the use of the official name, K2. In my experience, the Baltis use no other name for the peak than K2, which they pronounce "Ketu." I strongly recommend *against* the use of the name *Chogori* in any of its forms.

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*Kongur Attempt, Xinjiang.* The first American expedition to Kongur (7719 meters, 25,325 feet) arrived at Base Camp on July 20. The climbing party consisted of Gil Anderson, Rob Leitz, Art Porter, Andy Shidner, Ed Stachon and me as leader. Our goal was to repeat the first-ascent route of the 1981 British Expedition. High temperatures and consequent abysmal snow conditions severely hampered our progress. Even at 18,000 feet the temperature did not drop below freezing on some nights. Snow conditions practical for travel would exist for only four or five hours a day at best. We reached our Camp III at the approximate location of the British Advanced Base in the upper basin of the Koxsel Glacier on August 1. Camp V at 22,000 feet was established on August 8, and a reconnaissance to the Kongur-Kongur Tiubie col at 22,300 feet showed that even there the snow conditions were not better. Since we were running out of both food and enthusiasm for wallowing in slush, a retreat began on August 10. We may have encountered an exceptionally hot summer, or perhaps it was just a mistake to attempt a south-facing route in early August. Skis, which we did not have, would have been a great help. We acknowledge with thanks the assistance of the Chinese Mountaineering Association. Our liaison officer, Chen Shangren, and our interpreter, Guo Jin-Wei, executed their duties with consummate skill. This expedition was sponsored by the Colorado Mountain Club Foundation.

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*P 20,700 and P 21,750, near Kongur.* I led twelve schoolboys on a mountaineering expedition to the very west of China, also accompanied by six recently left "Old Boys" of the school and one woman, Fiona Blake. Base