

*Cholatse, North Face and Lobuje East, East Ridge.* Catherine Freer, Renny Jackson, Sandy Stewart and I arrived at Base Camp at Tsholo at 4665 meters on October 14. We spent the next few days acclimatizing by walking up to Everest Base Camp to visit friends. On October 24 Freer and I started up the steep rock corner forming the east ridge of Lobuje East (6119 meters, 20,075 feet). We reached the summit four days later after an enjoyable climb of up to 5.8 difficulty, some on excellent rock. Jackson and Stewart had climbed the standard route and we followed their tracks to descend. Two days later, on October 30, we started up Cholatse's north face. Our route went up a ramp system to reach the green gully. We followed a crest on the right side of the gully to a bowl and the mushrooms of the summit ridge. The climbing was varied: some hard rock, water ice, dangerous mushrooms and a lot of steep, rotten, unprotected snow-ice, where bollards were the only belay. Route-finding was difficult amongst all the overhangs and walls of ice. At one point rockfall forced a half-day halt until the face was in the shade and cold enough to be safe. Jackson and Stewart spent three nights sitting on ledges unable to pitch their I-tents. Freer and I had only two nights out. We took seven days to reach the summit (6440 meters, 21,128 feet) and another two to descend the Swiss route.

TODD BIBLER

*Tawoche Attempt.* John Roskelley, Naoe Sakashita and I climbed to 18,000 feet to observe Tawoche's east face. Alternating warmth and cold produced avalanches, running water and rockfall, a deterrent to insane behavior. We made no attempt on the face and returned with reverence for the power of nature. A half-hearted attempt was made on the southeast ridge on April 23, but we left off with bad weather approaching.

JAMES BRIDWELL

*Ama Dablam Attempt.* The following participated in our expedition: Ted Brittsan, Ben De Han, Carl Root, Barbara Rumer, Michael Trotter, Dorothy Landeen and I as leader. Following 12 days of acclimatization, which took us from Lukla to Kala Patar and back to Pangboche, we established Base Camp on April 4 near Mingbo at 15,000 feet. The absence of water above Mingbo, the result of an extremely dry winter, forced the low Base Camp. We established Advanced Base at 16,000 feet to facilitate the move to Camp I at the apex of the lower southwest ridge. For four days we moved loads to Camp I at 19,000 feet which Trotter and Root occupied on April 9. On April 10, 12 inches of snow fell at Advanced Base, which doubled the time between there and Camp I to eight hours. The remaining team members each carried a final load and occupied Camp I on April 11 and 12. The serrated ridge narrows and steepens abruptly above Camp I and its snow-covered condition required fixing 600 feet of rope. Establishing Camp II was further stalled by daily snowfalls. Trotter and Brittsan reached Camp II at 19,700 feet on April 17 and the first loads were carried by the others on April 18. On April 19, following much discussion, we all agreed