

Rubbish on the Rongbuk Glacier. I should like to register a complaint about the huge piles of rubbish left by Japanese, French and to an extent British expeditions at a camp at about 5600 metres on the Rongbuk Glacier just past our Advance Base. It is a place you can get yaks to and that makes it even more inexcusable.

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Shisha Pangma. Six of a nine-man American party ascended Shisha Pangma in the first week of May by the northeast face, the original 1964 Chinese route. It was the second ascent by Americans and the ninth ascent. The party consisted of Jerry Clayton, Dr. Steven Creer, David Howe, Mark Jenkins, Douglas Kelley, Carl Lehner, Michael Lehner, Michael Wingert and me as leader. We established Base Camp at 5150 meters on April 15, Camp I at 5490 meters on the 19th and Camp II (Advanced Base) at 5850 meters on April 21, using yaks to within a quarter mile of camp. The next 12 days were spent establishing a route and ferrying loads up the crevassed, snow-covered glacier to establish Camp III at 6400 meters on the 26th and Camp IV on May 1. Camp V at 7225 meters was occupied on the 4th and Camp VI at 7680 meters the next day. On May 6 the summit was reached by Howe, Jenkins, Kelley and Wingert. Two days later Creer and Michael Lehner got to the top.

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Gurla Mandhata Reconnaissance. In the pre-monsoon season five Japanese and eight Chinese reconnoitered Gurla Mandhata (7728 meters, 25,355 feet), which the Chinese call Namunani. An attempt on this peak is planned for 1985.

Maps from China. Three excellent maps may be bought from the Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Cryopedology, Academia Sinica, Lanzhou, People's Republic of China: Qomolungma (Mount Everest), 1:50000, \$5.00; Batura Glacier (Pakistan), 1:60000, \$5.00; Glaciers at the Source of Urumqi River, Tianshan, 1:10000, \$3.00. Postage is extra.

Mustagh Ata. A commercial Franco-Italian expedition led by Alberto Re and Claude Jaccoux put 17 of its 20 members on the summit and had them ski down. L. Boggi Marzet, M.T. Gaiotto and M. Solari Pastine set a new altitude record for Italian women.

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Pik Kommunizma and Pik der Vier, Pamir. As members of an Austrian group, my Tirolean friend Franz Schösser and I climbed alpine-style Pik der