

Ishibashi and Toyoda to complete the route, which they did in five days. They got to the top on May 3. During the descent, for unknown reasons, Ishibashi fell and was killed. They gave up the idea of continuing on to Cho Oyu.

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*Tawoche Winter Ascent and Tragedy, 1986.* This joint expedition was led by Korean Oh In-Hwan. They climbed the southeast face to the southeast ridge, the same route as that of the Japanese in the spring of 1985. They were really two separate teams. The Japanese arrived in Nepal first and began climbing while the leader awaited his members in Kathmandu. The Koreans had hardly arrived at Base Camp, on January 3, 1986, when Japanese Atsuyoshi Kakomoto was killed in a fall. The Japanese withdrew, having got no higher than 5800 meters. The Koreans persevered. Heo Young-Ho and Ang Phurba Sherpa went to the summit (6501 meters, 21,327 feet) on January 12, 1986. Heo had previously also climbed Makalu and Manaslu.

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*Ama Dablam, Southwest Ridge.* An international expedition was led by Renato Moro with the help of two guides Franco Girodo and me, who fixed rope on the route. In October the first climbers could not succeed because of very bad weather. Fortunately a second group, in late October and November, was successful, the summit being reached by 14 climbers: on October 30, the Italian guides Mauro Bernardi, Stefan Kehrer and Franz Stuflesser; on October 31, a group of five climbers led by Austrian Wolfgang Nairz; on May 2 Erik Decamp, André Levêque and American Peter Athens; on November 3, Italian guides Hermann Comploy and Vinzenz Runggaldier; and on November 4 Canadian Roger Marshall.

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*Ama Dablam, Winter Attempt.* A five-man team from New Zealand led by Geoffrey Gabites, set up Base Camp and Camp I at 4575 and 5430 meters on November 27 and December 1. They climbed up to 6100 meters via the southwest ridge, but on December 14 called off the attempt due to strong winds and bad health of the members.

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*Ama Dablam Northeast Face.* In early December Carlos Buhler and I made the first ascent of the northeast face of Ama Dablam. Flanked by the east and north ridges, this face is hidden from view until one walks beyond the village of Chukung, and is best seen from the upper slopes of Island Peak. After walking in from Jiri, accompanied by Carlos' mother Julie and brother Roman, and my wife Julie, we made a side trip to Kala Pattar (5500 meters) to acclimatize.