

midnight. Despite this disaster, in late October two summit attempts on successive days got to 8400 meters—Major Kiran Kumar was well known to American climbers, having been a member of the Indo-American Nanda Devi Expedition in 1976. Major Jai Bahuguna was the brother of Harsh Bahuguna, who died on the 1971 International Everest Expedition, hanging from a fixed rope between the West Ridge and the Western Cwm.

*Everest.* Our Naomi Uemura Film Expedition had to wait until after the Indians had made their last summit bid. We set up camps and filmed, but we had to wait well below the South Col while the Indians made repeated unsuccessful attempts. Finally on October 28 we established Camp IV on the South Col and on October 30 seven went to the summit. We were Noboru Yamada (his second time but this time without supplementary oxygen), Hideji Nazuka, Mitsuyoshi Sato, Teruo Saegusa, Etsuo Akutsu and Satoshi Kimoto and me. Akutsu, at 47 years the oldest Japanese atop Everest, became snow blind and very tired. He and Kimoto made an unprepared bivouac at 8600 meters below the South Summit while another member, Kazunari Murakami, carried up oxygen to them very early the next morning, thus probably saving Akutsu's life. Kimoto was frost-bitten and has lost all ten toes.

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*Everest South Col Winter Attempt.* A Korean expedition led by Nam Sang-Tae attempted Everest by the South Col route. They were defeated by winter winds and cold. On December 21 Deputy Leader Kim Jong-Ho, Park Dong-Seok and Ang Rita Sherpa, who has been to the summit of Everest three times, got to 8300 meters. They turned back when Park's oxygen mask froze and was useless. Ang Rita took no oxygen and Kim had not yet begun using his. The next day Ang Rita went down to Camp II, while Kim and Park tried again for the summit, this time not using oxygen. They did carry one bottle each for use above the south summit. However, their ascent was so slow that after nine hours they were only at 8500 meters at three P.M. and they turned back. This was the highest point reached. Throughout the rest of December, all of January and the first half of February 1986, fierce winds defeated all other summit bids. The team found the body of an Indian climber frozen to ice below the Lhotse Face.

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*Everest Southwest Face Winter Attempt.* South Koreans led by Park Young-Bae tried to climb the Bonington route on the southwest face of Everest. The first winter attempt on this face was defeated by exhaustion of the climbers, their food and their replacement tents, a lack of climbing hardware and frequent bad weather with destructive winds. The highest point was 7700 meters, which Sherpas Pasang Dawa and Jimba Jimbu reached on January 13, 1986 and