

and then traversed left towards Lhotse, establishing Camp VI. We stopped at 8000 meters because of health problems.

VINCENT FINE, *Club Alpin Français*

*Lhotse Attempt and Tragedy.* A very strong Polish expedition, which included Krzysztof Wielicki and Jerzy Kukuczka was led by Janusz Majer. They established six camps and fixed much rope on the right side of the south face. Up to about 7600 meters their route was largely the same as that of the Czechoslovaks on Lhotse Shar in the spring of 1984. From there they traversed upward to the left. On October 22 Mirosław Dasal, Walenty Fiut and Artur Hajzer climbed to 8200 meters and retreated. On the 25th Rafał Cholda retreated with Kukuczka on an attempt to get higher and fell to his death while descending to Camp VI. Another try was made by three Poles and Frenchman Vincent Fine from the neighboring expedition who got to 8050 meters on November 1. Extremely difficult rock climbing on a very steep face at high altitudes, strong winds and exhaustion from two months of climbing defeated this strong party.

MICHAEL J. CHENEY, *Himalayan Club*, and ELIZABETH HAWLEY

*Pumori.* We climbed the normal southwest ridge route on Pumori. Climbing began on April 10 and on the 11th we set up Camp I at 5700 meters. There were no climbing problems in getting to Camp I but the route was threatened from the left (Kala Patar) side by ice- and rockfall. We fixed rope above Camp I. Camp II was set up on April 15 at 6100 meters at the foot of the towers on the southwest ridge. Our female member, Margret Gabl, reached Camp II. Between Camps II and III we had rock of UIAA Grade III and IV and ice up to 60°. We fixed 1000 meters of rope up to Camp III, which we established at 6550 meters on April 18. We found there the damaged tent of the ill-fated American 1984-5 winter expedition but saw no signs of their bodies. On April 21 Markus Fringer, Adreas Praxmarer and Josef Kathrein climbed steep ice and then easier slopes to reach the summit (7161 meters, 23,494 feet) in five hours. On April 23 Alfred Rainer, Wolfgang Wippler and Dr. Gerhard Kienpointer got to the top. On April 26 I reached the summit with Sherpa Ang Lhakpa. We removed most of our fixed rope.

ARTHUR HAID, *Österreichischer Alpenverein*

*Pumori.* Pere Rodés, Joan Alarcón and I reached the summit of Pumori on May 5, having left Base Camp two days before. Base Camp was at 5260 meters and we made only one camp at 6250 meters on the climb. During the descent we had to bivouac in an ice cave at 6600 meters. We followed a route on the southeast face to reach the col at 6500 meters. From there we went along the northeast ridge to the top. It took us 12 hours to reach the summit from Camp I. Rodés' wife, Marcé Solans, also accompanied the expedition.

JAUME MATAS, *Spain*