

*Dhaulagiri, North Face ("Pear" Route) Attempt.* Our expedition consisted of climbers Mark Hesse, Del Pletcher, Todd Bibler, Catherine Freer and me and support personnel Julie Hesse and Johnna Pletcher. We left Pokhara on March 9 via the Myangdi Khola and arrived at Base Camp on April 5 with a general feeling that, for many reasons, this approach to routes on the north side of the mountain should be avoided. Over the next 37 days the expedition managed to reach an altitude of approximately 7000 meters on the "Pear" route on the north face without the use of high-altitude porters, fixed ropes or oxygen. Deep snow, traditionally poor Dhaulagiri weather, and illness made further progress impossible. Most significant was the performance of Del Pletcher, who recovered from a total hip dislocation and fractured wrist suffered on the fifth day of the approach, to reach the expedition's high point, along with Catherine Freer, on April 24, in thigh-deep snow.

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*Dhaulagiri, East Face in Winter.* Swiss climbers Erhard Loretan, Jean Troillet, Pierre-Alain Steiner and Pierre Morand began activity on November 21 when they left their Base Camp to begin carries to the foot of the east face. They wanted to do the 1980 route of Kurtyka, Wilczyński, MacIntyre and Ghilini. Morand had altitude problems and had to withdraw. The other three set out on December 7 at one A.M. To lighten their loads Loretan and Steiner left their sleeping bags behind. The first of the route was up a nearly perpendicular gully. Then a slope of organ pipes seemed interminable. However they had climbed 2000 meters by five P.M. The night at 7700 meters was particularly frigid for the two without sleeping bags. They set out on the morning of December 8 at nine-o'clock and got to the summit at two P.M. This was the ninth 8000er for Loretan.

*Dhaulagiri Attempt.* Austrian Peter Habeler and German Michael Dacher hoped to climb Dhaulagiri. Due to a heavy snowfall, they abandoned the expedition at only 5400 meters on September 24.

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*Dhaulagiri, West Face and Southwest Buttress Attempts.* Our Czechoslovakian expedition had two objectives: to climb a new route on the extremely difficult right side of the west face in expedition style without porters or artificial oxygen and to complete the route on the southwest buttress attempted by the French in 1980 in alpine style. We were Dr. Pavel Cívárek, Karel Benedikt, Peter Božík, Zdislav Drlík, Livia Klembárová, Zoltán Demján, František Korl, Anton and Jaroslav Krížo, Ladislav Kyrč, Antonín Procházka, Josef Rakoncaj, Josef Rybyčka, Miroslav Štěpánek, Josef Nežerka, Ervín Velič, Italian Rolando Nicco and I as leader. After setting up Base Camp at 3700 meters on September 8, it began to rain and snow. The autumn good weather did not come in 1985.