

*Kangchungtse, Northwest Ridge Attempt and Tragedy.* The seven climbers were Wally Berg, Bruce Hunter, Jerry Longbons, Edwin Terrell, Ken Madden, Dr. Gary Ruggera and I. We began the long approach from Hille on March 18 with our Nepalese staff of eight and 70 porters. By the time we arrived at Makalu Base Camp at 16,100 feet on March 31, most of us had suffered one type of intestinal disorder or another. Advance Base at 18,100 feet was established on April 4 and Camp I at 19,560 feet on April 9. On April 11, after carrying to the site of Camp II at 21,400 feet, Edwin Terrell returned to Camp I looking more exhausted than was expected of him. Dr. Ruggera monitored him closely and at midnight, after hearing faint rales in his chest for the first time, mobilized the camp to escort him down to Advance Base in the night. With the help of Madden, Longbons and Ruggera, Terrell arrived at Advance Base six hours later. In the afternoon he suddenly became worse and a second tedious descent toward Makalu Base began. By nightfall, Ruggera, kitchen boy Kamie and I had managed to descend another 1000 feet with Terrell when we were forced to bivouac, sending Kamie ahead to Base Camp for more help. He had been carried another half-mile the next morning when he died of pulmonary edema, perhaps complicated by a virus contracted during the approach. Our high point of 22,000 feet was reached by Longbons and Ruggera on April 20 and the attempt was abandoned on April 21.

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*Kangchungtse.* A nine-man Korean expedition climbed Kangchungtse (Makalu II) by its northwest ridge, the same route as the Japanese in 1976. Leader Lee Dong-Yeon, Park Tae-Gyu and Shim Jae-Young reached the summit on September 27. They were only the second expedition to succeed on the northwest-ridge route. They found some old Japanese rope on the ridge.

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*Kangchungtse (Makalu II) Attempt.* A 7-man Israeli team was led by Doron Erel. They got to 7400 meters at Makalu La via the normal route on October 13 a month after they had started. Strong winds drove them down and the climbers were too tired to mount another push for the summit. Three of the four who had gone to Makalu La had mild frostbite. The four who got to the high point were leader Erel, Dan Bolotin, Itzhak Siegler and Tony Zamir.

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*Chamlang.* A joint Korean-Nepalese expedition of five was led by Woo Jong-Duk. After establishing four camps and bivouacking, Woo, Bae Hyo-Soon and Huh Gung-Yeal, Ang Dawa Wangchuk Sherpa and Azuwa Sherpa got to the summit on October 10. They climbed the south ridge.

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