

*Ama Dablam Attempt.* A British-American expedition led by Englishman William O'Connor had hoped to climb Ama Dablam's normal route, the south ridge. They were defeated by the heavy snowfall of October 18 to 20. All five members reached the high point of 5700 meters on October 17 and then retreated in the face of the storm. When two members and a Sherpa went back up to this point, where they had placed Camp I, they found not only a destroyed tent but also extremely dangerous snow conditions. It was getting colder too and so they abandoned the climb.

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*Bulgarian Ama Dablam Attempt.* This Bulgarian expedition led by Venelin Petrov had hoped to climb a new route, the northwest ridge to the west face. They were badly delayed because cargo by truck from Bulgaria failed to arrive on time and they had been on the mountain only for four days when the big October blizzard struck. Valeri Gueorguiev Peltekov and Nicolai Apostolov Proev reached 5600 meters on October 23 and then the climb was abandoned because of dangerous snow conditions.

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*Ama Dablam.* An American team led by Annie Whitehouse had planned to attempt Tawoche first and then Ama Dablam, but when they reached Tawoche, they decided against trying it. Deep unconsolidated snow lay at its base and the couloir they had thought to climb was bare rock rather than the ice they had expected. They went immediately to Ama Dablam, made Base Camp there on November 18 and climbed to the summit by the normal south ridge in three waves, all before the official beginning of the winter season, which starts on December 1; they informed the Nepalese authorities that they climbed earlier than their permission had been granted for because of threatening weather. Sandy Stewart and Eric Reynolds went to the summit on November 23, Annie Whitehouse and Clay Waldman on the 26th. Todd Bibler made a fast solo ascent and was on top later on the 26th. They had three camps above Base Camp. Because they climbed before the official beginning of the winter season, the Nepalese authorities on February 22, 1988 announced that all five summits are banned from climbing any Nepalese mountain for the next five years.

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*Correction on Ama Dablam Ascent.* On page 238 of *A.A.J.*, 1987, the climb made by the Yugoslavs was on the south face of Ama Dablam and not on Pumori.

*Tawoche Attempt.* Ten Britons and Americans were led by Scott Mal Duff on a guided climb on the southwest face to the southeast ridge of Tawoche. None of the clients got higher than 6100 meters, but after they left, on October