

*Kangchenjunga from the North.* Our expedition consisted of Lou Whittaker, leader, George Dunn, Phil Ershler, Jim Hamilton, Robert Link, Larry Nielsen, Dr. Howard Putter, John Roskelley, Eric Simonson, Craig Van Hoy, Ed Viesturs, Jim Wickwire, Skip Yowell and me. We also were joined by Nawang Gombu and six Sherpas. Four Indonesian climbers traveled to Base Camp as training for a future Himalayan expedition of their own. Political trouble between India and Nepal delayed the arrival of our gear until long after we got to Base Camp at Pang Pema at 16,500 feet at the north foot of Kangchenjunga. Outfitted with little more than the hope that our equipment would join us soon, we established Camp I three days later at 17,000 feet on the gently sloping Kangchenjunga Glacier. On April 13, we sited Camp II just above a small icefall at the head of the glacier below the Twins and at the foot of the 3000-foot wall leading to the north col. When our gear finally did arrive, it was only 75% complete but it renewed our enthusiasm. Choosing a line between Scott's and Messner's up the west wall, we established Camp III in the bergschrund at 21,500 feet on April 20. Steep ice and rock complicated by bad weather slowed progress. Not until May 10 could we place 24,000-foot Camp IV above the north col and along the north ridge. Seven days later, Camp V was established and occupied by Phil Ershler, Craig Van Hoy and Ed Viesturs. May 18 dawned beautiful and the three joined Scott's route and traversed the north face to the summit, which they reached in 8½ hours. Van Hoy and Viesturs climbed without oxygen. On May 21, Link, Nielsen and I repeated the ascent with Link leading strongly through deep snow deposited by the previous day's storm. Nielsen and I climbed without supplementary oxygen.

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*Kangchenjunga Solo Attempt.* I was accompanied to Base Camp at 5050 meters at Pang Pema, which we reached on October 10, by Jean-Yves Goutte, Mlle Monique Loscos and Jean-Louis Teyssier. I attempted the 1980 Japanese route, placing Camps I and II at 6000 and 6850 meters on October 18 and 23. I encountered the principal technical difficulty on October 24, a very steep mixed zone above 7000 meters, some 200 meters in height, where I fixed 50 meters of rope. I got to about 7100 meters. The first summit try got me to Camps I and II on October 29 and 30, but was stopped by a 40-cm fall of snow. On the second summit attempt I climbed from Base Camp to Camp II on November 3. That camp was destroyed by high winds and I returned to Base Camp on the 4th. I stayed there until November 9, but the wind continued and I gave up the attempt.

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*Yalung Kang Attempt, Winter, 1988-9.* Our expedition was led by Józef Stepień of Wrocław and had as members Aleksander Lwow, Ewa Panejko-Pankiewicz, Bogdan Stefko, Zdzisław Jakubowski, Dr. Kazimierz Pichlak and me. We left Kathmandu on December 17, 1988 and ran into snow at 2000