

Abert, Michel Flouret and Bruno Gouvry. They attempted to climb the south buttress but could reach only a high point of 8450 meters on September 25.

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*Everest Winter Attempt and Tragedy.* A large Korean expedition led by Kim Ha-Kyung with 25 members attempted to climb Everest by the South Col route in winter. They apparently reached the South Col on December 29 but could go no higher. There was an unusual tragedy. One of their porters died from high-altitude sickness, an unusual cause of death among the Sherpas, who are born and live at altitudes well above sea level.

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*Pumori.* The members of our expedition were Masayoshi Utsumi, Toshiaki Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Hayakawa, Hisao Tatsukawa, Yongjong An, Mrs. Suzue Terasaki, Miss Ritsuko Sakai and I as leader. This was the second time I had climbed the mountain, having made the first ascent of this route in 1973. We established Base Camp, Camps I, II and III at 5320, 5800, 6120 and 6650 meters on the southwest ridge on April 9, 13, 18 and 20. On April 21, Utsumi, Kobayashi and I reached the summit.

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*Pumori, Women's Expedition.* We were seven women, Diane Taliaferro, Sue Giller, Lucy Smith, Carol Snetsinger, Kathy Phibbs, Lynne Wolfe and I, and one man, Steve Lawrence. We climbed the southwest ridge. Through a series of events, we ended at a Base Camp on the west side of Kala Patar, and so may have pioneered a new route on the first 2000 feet. From Base Camp we worked around the right of the triangular glacier and up a thousand vertical feet to the Kala Patar ridge through sections of rock and 60° to 70° ice. Camp I was placed on April 7 at 19,600 feet on the first bit of flat ground. The route was unusually dry this season. We encountered mostly loose rock and mushroom ice between Camps I and II. The latter was occupied on April 13 at 20,400 feet. We intersected the regular route there. We traversed under rock towers through very loose rock and along sun-cupped ice and water ice before moving vertically onto better rock back to the ridge. We placed Camp III at 21,500 feet on April 23. The route was littered with old fixed rope and hardware, some of which we cleaned. On April 25, Lucy Smith, Carol Snetsinger and Kathy Phibbs summited. Three days later, Diane Taliaferro and I also reached the summit.

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*Pumori Post-Monsoon Ascents and Attempt.* Many climbers reached the summit of Pumori (7161 meters, 23,494 feet) in the post-monsoon period. All ascended