

the normal southeast face and ridge route. On September 18, Italian Marino Giacometti, leader, Oswald Santin and Giampietro Verza got to the top. West Germans Sigi Hupfauer and his wife Gaby made the ascent on October 12. A large international expedition led by South Tyrolean Josef Holzer put 14 climbers onto the summit: Swiss Heinz Bosshard, Austrian Bruno Gruber, Germans Helmut Buntrock, Fräulein Ottilie Dörrich, Horst Gimbel, Wolfgang Pauer and Horst-Werner Riches on October 13; Austrians Gottfried Baier, Christian Haas, Frau Helga Heisler and Pemba Tharke Sherpa on October 15; and Germans Rolf Haas, Kurt Wildensinn and Ang Dawa Sherpa on October 15. Members of a four-person French group led by François Duthil joined with the previous party. On October 13, Etienne Bertrand, Michel Roy and Lhakpa Nuru Sherpa summited, followed on the 15th by Mlle Hélène Hardy. On October 16, Americans Randal Harrington, Evan Kaplan and Briton Callum MacKay got to the top. Canadian Jan Neuspiel, leader of a Canadian-Irish expedition, reached the summit solo. Michel Richard's Swiss-French expedition reached only 6400 meters on November 1.

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*Pumori.* After acclimatizing on nearby Lobuche, Briton Callum MacKay, Americans Evan Kaplan and I reached the summit of Pumori on October 16 from Camp I at 20,500 feet on the southeast ridge, thus completing the 47th ascent of the mountain. The fourth member of the team, Jim Springer, was forced to descend from just below the summit because of cold feet.

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*Pumori Tragedy.* Our 7-member expedition established Base Camp on September 16 at the foot of the southeast ridge of Pumori. From the 17th until October 3, we worked at placing camps on the mountain, having many difficulties because of the weather. Camps I and II were at 5750 and 6200 meters. The accident happened at 6400 meters on October 3, probably between 3:30 and 4:00 A.M., when an enormous avalanche swept down. I was in Camp I at the time and climbed up to look for them. The victims were Francisco Salgado, Antonio Luis Galea, Pablo de Miguel and José de Miguel.

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*Pumori Tragedy.* An expedition of eight Americans and Australians hoped to make the winter ascent of Pumori by its southeast face. Australian George Curry fell and was killed on the first day of the attempt, December 28, when he was still only at 5800 meters, some 400 meters above Base Camp. They gave up the attempt.

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*Pumori, Winter Attempt, 1990.* South Tyroleans led by Anton Stocker attempted to climb Pumori by the normal southeast face route but they could get no higher than 6750 meters, which they reached on January 22, 1990.

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