

*Chamlang.* After a 15-day approach march from Jiri, during which Frank Weiner and Barbara Ottl had high-altitude problems and had to leave, we reached the Hongu valley. Base Camp at 5000 meters was below the northwest face of Chamlang. The other four of us, Kathrin Eberle-Hörmann, Bernd Eberle, Dagmar Stein and I in deep snow climbed Mera (6654 meters, 21,830 feet) for acclimatization. After bad weather with snowfall, time was getting short. Bernd Eberle and I set out to climb Chamlang alpine-style. We began up the right side of the northwest face to gain the west ridge at about 6600 meters. The west ridge had been climbed by Japanese in 1986. We followed their route to the summit (7319 meters, 24,012 feet) which we reached on October 21 for the fourth ascent of the peak. We climbed unroped on 40° to 60° slopes with a few short pitches of 70°. The climb took us three days up and one-and-a-half down. After leaving Base Camp we crossed the difficult Ampu-Labtsa pass to reach Solo Khumbu.

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*Baruntse Attempt.* German Hans Eitel unsuccessfully attempted to climb Baruntse by its southeast ridge. He apparently was solo. He reached a high point of 6500 meters on April 11.

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*Baruntse Ascent and Attempt.* There were two expeditions on the southeast ridge of Baruntse in the autumn. Six French climbers and two Swiss led by Françoise Aubert were successful. Frenchman Bernard Hollande and Swiss Patrice Kohli got to the summit (7129 meters, 23,389 feet) on November 15. Three Swiss led by Michael Zimmermann were unable to get higher than 6900 meters on October 6.

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*Ama Dablam.* On April 4, Irishman Brendan Murphy and British Kate Phillips completed the 73rd ascent of Ama Dablam by the well-trodden southwest ridge. On April 12, two other British climbers, leader Ray Delaney and Joe Simpson also reached the top.

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*Ama Dablam, Autumn Ascents and Attempts.* Ama Dablam (6812 meters, 22,349 feet) continues to be very popular. All climbs and attempts in this post-monsoon season were made on the southwest ridge with the exception of one unsuccessful attempt. A two-man Swiss team, Christian Hug and Christian-Pierre Portmann, made the 75th ascent of the mountain on October 23. German Rainier Bolesch's group unsuccessfully tried to climb the south face, reaching