

*Everest Southwest Face Attempt.* A Korean expedition led by Park Young-Bae had hoped to climb Everest via the southwest face. On October 11, they reached their high point of 7770 meters.

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*Everest Map, Second Edition.* A second edition of the National Geographic map of Mount Everest, 1:50,000, will appear in June. It is being published by the Boston Museum of Science and the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research in Zürich. This edition will have certain changes. Most notable is what appears on the back of the map. There is a full-color enlarged section of the middle portion of the map at a scale of 1:25,000 which shows all the routes climbed on Everest and its satellites from 1953 to 1990. The back of the map also includes all the first ascents of these routes with the names of those who made them and the dates. The exact price and distribution program will be determined by June, 1991. For information, contact Bradford Washburn, Museum of Science, Boston, MA 02114 or Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research, Binzstrasse 27, Zürich, Switzerland.

*Pumori, Winter Attempt.* Our expedition was made up of Werner Stricker, Stefan Plangger, Andreas Wellenzohn, Johann Zoderer and me as leader. We had hoped to make a winter ascent of the southeast ridge of Pumori. After a 12-day approach, we got to Base Camp on January 12, 1990. After a first attempt stopped by bad weather, on January 21 we set up Camp at 6200 meters. The next day we climbed to an icefall at 6800 meters and continued on to 6950 meters. More séracs and a broad crevasse forced us back 200 meters below the summit. We then gave up the expedition.

ANTON STOCKER, *South Tirol*

*Pumori Pre-Monsoon Attempts.* A Japanese expedition reached 6400 meters on Pumori via the southeast face to the east ridge on March 28, but the climb was called off when leader Yoshikuni Mori fell into a crevasse and was killed. The deputy leader was Satoshi Kato. An expedition of four Japanese and two Frenchmen led by Isao Niizuma was also unsuccessful on the same route. They got to 6700 meters on May 8. Norwegians Per Gunnar Olsen, leader, Eirik Rosvoll and Roar Ljoen attempted the southwest ridge, but they reached a high point of only 6000 meters on April 5. Italians under the leadership of Stefano Agostini hoped to make the climb via the southeast spur to the Lingtren Col and the east ridge but had to give up at 6375 meters.

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*Pumori, Northwest Ridge Attempt and Near Tragedy.* Gil McCormick, Jim Nowak and I made the first ever attempt on the northwest ridge of Pumori, which