

finding sponsors. Potential sponsors are often not interested in unknown peaks, especially small ones. There can be a drawback to sponsorships. A French team received help from a television organization which reasonably required photographic coverage. Two members on a summit try did not arrive on top, having spent so much time photographing that when the wind rose, they had to turn back to be in camp before nightfall. None of the other members ever got so high again. The results of the higher fees could be 1) The Ministry's desired result, namely climbers turning to Nepal's lower, less costly peaks and to more difficult routes on them. Instead of having to find \$8000 or \$10,000, they would need only \$1,000 to \$3,000 depending on the mountain's altitude. (The old rate for "lesser" peaks ranged from \$500 to \$1400.); 2) Mountaineers say they will go where the cost is lower. An American who was on Lhotse this autumn with just one teammate said, "For a small two-man climb, I'll look instead at Pakistan." Of course Pakistan may follow Nepal's example and raise its fees; 3) There could be a rise in the number of people who climb in Nepal without getting permission. When discovered, they are subject to fines and banishment from entering and/or climbing in Nepal for some years, as happened to Martínez this autumn, but often the Nepalese authorities do not know of such cases. Only time will tell what the effects of the increase in fees will be.

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*Kangchenjunga.* The Slovene expedition, which made a remarkable new route on the southwest ridge of Kangchenjunga South, ascended others of Kangchenjunga's summits, made a new route on Talung and attempted the difficult east face of Kumbhakarna East, is described in a complete article earlier in this *Journal*.

*Kangchenjunga Attempt.* A Spanish expedition led by Mari Abrego attempted to climb the north face of Kangchenjunga. They reached a highpoint of 8400 meters on September 23.

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*Kangchenjunga Attempt.* The highly experienced Italian climber, Sergio Martini, managed to reach 8200 meters on the southwest face of Kangchenjunga on October 11. He and two Nepalese helpers became too exhausted to continue after a month's effort.

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*Yalung Kang, Southwest Face Attempt.* Our international expedition was composed of Czechoslovaks Leopold Sulovský, Miss Zdeňka Pleskotová and me as leader and Italians Marco Berti, Gianluigi Visentin and Miss Dr. Monica Zambon. We had no high-altitude porters and used no supplementary oxygen.