

easily have blown away or melted at that altitude. We had an accident. On April 14, Park slipped and fell 100 meters at 7000 meters. Fortunately, his injuries could be treated by American Dr. Michael Sinclair before he was carried to Base Camp in a stretcher we borrowed from his American team, for which we were very grateful.

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*Everest Attempt.* Our members were German Michel Dacher, Frenchwoman Chantal Mauduit, Swiss Pierino Giuliani, Louis Deuber, Hans Kessler and I as leader. We joined a number of other expeditions at Base Camp on April 8. On April 11, we climbed the Khumbu Icefall to leave a depot at the site of Camp I at 6500 meters. On the 14th, we occupied Camp I but high winds and cold drove us back. On April 18, Kessler and I established Camp II at 7200 meters, while the others went to Camp I. We were aided by the ropes fixed by the Sherpa expedition on the steep, icy Lhotse Face. Again wind and cold drove us back to Base Camp. Again on April 24, Kessler and I spent the night at Camp II, but wind, cold and stomach troubles forced us back. On May 5, Kessler and I set out again and reached the South Col the next afternoon. Our companions climbed to Camp II. With extreme temperatures and wind, we saw that we had no chance and luckily were able to descend to Base Camp. We are convinced that the only way to climb Everest is by "fair means," namely without supplementary oxygen, which essentially degrades the peak to a 6000er. The 250 or 300 discarded oxygen bottles litter the South Col. After five more fruitless days at Base Camp, we wanted to climb back up the icefall to retrieve our gear, but conditions were too unfavorable. After our departure on May 15, the Sherpas with an American expedition evacuated our material.

NORBERT JOOS, *Schweizer Alpen Club*

*Everest.* Ours was the first Everest expedition to consist solely of climbers from the Northeast of North America. We were Mark Richey, climbing leader, Marc Chavin, Barry Rugo, Gary Scott, Dr. Michael Sinclair, Dr. Richard St. Onge, Québécois Yves La Forest and I as expedition leader. We arrived at Base Camp on March 20. During April and the early part of May, working with the All Sherpa Expedition, we established four camps on the mountain, the highest on the South Col. On May 2, Rugo, Richey, Chauvin and I arrived at the South Col for a summit bid. After two nights of waiting for the jet stream to move into northern China, we returned to Base Camp, thoroughly exhausted and beaten by high winds and bitter cold. After a much needed rest, Rugo, Richey, La Forest, Sinclair, Scott and I returned to Camp II for a final attempt. On May 13, Rugo, Richey, La Forest and I climbed to the South Col. Scott arrived there early on the morning of the 14th. We rested that day and Scott decided to return to Camp III. Just after midnight on May 15, we four left Camp IV for the summit. At 8:30 A.M., Richey and La Forest reached the summit, where they spent 45 minutes.