

make the first winter ascent of the formidable southwest face, which had previously been ascended only three times but never in winter. They spent three long months on the mountain, but in the end the wind defeated them. When deputy leader Yoshio Ogata and Fumiaki Goto made the first attempt to set up Camp V at 8350 meters on December 21, the wind broke their tent poles, forcing them to descend without establishing the camp. They had managed to climb a small distance above the camp site which turned out to be the team's high point. Camp V was occupied on January 8, 15 and 29, 1992, but none of the climbers was able to venture higher. A total of seven tents, including two at Base Camp, were torn apart. They decided on February 9 to abandon their effort, which had started on November 16.

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*Everest Photograph Corrections.* The captions on the photographs appearing on pages 53 and 55 of *AAJ 1991* were not correct. Plate 14 was taken by Mike Browning. In the photo are Ang Jambu, Nima Tashi, Dana Coffield and Brent Manning. Plate 15 was taken by Dana Coffield.

*Everest Correction.* On page 227 of *AAJ 1991*, the names of Ang Phurba and Nima Dorje were unfortunately omitted from those of Jean-Noël Roche's party who reached the top.

*Nuptse, Southwest Ridge Attempt.* Swede Magnus Lekman and three Sherpas tried a new approach to an unclimbed ridge on Nuptse, a southwest ridge to a south rib. They gave up on October 24 after only a week when they found strong winds and route difficulties prevented progress above 6500 meters.

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*P 5886.* On April 29, Canadian Barry Blanchard and I ascended the unclimbed west face of P 5886 (19,312 feet), which lies on the southwest ridge of Nuptse, northeast of Kongma Tse. We placed Base Camp at 4940 meters just west of the Kongma La and Camp I at 5200 meters. The climbing on the face began with two 45° icefields separated by a short rock-and-ice step. We then encountered three ice ribs which offered ice climbing up to 80°. Next we climbed a snow ramp leading left and completed three pitches on loose rock and snow. To gain the glaciated summit ridge, we ascended the last 250 feet of 75° ice. We were greeted with big smiles and cups of tea by two of our Sherpas, Tenzing and Dawa, who had climbed the glaciated ridge. We hiked along the summit ridge for 200 yards and were within 75 feet of the summit when darkness fell. A large crevasse at the base of the pinnacle and a short ice pitch separated us from the summit. Since it would have been less than prudent to continue in the