

*Lobuje East.* A Japanese expedition from Touhoku University led by Kazumasa Yamada climbed Lobuje East (6119 meters, 20,075 feet). On March 18, A. Koyama and M. Yamagata reached the summit.

*Ama Dablam Attempt, 1990.* I originally intended to try the Lugunak (southeast) Ridge, but since my companions had backed out in the United States, I switched to a solo effort on the standard southwest ridge. I was added to the permit of a South Tirolean team. After a bout with pneumonia, I went back to Base Camp after the departure of the South Tiroleans and started up alone on November 1, 1990. The route had been mostly fixed by two strong Italian and English teams, though by the time I arrived, quite a number of the ropes were cut or worn through. I tried to free everything but stayed clipped in as much as possible. I went for the summit from a second bivouac, but at the end of the Mushroom Ridge at 21,000 feet, the violent cough and high fever came back, this time with pulmonary edema. I descended to Camp II and stayed awake all night, drinking and taking Diamox and Decadron against cerebral impairment. I was very ill, and so at first light I started the tricky down-climbing, rappelling and traversing. I descended to Pangboche, where French friends gave me antibiotics.

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*Ama Dablam, Southwest Ridge, Pre-Monsoon.* The southwest ridge of Ama Dablam continues to be the objective of numerous expeditions. In the pre-monsoon season only one group made the climb successfully to the summit. On April 4, Michael Murphy of the Irish expedition led by Cornelius Moriarty reached the top. The following made attempts: Italians led by Angelo Giovanetti to 6400 meters on March 25; six Americans, three Mexicans and a Canadian led by Paul Thorndike to 6040 meters on March 29; Americans led by Evan Smith to 6400 meters on April 12; and Americans led by Thomas Bol to 6475 meters on April 13.

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*Ama Dablam.* In March and April, Irish climbers comprising Cornelius Moriarty, Ciaran Corrigan, Pat Falvey, Tony Farrell, Mick Murphy and Mike O'Shea were on the southwest ridge of Ama Dablam. They had bad weather and several of the party were incapacitated by food poisoning. Mick Murphy reached the summit alone on April 4 after Corrigan had turned back with respiratory problems. This was the only pre-monsoon ascent of Ama Dablam.

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*Ama Dablam, Northeast Face and Southwest Ridge Attempts.* Our team was made up of Swiss Marie Hiroz, French Laurence Gouault and Americans Steve