

Taiwanese Mrs. Lee Chengyen. On May 5, Chinese Chhimi, Gyatso, Khetsun, Phubu and Wang Yong-Feng and Taiwanese Wu Chin-Hsiung reached the summit. Eleven Irish climbers and two Britons were led by Dawson Stelfox. On May 27, Stelfox reached the summit. Since he holds dual Irish and British nationality, he pulled the neat trick of being the first Irishman to climb the peak and the first Briton to climb it from the north, 69 years after Mallory and Irvine had disappeared there. Stelfox and Frank Nugent set out together from camp at 8300 meters but Nugent had problems with his oxygen apparatus and had to turn back. Stelfox continued on alone over the Second Step and to the summit. The next day, May 27, Tony Burke and Robbie Fenlon made another attempt, turned back at 8500 meters by bad weather. An expedition of eight Swiss had been led by Gaudenz Bass, but he had to leave early because of illness and handed over the leadership to Christoph Jezler. They reached a high point of 7700 meters on May 23.

ELIZABETH HAWLEY

*Everest Summer Attempts.* The North Col attempt by John Roskelley and me was unsuccessful. Although healthy and well acclimatized, we never got a shot at the summit. The monsoon arrived late and was said to have been the worst in 40 years. Despite having everything on the North Col by August 5 for an alpine-style summit push, poor weather and unstable snow conditions prevented us from going above the col for the next month. The other American expedition on the mountain at the same time was also unsuccessful. They stayed another ten days after we left. Robert Anderson, making his sixth attempt, again solo, reached 8400 meters on September 13 before turning back. Two others in the team, Paul Teare and Mike Bearzi, reached 7550 at an earlier stage of the expedition. They were lucky; on August 28, two separate avalanches struck their camp at 6700 meters in the high cirque formed by Changtse, the North Col and Everest's north face. Anderson's tent was not struck and he was able to free Teare and Mike Duncan, who were trapped in their tent. Their intended route was on the left side of the north face that we tried in 1982 and was finally climbed by Bonali and Sulovsky in 1991.

JAMES WICKWIRE

*Everest Attempt.* Carolyn Gunn and I arrived on August 17 at Kathmandu, where we met the other team member, Tamding Sherpa. We left on the 20th for Tibet and arrived at our 17,000-foot Base Camp on August 24. On the 29th, Carolyn and I hiked up the Central Rongbuk valley with two yak herders and six yaks to Advance Base at 18,300 feet. Two days later the yaks and drivers returned with Tamding and another load of food and equipment. We shared Advance Base with a small team of Americans attempting Everest in the monsoon season. They departed on September 16 and then we had the entire north face to ourselves. I made two carries to 19,000 feet on August 31 and September 1 and set up a camp there where climbing on the Central Rongbuk