



*The southeast faces of Pholha Khyung (in front) and Loinbo Kangri. CHRISTIAN BECKWITH*

Pholha Khyung, then continued on up to recce the route for the next day. My high point of ca. 6200 meters on Pholha Khyung via a couloir on the southeast side would be the last effort of the trip, as the bad weather that had plagued our stay closed in for good that evening, signaling an end to the expedition.

Of note in the area is the southwest face of Pholha Khyung, which looked to yield a fine wall of golden granite perhaps as much as 800 meters high, and the striking ca. 6400-meter peak half a kilometer northeast of Pholha Khyung that would offer 800-meter mixed and/or rock routes. Himalayan wildlife, including lynx, ramchekor, wild sheep, wild asses, snow leopards and the oft-discussed but rarely seen yeti, along with the friendly and equally wild locals, would yield a wonderful adventure to those interested in exploratory climbing some distance from the usual haunts.

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*Tangmonja, Attempt, and Machag, First Ascent.* It was reported that Britons Derek Buckle, Gary Hill, Alyson Starling, John Town, John Whitely and Rik Wojtaszewski travelled to the Jomo Chu region of the western Nyangchen Tangla (Nyain-Qen-Tanglha) in July-August. From a Base Camp beneath the east face of Jomo Kangri (7048m), the team attempted the west ridge of the unclimbed Tangmonja (6328m). Advanced Base Camp (5525m) was established near the foot of the ridge. Poor weather prevented the team from climbing higher than 5850 meters, where the flat ridge quickly begins to steepen. Taking full advantage of a break in the weather, Buckle, Hill and Town made the first ascent of the prominent peak just to the southeast of Tangmonja via the 400-meter west face (AD-). The terrain involved excellent 45- to 50-degree granite and mixed ground; the ascent took nine hours from camp. They named the peak "Machag" (6025m) after the anvil-shaped summit block. (*High Mountain Sports* 210)

*Peak 6250, Ascent, and Namlo Karpo, Attempt.* New Zealanders Peter Cammell, John Cocks, Cam Falkner, Martin Hunter, John Nankervis and Adrian van Schie spent five weeks in the Kongpo region of eastern Tibet in the autumn. Accompanied by Tibetan mountaineer Ar Ke