

Everest Climbers Reached Top 'Simultaneously'

By PETER JACKSON

KATMANDU (Reuters)—Tensing Norkay said he and Sir Edmund Hillary reached the top of Mount Everest "simultaneously" in their history-making climb May 29.

Tensing, Sherpa, "tiger of the snows," was broadcasting on Nepal Radio as a public controversy raged over who set foot first on the peak of the world's highest mountain.

In the course of the public argument, Tensing is reported to have signed two statements, one saying he was first on the summit, the other saying it was New Zealander Hillary.

In his radio interview, Tensing said he and Hillary had alternated in the lead as they made their roped ascent.

"There was a brilliant sun," Tensing said. "The winds were not fierce and there were no clouds."

"I could view the immense vistas of Tibet and Nepal and had a look at majestic Kanchenjunga and the Rombuk monastery in Tibet.

"I did not remove my oxygen mask on the top. The flags of Nepal, Great Britain, India and the United Nations were held by me on an ice ax and were photographed by Hillary."

Asked how he felt at the top, Tensing said: "I did not feel so much elated. There were dangers in the descent. Once on the lower camp I was overwhelmed with joy."

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In his broadcast Tensing paid tribute to the bravery of Hillary, "my life's companion," and to the organizational capacity and leadership of Col. John Hunt.

Tensing said his mother and his wife agreed that "now that I have climbed the highest peak I should not go to the Himalayas again."

The two conquerors rode into this city last Saturday in a four-horse open landau decked with flowers and vermilion powder.

At the royal palace King Tribhuvan conferred titles on Tensing, Hillary and Col. Hunt. Before Tensing's broadcast the question of which climber got to the summit first had almost become a political issue. The same goes for Tensing's nationality—Nepali or Indian.

Groups of excited young men went out along the road to meet the returning expedition. They brought prepared statements for Tensing to sign, saying that he reached the top first and that he is a Nepali citizen. He

was born, 39 years ago, in Nepal and now lives in Darjeeling, India.

Col. Hunt again deprecated the controversy, as have the others.

"When two men are roped they work together, and the question of who actually set foot first on the summit does not matter," Hunt declared.

Washing Adds to Life And Luster of Linens

The place to put your new household linens when they come from the store is not in the linen closet. Put them in the wash tub or washing machine.

Tests conducted by retailers have shown that beautiful linens are not at their best until they have acquired the soft luster that washing gives them. Frequent sudsing softens the linens and makes them downy to the touch. Turkish towels have increased absorbency and flexibility after laundering. Bath towels become fluffier since they tend to "settle" on store shelves.

The very finest sheets are perfectly safe in the washing machine, but don't wash more than two sheets in a load. Small items—lace doilies and fragile

place mats—should be handled gently and protected during laundering.

appearance and texture, but helps to preserve them from yellowing and from silverfish. One of the easiest ways to suds and rinse such pieces is to put them in a jar three-quarters full of suds. Cap the jar and shake it until the suds have thoroughly penetrated the pieces. Rinse the same way in clear water. There's no friction to wear the threads or snag openwork patterns.

When you are putting linens away for a while, fold them very lightly so that no deep crease is formed. Or better still, roll linens on a cylinder of some kind. This keeps them smooth and there's no special strain on any area.

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First United Church was the setting for the lovely wedding which united Agnes Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of this city, and Arthur Edmund Groves, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Groves of Toronto.

Rev. Lawrence Sieber officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an exquisite gown of chantilly lace and skinner satin with a graceful train. The moulded bodice and lily point sleeves emphasized the full satin skirt. A coronet of pearls and sequins held her illusion veil, and American beauty roses and stephanitis formed her bouquet. She wore pearl earrings, a gift of the groom, and carried a small bible.

The bride chose as her attendants her two sisters, Miss Joan Smith, maid of honor,

wore a pale blue gown and Miss Dolly Smith, who flew from Victoria for the occasion, chose pale pink. Head dresses of net and flowers completed their ensemble, and both carried colonial bouquets of spring flowers.

Mr. Angus Smith, brother of the bride, was best man and ushers were Mr. Davis and Mr. Robert Smith.

The church was beautifully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell. Mr. Henry Pluym was organist.

Guests were received at a reception in the Canadian Legion auditorium by the bride's mother who wore a dress of dusky rose with beige accessories.

Mr. Alex Mitchell proposed the toast to the bride, in the absence of Dr. L. W. Kergin, and the groom responded.

Mrs. L. W. Kergin cut the bride's cake. Serviteurs were the Misses Annie and Netta McLeod, Mary McAfee, Margot Brown, Donna MacArthur and Mrs. Margaret Lavigne. Messrs. Eddie Piffold, Gordon Brain and Malcolm Krug assisted.

For her going away ensemble the bride wore an emerald green suit with dark brown accessories and a silver fox jacket, gift of the groom.

Miss Donna MacArthur caught the bride's bouquet.

After an extended honeymoon trip to Eastern Canada and Great Britain the newlyweds plan to return to B.C.

City Residents Plan Holiday In Norway

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson are leaving on tonight's train for New York where they will sail on June 30 by Norwegian-America liner Oslofjord for a four-month visit to Norway.

Also leaving tonight is Mrs. M. K. Sandvar who will sail on the same ship for a three-month visit in Norway.

Mountain To Be Named After Queen

OTTAWA (C)—Mountains surrounding Maligne lake in Jasper National Park will be named the Queen Elizabeth ranges to commemorate the Coronation, the resources department announced.

The department said the Queen has agreed to the idea which originated with the Alberta geographic board.

Maligne lake is only 32 miles from the town of Jasper, Alta., but has nearly been mysterious since first seen by white men in the early 1900s. A road leads to within four miles of the sapphire-blue, mountain-ringed lake but the last four miles must be travelled by boat and mountain trail.

Canadian Nurse Going to Far East

OTTAWA (C)—Capt. M. Brohman of Toronto is leaving shortly for the Far East to take over as matron of Canadian nursing sisters in Japan and Korea, army headquarters announced today.

Now serving at the Toronto military hospital, Capt. Brohman will succeed Capt. Elizabeth Barker Pense who is returning to Canada on rotation. Capt. Pense will be posted to Kingston military hospital.

readers

• Monthly meeting Moose Lodge 1051. All members requested to attend Tuesday, June 23, 8 p.m. sharp. (145)

• Canadian Legion Branch 27 general meeting in the Legion Auditorium, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. (146)

• DANCE—Midsummer Night dance, S.O.N. Hall, Tuesday, June 23. Dance 10-2. Music by Mike Colussi. Everyone welcome. (145)

• Notice—Local 344 I.B.E.W. A special meeting for the election of officers will be held at the Civic Centre Monday, June 29, 8 p.m. All members requested to attend. (150)

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