

EVEREST CONQUERORS

Everest conquered, the New Zealander, Edmund Hillary, got his first mail from George Lowe, a fellow-countryman and expedition colleague.

At Hukase, 35 miles from Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, Hillary and Tenzing were welcomed and congratulated by their fellow-members of the expedition. Poor Tenzing descended from his glory into the centre of a minor political storm. He was born in Nepal and grew up

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30 in India, and both nations are now at loggerheads to claim him as their national. ~~this man~~ However, ~~who reached the summit with Hillary~~, <sup>Tenzing</sup> was unruffled when Colonel

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60 Hunt congratulated them both. Two unassuming men had climbed the 29,000-foot monarch of the Himalayas. Now in the State Coach of Nepal Hillary and Tenzing with Colonel Hunt and others of the expedition rode in triumph through Kathmandu.

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Colonel Hunt has <sup>modestly</sup> declared that his <sup>team</sup> ~~expedition~~ climbed Everest on the shoulders of all their predecessors, ~~when the great mountain defeated~~. The whole world, however, acclaims the expedition, in particular Hillary, Tensing and Colonel Hunt.