

EVEREST CONQUERORS IN DELHI

Colonel John Hunt and his party arrive at Delhi. In his hand is the ice-axe which Hillary and Tensing used on the last lap of their conquest of Everest. Five thousand Indians clamour round the aircraft to catch a glimpse of the two who reached the summit: New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing. Pressmen struggle with the crowds who have broken through the police cordon, as the members of the expedition make towards their car.

As the car begins its journey, troops attempt to clear a way through the throng. More huge crowds gather for a ceremony held by the Delhi Corporation. Hillary, Hunt and Tensing are the guests of honour. Tensing, one of the most expert of all the Sherpa guides, watches the Corporation's President present Colonel Hunt with a silver model of Ashoka's pillar, insignia of the Indian Government. Mrs. Tensing looks on proudly as her husband receives a silver replica of Mount Everest.

Hillary, too, receives a model of the mountain he conquered. It was on Coronation Day that first we heard of the expedition's triumph. Since that time we have learned with ever-growing admiration how great was their struggle to achieve their goal. On returning to Britain they will receive from the Queen the honours they have so richly deserved.