

the work can be accomplished by someone else. When accidents and death met their team members, they strove together to achieve their goal - the top of Mt. Everest. You have to take your route, and your job seriouslybut at the same time cease to take yourself too seriously so that you can be other member oriented. One thing they found out is that any-time a simple answer appears to a problem it is usually wrong. Most problems have complex answers.

They had humor along the way and tragedy. A fellow team member was killed by an avalanche; the expedition was threatened by a smallpox epidemic for their 1500 carriers and others they came in contact with along the route. A radio message could not be carried 120 miles back to the starting point of their trip because of interference and a CQ emergency message was picked up in Australia by a ham radio operator, relayed to Kamburi and to the World Health Organization in Geneva. In a single engine Swiss plane, a Swedish pilot flew in Russian vaccine. 40 people died instead of thousands. Bridges broke, ladders were not long enough to scale the ice and porters had to be sent over 100 miles away to cut trees and bring back poles to make ladders....but for humor.....Mad magazine was one of those packed by fellow scientists in Seattle, Washington as a joke and a Bikini clad balloon was blown up and the wind swept it away...They wondered what the Chinese thought of it as it landed in Tibet.

It was decided that people over 25 had the better reasoning ability to pace oneself in life. One fellow, a football player under 25, ended his climbing days forever by climbing too high, too fast and too soon.

After many hardships the summit was reached from two sides by two different teams of members. Each team had to retreat. But each team went back to conquer. These people battled winds of 150 miles per hour and had to wear oxygen masks to sleep at all times....all we ask of you is to come to meetings with a tie and jacket on....

As the last group of two men left the top of the summit one quoted from Robert Frost...."We've promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep." They lost toes and some fingers but they lived and came down. Even though the night temperatures dropped to between 30-60 below zero.

These men who climbed Mt. Everest were presented the Hubbard Medal by President Kennedy in conjunction with the National Geographic Society. This was the first time that each member of the team had been given the medal.

Dr. Miller's closing words were to the effect that on our own shoulders achievement has to rest. Through education and recognition and only through the proper use of time and use of organization can excellent means be allowed to produce excellent ends. And only that way, out of the past can be allowed to become the future. A future glowing and worthwhile. For all who climb Mt. Everest, real or imaginary, there are no conquerors, only survivors. Remember it is a long way to the top, and your summit is just as far as you wish to climb.