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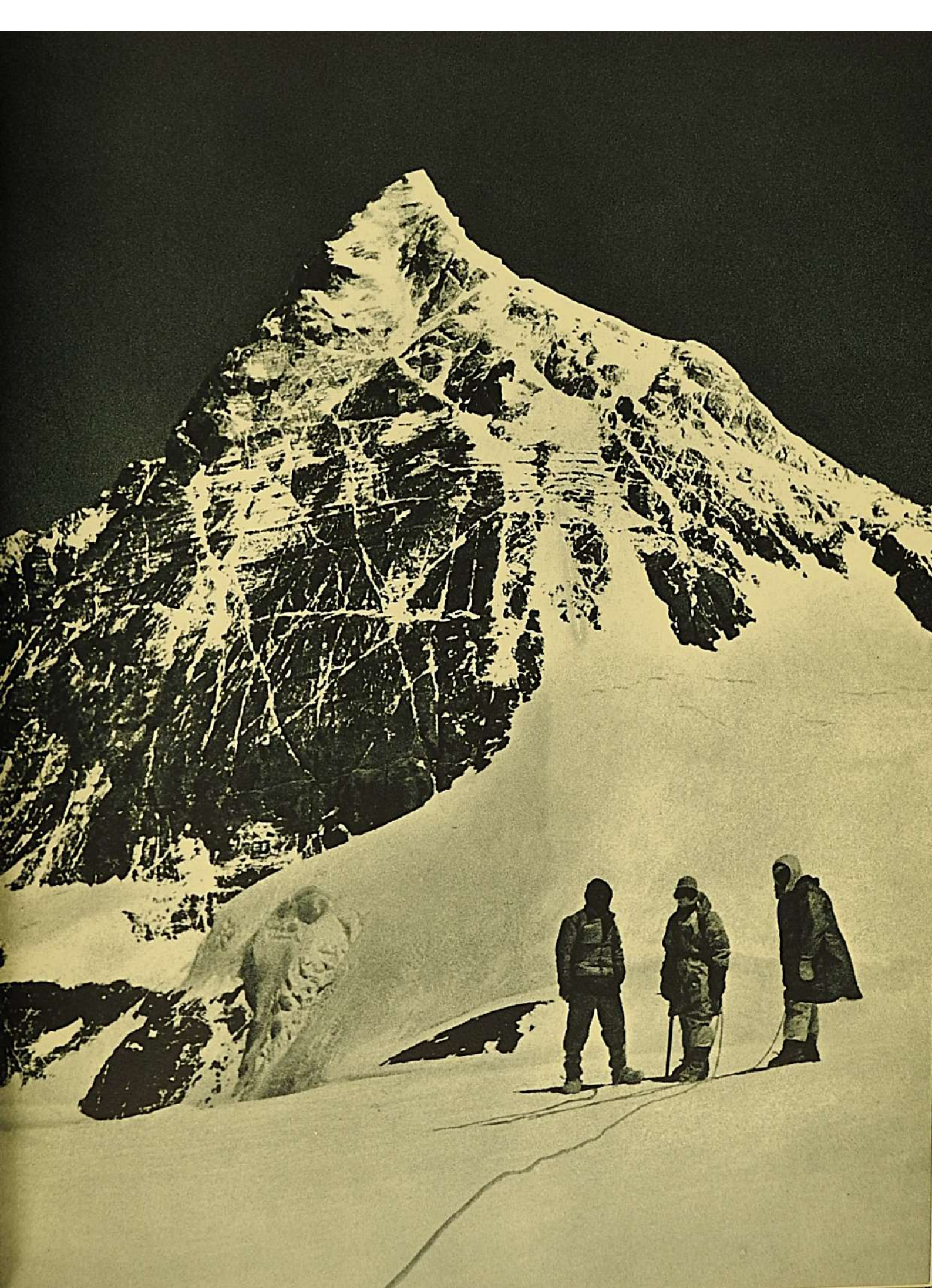


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From Lt General E.F. NORTON.

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Dear Dr Wyss-Dunant.

This brings you my most sincere congratulations on the great success you have achieved so far on Mt. Everest. It is indeed a unique performance to have got so close to the summit of the greatest of all mountains at the first attempt by an entirely new route.

I can think of no parallel achievement in the history of Himalayan mountaineering.

I don't know which to admire most — the determination with which you pushed your attack in the face of adverse weather conditions, the admirable deployment of your party between camps so well selected, the hardihood of your 'frealists' or the wise discretion which led you to resist the lure of the summit when so close when a further advance might have exposed your climbers to the first onset of the monsoon. — I might add the fine leadership of your sherpas which induced Tenzing at least, I understand, to carry a camp to 27560 feet.

Meanwhile I will only repeat my congratulations to you on your leadership & to your splendid party on their resolute & skilful performance.

Yours sincerely

E.F. Norton.

