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climb with oxygen at or above that altitude, according to one current chronicler.³¹ Peter Lloyd was a veteran Himalayan climber and oxygen engineer when the British finally succeeded on the south side of Everest in 1953. He omits the serious technical climbing obstacles on the north side, but quips about life's borderland solely from an oxygen standpoint, "Were it 1,000 feet lower, it would have been climbed in 1924. Were it 1,000 higher, it would have been an engineering problem." ³²(p234) Smythe also chimes in about that last thousand's outrageously dangerous first traverse of an 8,000m peak by Tom Hornbein and Willi Unsoeld, the former proclaiming in extremis up high that, "Death had no meaning, nor, for that matter, did life."