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Record Number of Climbers In Himalayas Hope To See An 'Abominable Snowman'

London—(U.P.)—A record number of 500 climbers will be prowling the peaks and glaciers of the Himalayas this season and Eric Shipton hopes at least one of the expeditions finds the "abominable snowman."

It was 66 years ago this month that the trail of the Asiatic what-is-it was first spotted by a British hunter in Northeast Sikkim. Worried because his frightened porters babbled that they had come across the dreaded "Metokhangmi," Col. L. O. Waddell assured them they had seen only the tracks of a yellow bear.

Waddell finally persuaded even himself, although he knew yellow bears rarely go above snow line, but later explorers and Mt. Everest climbers are sure he was wrong. However, only a few are as forthright as Shipton, diplomat and famous Himalayan climber, who is convinced that on the roof of the world dwells a strange man-like animal.

"What else can you believe when you have seen his actual tracks and trailed them for at least two miles?" said Shipton.

"In the 1951 reconnaissance that paved the way for the successful Mt. Everest climb in 1953 we measured and photographed the tracks. We lost the trail of the Yeti, as our sherpas called it, on a glacier."

Another reason Shipton believes in the existence of the abominable snowman is that Tensing, the trustworthy Sherpa who climbed Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary, saw it himself at Thyangboche monastery below the great peak.

He described it to Shipton as about 5 feet 6 inches tall, standing somewhat stooped. It was covered with reddish brown hair except the face, which was bare and red.

The footprints discovered by

Shipton were 12 inches across. Nail scratches at crevasses showed where the beast had leaped them. Shipton says there is no question they were not the tracks of Langur monkeys or bounding wolves as skeptics have suggested.

Nor is the abominable snowman, as other skeptics declare, a beast seen only by Sherpas. In the files of the Royal Geographical Society there is a notation from a surveyor. While mapping a Himalayan area, he saw what appeared to be a fur-covered man ambling across a snowfield a quarter of a mile away. He disappeared into some brush.

Sir John Hunt's successful Everest expedition of 1953 was told by the monks of Thyangboche that they had had to frighten some Yetis away by blowing conch shells when the animals invaded the monastery precincts.

One of the expeditions this year is a Swiss-Austrian assault on Lhotse peak. Its member will attempt specifically to bring back a "snowman" alive.

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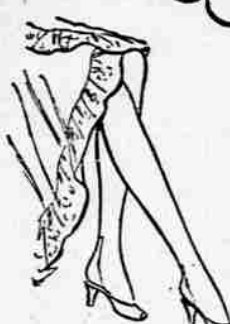
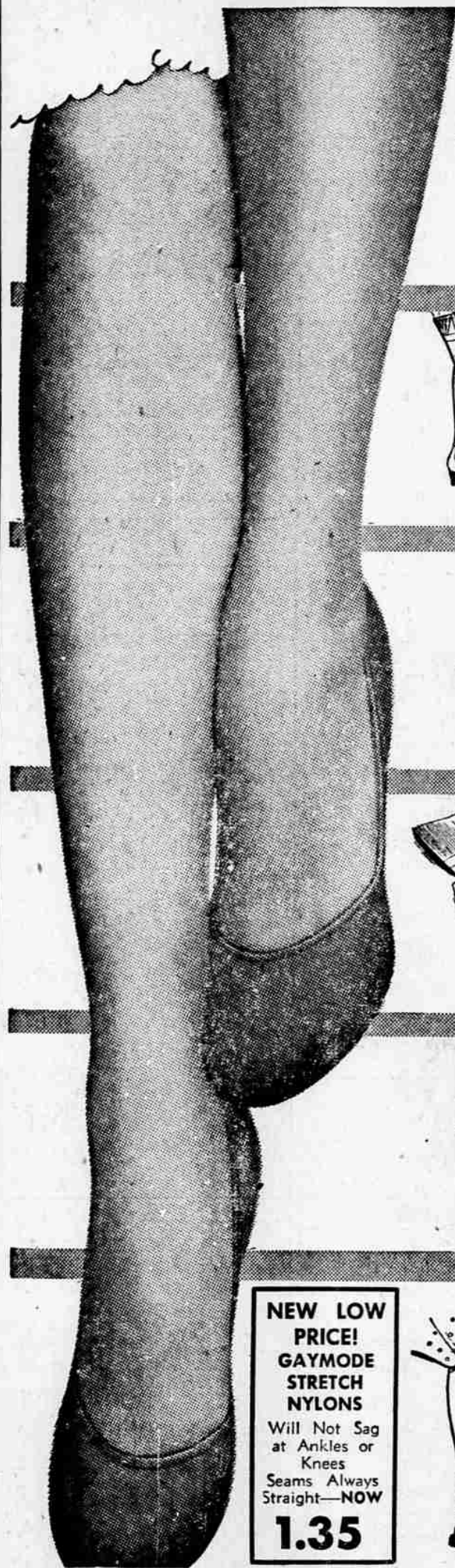
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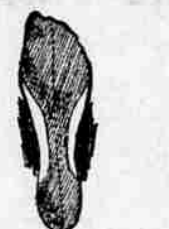
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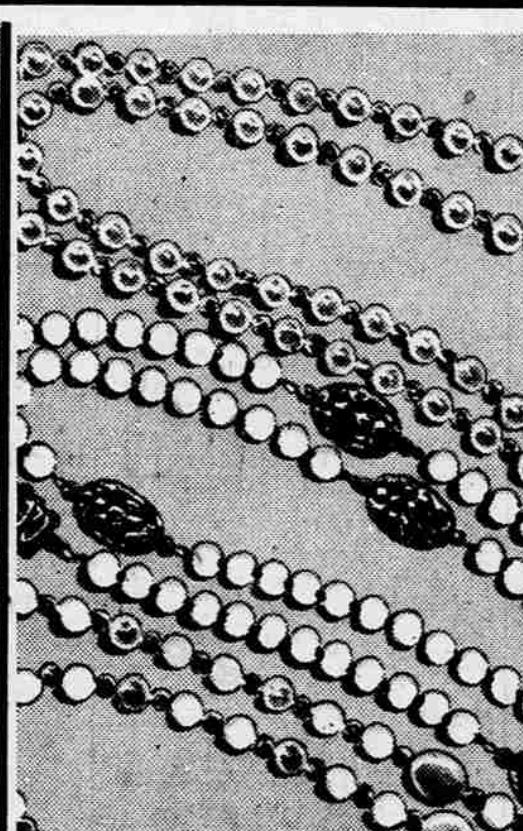
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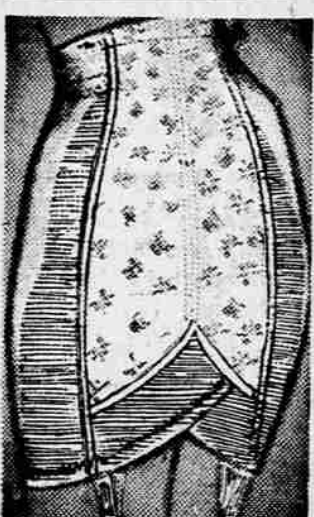
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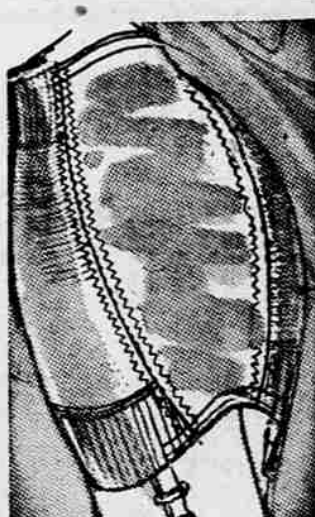
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