

FRENCH EXPEDITION TO DHAULAGIRI.

The French Mountaineering Federation has arranged an expedition to the Dhaulagiri area this summer. Nine French Mountaineers under the leadership of Maurice Herzog have left for Nepal in the first week of April to climb the unexplored 26,810 ft. Dhaulagiri—one of the highest peaks of the Himalayas, to explore its valleys, make extensive geographical, topographical and meteorological survey in that region and record observations on human resistance to high altitudes. The party has taken with it equipment consisting of special tents, oxygen masks, specially made nylon and wool clothing, rations, "walky-talky" radio sets, photographic materials, etc., weighing about 3 tons. Seven Sherpas under their Sardar Angthar Key have accompanied the party to work as high altitude porters.

The party is expected to complete the exploration in about two months. To keep it informed about the weather conditions in the Dhaulagiri region during the period, the India Meteorological Department has arranged to issue special weather bulletins daily from the Meteorological (Forecast) Office, New Delhi. The All India Radio, New Delhi, has arranged to broadcast these bulletins daily at 7.30 P. M. on four frequencies.