



TO THE THIRD POLE

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SYNOPSIS

Norman Dihrenfurth, a sprightly ninety year old, tells for the first time the fascinating history of his parents role in the race to TO THE THIRD POLE, the highest mountains on earth. Two expeditions during the 1930s which stand up to their Nazi rivals, - state-sponsored - beats them in setting world climbing records. In doing so, Guenter and Hettie Dihrenfurth take the first moving pictures in high altitude during their Himalaya expeditions. Norman Dihrenfurth himself put the first Americans on the top of Mount Everest in 1963 and led the first traverse of any 8000-metres mountain. He was participant or the leader of seven major Himalaya expeditions, many of which achieved Firsts, and he filmed every bit of it. The film features mountaineering legends Sir Chris Bonington and Reinhold Messner. In their engaging interviews they put the Dihrenfurth family saga into contemporary context and convey an intense compassion for the heroic achievements and tragic failures of this...

CAST AND CREW

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FORMAL CATEGORIES

Adventure

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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