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HIGHEST RUSSIAN AWARD FOR SHRI TENZING NORGAY

SOVIET UNION HONOURS EVEREST HERO

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Shri Tenzing Norgay, the Everest hero, was awarded the highest medal for outstanding achievement in the field of sports by the Union of Sports Societies and Organization of Soviet Union, at a meeting held in his honour in Moscow on March 1. Shri Tenzing Norgay is the first foreigner to receive this medal, the other recipients of which include the Russian cosmonauts, Gagarin and Titov. The meeting at which the presentation was made to Shri Tenzing was attended by 1,500 sports enthusiasts including prominent Soviet sportsmen and mountaineers.

Shri Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary were the first to scale the world's highest peak, the Mount Everest, in 1953. Shri Tenzing is at present visiting the U.S.S.R. as a guest of the U.S.S.R. Mountaineering Federation. He left for Moscow on February 26 and is expected to return here by the third week of March.

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