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1975 in Retrospect

– The animal world in Switzerland was enriched by a baby dolphin born at the children's zoo at Rapperswil. The birth by mother «Mizzi» was a rare event. ▶

– One of the most controversial political topics in 1975 was the construction of nuclear power stations: Whilst in some parts building went on quietly without opposition (Goesgen-Daeniken), the project at Kaiseraugst was at first obstructed by squatters occupying the site.

– A number of catastrophes had to be registered in the Grisons during the «avalanche winter» of 1975. In several places, such as at Vals, men, cattle and dwellings were crushed by the masses of snow.

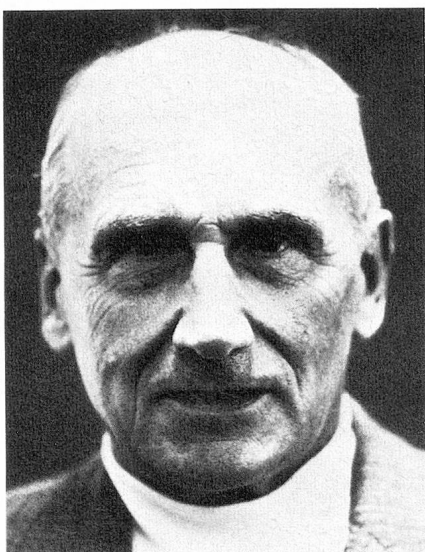
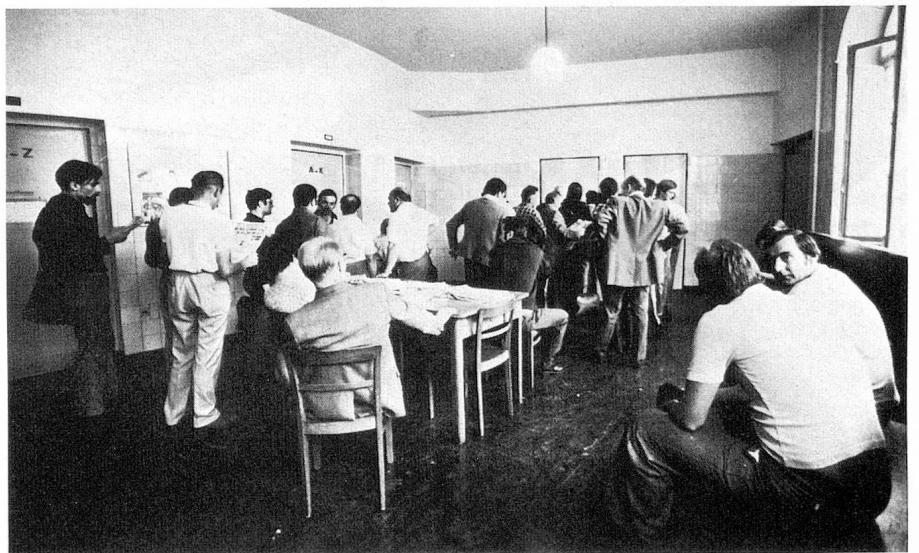
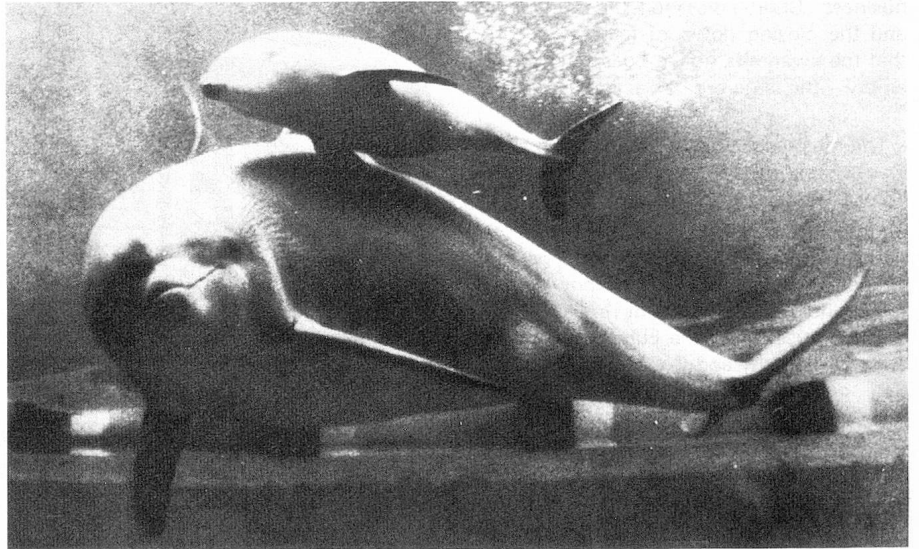
– Another world championship title was won by Leonardo Lienhard, Zurich, in roller skating.

– Pictures which one thought definitely as of the past a few years ago, were seen again in 1975: People out of work queueing for unemployment benefits (photo taken in Basle). The recession in private industry meant short-time work for many employees. ▶

– Daniel Nipkow of Zollikerberg (ZH) proved to be a fine son of Tell: He became European champion in archery.

– A rare occurrence also in the human sphere: The couple Winterberger of Brienz had quintuplets: Adrian, Barbara, Karin, Daniela and Beat, who are all doing well. ▶

– With ETH Professor Vladimir Prelog, a Swiss became once again a Nobel Prize winner in 1975. He was awarded the coveted prize for chemistry. ▼

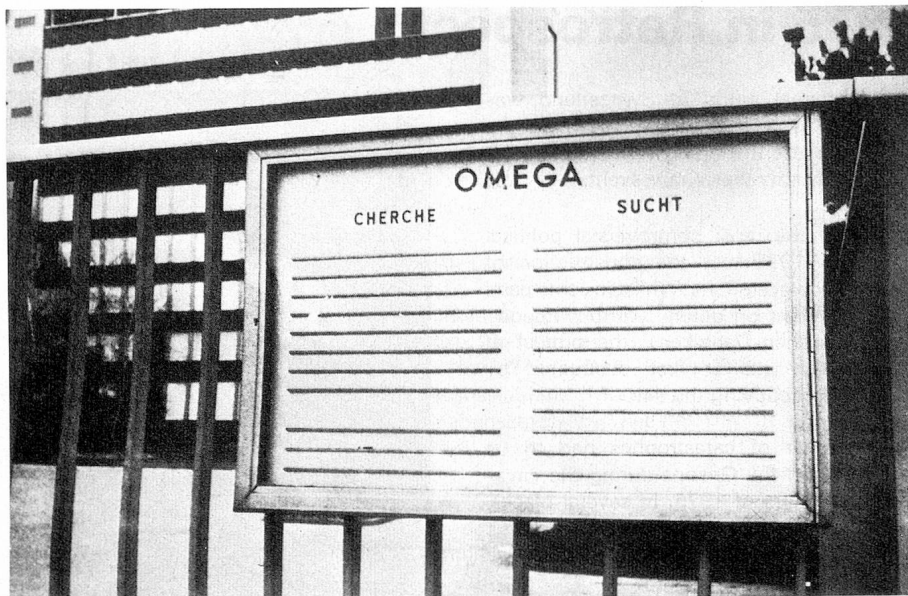


– Amongst the industries most badly affected by the recession was the watch industry which depends so much on export business. Short-time work, redundancies and the closing down of factories meant that the «wanted» notice boards remained empty – the large orders became fewer. ▶

– The most successful Swiss woman skier was Lise-Marie Morerod. She won the «Small World Cup» in Slalom 1975.

– With the signature of Federal President Graber, Switzerland, too, acknowledged the principles as set out in the final document issued by the European Conference for Security and Co-operation.

– Surprisingly, the Swiss quartet of CC Crystal Zurich, became world champion in curling at Perth, Scotland – grounds for rejoicing for Skip Otto Danieli. ▼



(photos Keystone)

– The Swiss dressage rider Christine Stueckelberger won the European dressage championship in Kiev. ▶

– The conflict between the Zurich Town Councillor Regula Pestalozzi and the Head Physician of the Zurich Municipal Hospital Triemli, Prof. Dr. Urs Haemmerli was accused in connection with euthanasia and suspended from duty. Later he had to be reinstated.

– World championship honours also in cycling; Robert Dill-Bundi became junior world champion in pursuit bicycle racing.

– With 8.06 m, Rolf Bernhard not only achieved a record in long jump, but managed to reach the list of best performers in the world. ▶

