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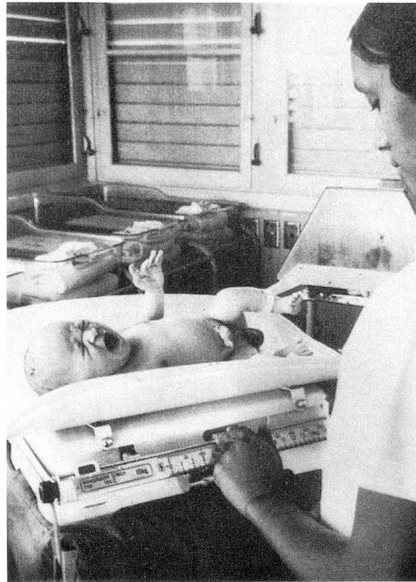
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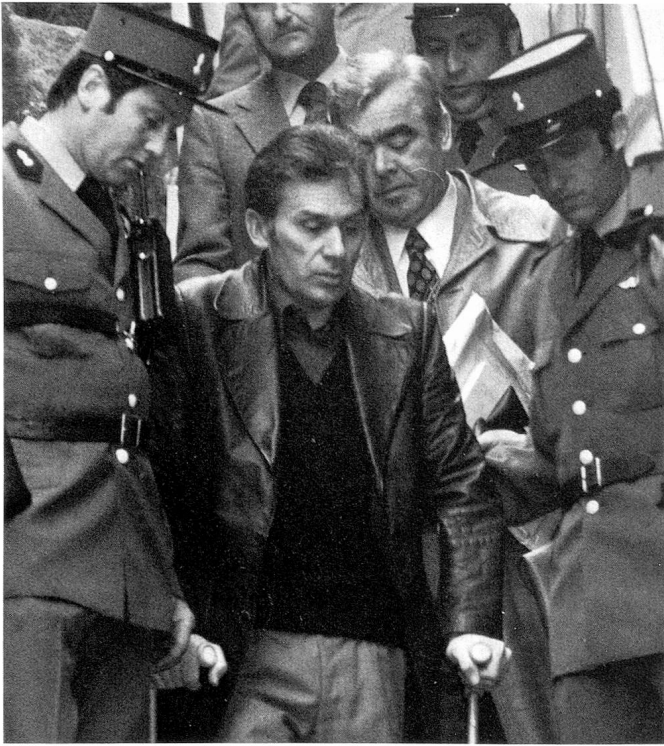
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1 The number of births rose in the Year of the Child; in the first seven months 43778 new-born babies were registered. This trend may even increase during the next few years. 2 The cyclocross rider A. Zweifel again won the World Championship in Saccolongo, Italy. 3 During his journey to China, Federal Councillor Fritz Honegger talked to the Chinese Deputy President Xiaoping on economics and trade relations. 4 The Municipal President of Berne, Dr. Reynold Tschaepaet, died unexpectedly. The mayor was a well-known personality. 5 With but a small majority, the Swiss electorate rejected the Initiative on Atomic Power, which demanded extensive participation by the population concerning the construction of atomic power plants.

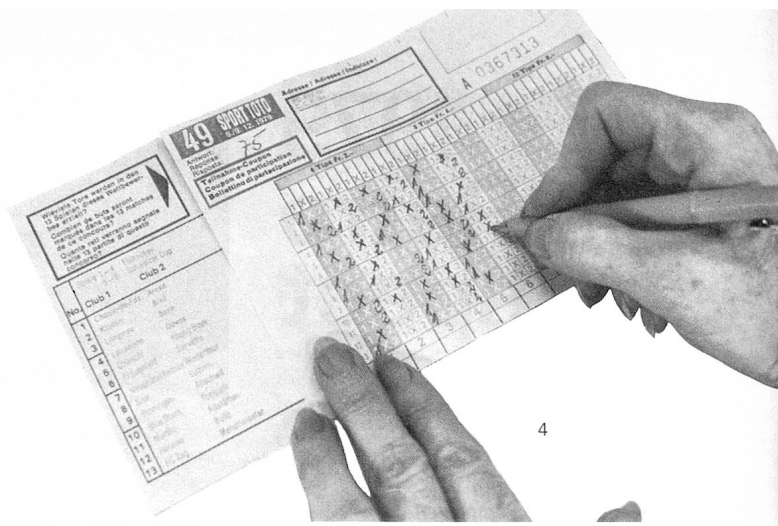


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1 In the Valais, the last phase in the Savro affair in which the Canton was defrauded by four million Francs. The main culprits on their way to Court, Pasquinoli, Filippini and Vernay. 2 The Canton of Jura is the 23rd Canton in the Confederation since 1st January; this necessitates several changes, such as the replacement of number-plates on motor vehicles. 3 Three cheers for the Women's Curling Club Albeina, Basle, which won the gold medal at the Women's World Championship in curling in Perth, Scotland, last march and obtained the European title in Varese in November. 4 Toto-X: a new kind of gambling, apart from football matches, can also be used for icehockey games of the National League. 5 21st October: the day of parliamentary elections when the representatives of people and Cantons were elected for the coming four years. 6 Controversy regarding the Swiss Tank 68, declared non-viable in modern military engagement by high-ranking military personalities. The National Council's commission of experts on inspection.



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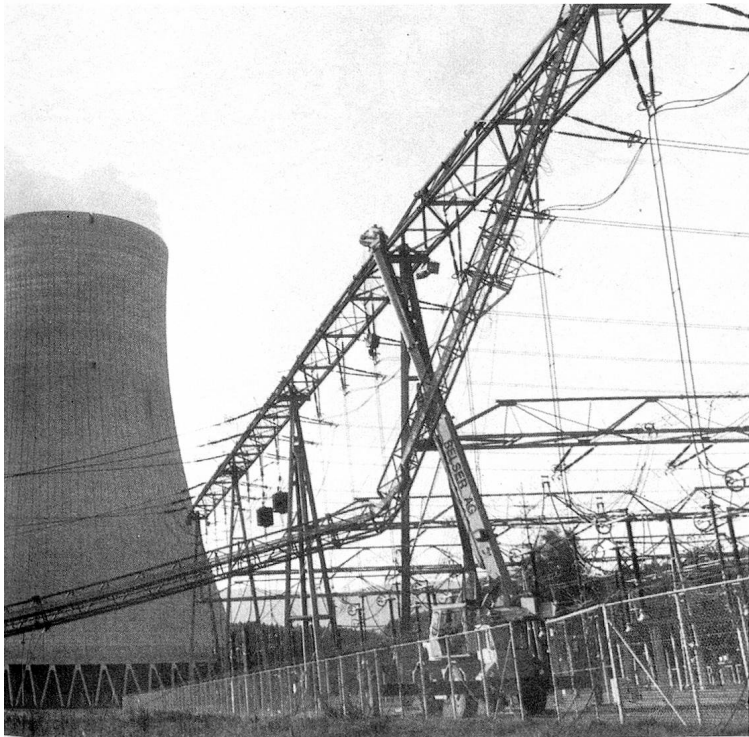
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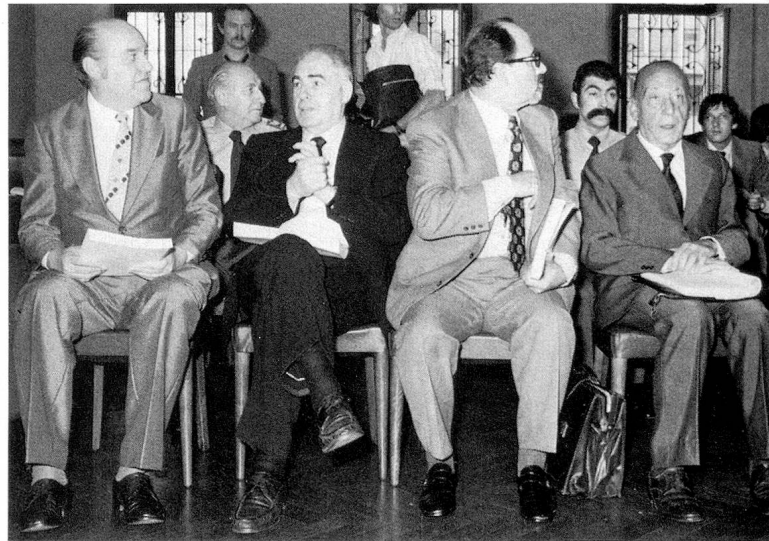
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1 For a few days, the town of Zürich served as exercise ground for a Division. In case of conflict, it will not be in the Alps that the majority of fighting engagements will take place. 2 State visit by the Spanish Royal Couple in June: King Juan Carlos during his address at an official banquet. 3 Attack on the nuclear power station at Goesgen a few days before it became operational. A pylon with meteorological instruments fell onto the switch-gear installation. 4 Example at the highest level! Saving energy: the Head of the Federal Department of Communication and Energy, Federal Councillor Willi Ritschard, shows the way. 5 E. Schaerer (captain) and S. Bentz (brakeman) won the World Championship in two-man bobsleigh racing in March. 6 The four main accused officials in the finance scandal at the Chiasso Branch of the Swiss Credit Bank in Court. From left to right E. Gada, E. Kuhrmeier (who died a few days after the end of the court case), C. Laffranchi and A. Nosedà, who were all sentenced to severe punishment.

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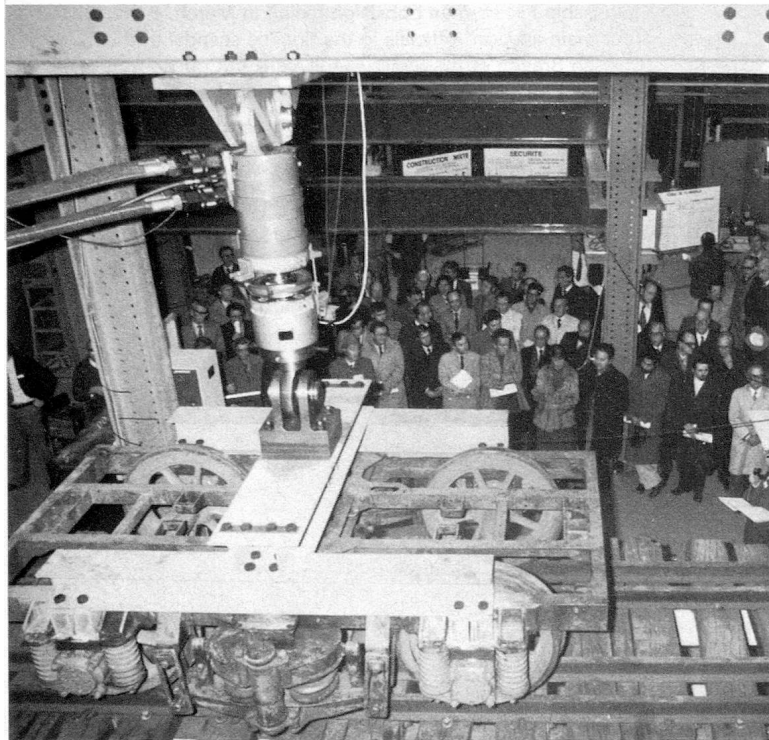
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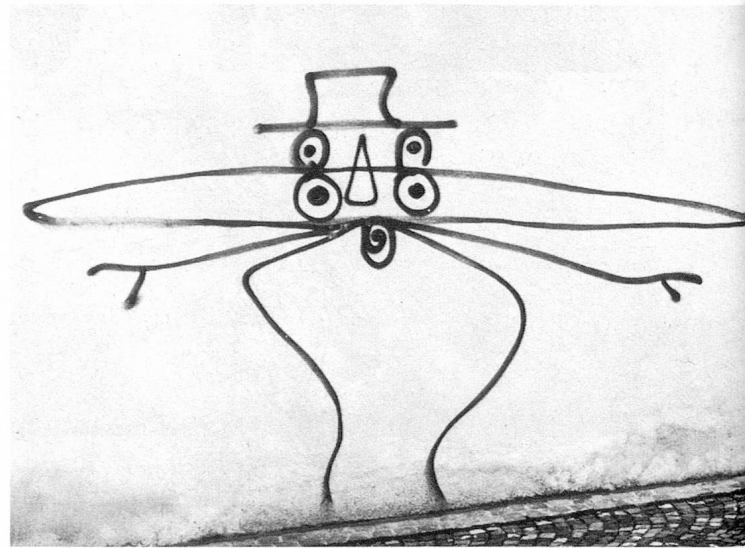
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1 Opening of the Hans-Erni-House at the Swiss Transport and Communications Museum in Lucerne. The artist showing his works to the Federal President of the year, Mr Hans Huerlimann. 2 The «Kings» of the 50th Federal Shooting Contest in Lucerne were (from left to right) E. Grossenbacher (Niederoenz), G. Seguin (Granges), M. Durrer (Oberrickenbach) and R. Ruess (Urdorf). 3 Opening of the research station of the Institute of Metal Construction at the Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne. 4 For the first time, a Swiss, Peter Luescher, won the World Cup in the Alpine skiing events. 5 The talented «Sprayer of Zurich» who, unrecognized for many years, «decorated» walls, store rooms, garages etc., was finally arrested. On confessing, he was set free, but he had to face claims for damages amounting to several hundred-thousand Francs. 6 The sidecar racing driver R. Biland and his co-driver K. Waltisberg won the World Championship in conventional class B-2-A.

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