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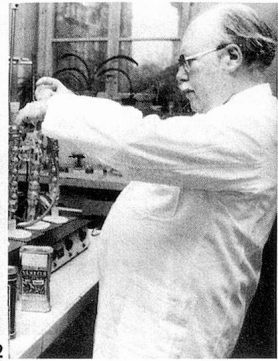
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1 January. Led by its President Fritz Honegger, the Federal Council departs for the new year.

Behind the engineer, one recognizes Messrs Aubert, Huerlimann, Furgler, Chevallaz, Ritschard and Schlumpf.

2 11th January. Scandal about the adulterated oil from Spain. As a result, confiscation and examining the oil in the whole of Switzerland.

3 12th January. A thousand Polish refugees arrive in Switzerland.

4 16th January. Presentation at the plant in Toulouse (France) of the first air-bus booked for the Swiss Aviation Company.

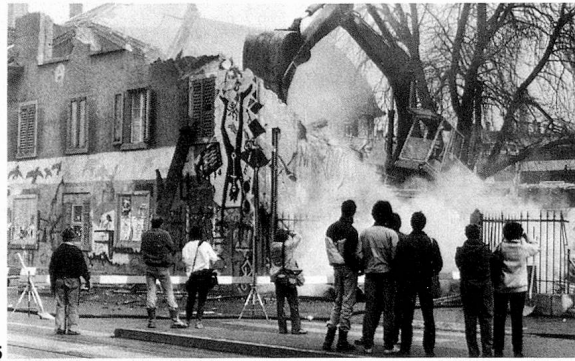
5 23rd March. After the short but turbulent history, the autonomous youth centre in Zurich, is cleared and demolished in a surprise action.

6 23rd April. In the centre of Lausanne, the beam of a crane crashes onto a trolley bus. The result: seven dead and fifteen seriously injured.

7 25th April. A sensation in the Canton of Obwalden. The President of the Council of States, Jost Dillier, is not re-elected by his fellow-citizens. Through that, he loses all his offices at federal level.

8 23rd May. Introduction of the regular-interval timetable (Taktfahrplan/horaire cadencé).

9 15th June. Papal visit to the international organizations in Geneva. On the left Federal President Friz Honegger, accompanied by the head of the Federal Department of the Interior, Hans Huerlimann.



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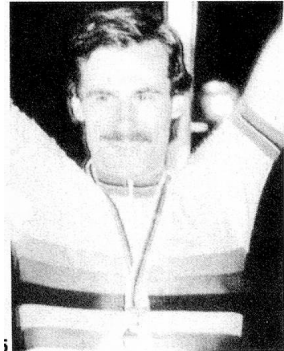
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10 21st June. For reasons of health, Bishop Anton Haenggi of the diocese of Basle, has retired and consecrates his successor Otto Wuest, after the election was ratified in Rome.

11 25st June. Federal Councillor Leon Schlumpf gives the departure signal for the first train through the Furka Tunnel. This longest small-gauge railway tunnel (15.4km) in the world was the subject of much discussion for the past years on account of the costs greatly exceeding the original estimates.

12 1st July. The regulations regarding local radio transmission trials have led to a real flood of applications for concessions. In the Canton of Aargau alone, over 20 inquiries have been received.

13 18th July and 30th September. In a train collision between a goods train and the fast train Dortmund-Rimini, six people were killed and 99 injured. 74 days later, a fast train was derailed at Berne-Buempliz; 15 people were injured.

14 August. The bad economic situation results in short-time working and dismissals in many industrial undertakings. The watch industry is particularly badly hit.

15 22nd August. Urs Freuler becomes world champion in Leicester (professional cycling on points).

16 25th August. Federal Councillors Huelimann and Honegger announce their retirement at the end of the year.



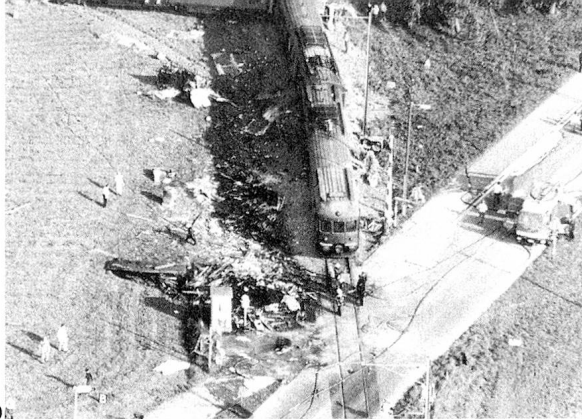
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17 29th August. The Swiss rowing team (four without cox) becomes world champion on the Rotsee. From left to right, Stefan Netzle, Hans-Konrad Truempler, Juerg Weitnauer and Bruno Saille.

18 Stefan Doerflinger from Basle qualifies as world champion in motor cycling (50qcm class).



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19 9th September. End of the occupation by four Polish expatriates of the Polish Embassy in Berne. The surprise attack by the grenadier troops of the Berne Police is a complete success.

20 12th September. A further serious train accident takes the lives of 39 tourists. Because the barriers at a level-crossing near Pfäeffikon, Zurich, were accidentally left open, a train collided with a coach.

21 21st October. At the Geneva Airport of Cointrin, a Boeing 707 of Egypt-air had a narrow escape after landing too soon. In spite of a fire, only three of the 174 passengers suffered slight injuries.



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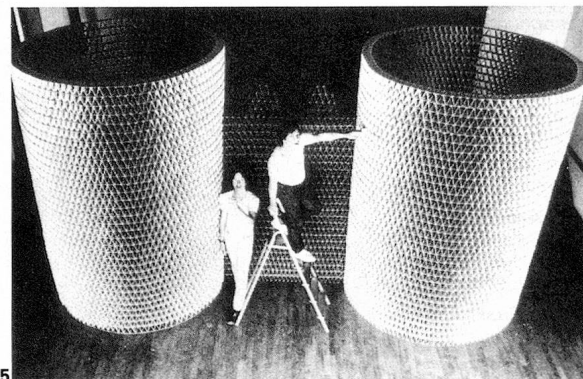
22 21st October. Black day for our Air Force. A helicopter (type Alouette III) collided with the cable of a transport telecabin. It crashed in a wood and the pilot and five soldiers were killed.



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23 18th November. Erika Hess, our three-fold world skiing champion and world cup holder 1981, is chosen Sportswoman of the Year 1981/82.

24 8th December. The Federal Assembly elect two new Federal Councillors in place of those who retired: Alphonse Egli (Lucerne) and Rudolf Friedrich (Zurich).



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25 December. The year of impossible records. Two men from Fribourg built a castle with 21 918 beer mats. The previous record comprised a mere 14 500 units.

Swiss personalities who died in 1982:

With 730 934 against 530 882 votes, the Swiss electorate accept the Initiative for constant price supervision. The counter proposal by the Federal Council for temporary supervision was rejected by 851 922 to 283 939 votes.

Mrs Maria Aebersold, author.



Mr Roger Bonvin, former Federal Councillor



Mr Fernand Martignoni glacier pilot



Mr François Simon, actor

