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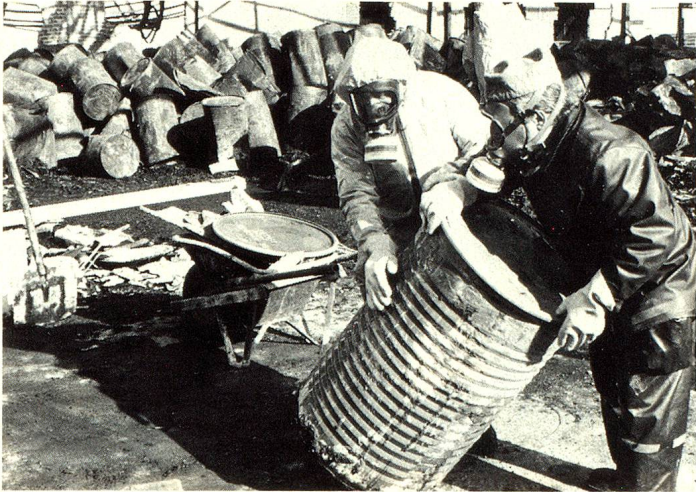
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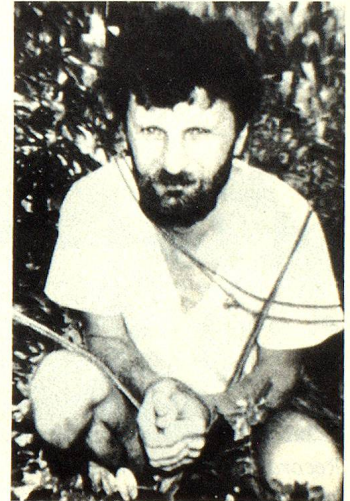
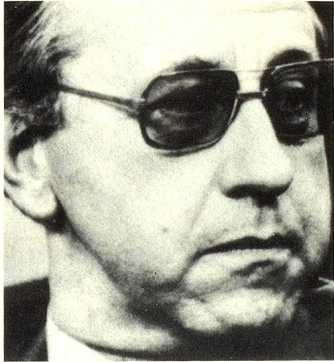
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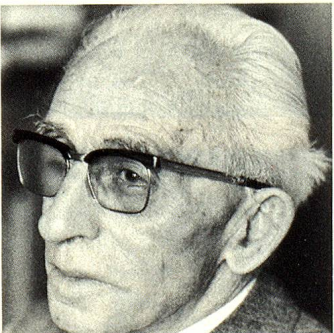
Heavy contamination of the Rhine after a chemical warehouse fire.



75,7% vote against Switzerland joining the UN.



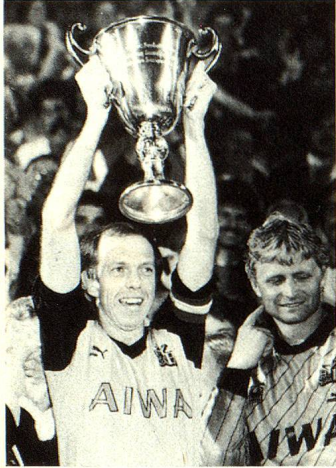
Swiss victims of political battles: two Development Aid helpers murdered by the contras in Nicaragua (Yvan Leyvraz, l.); tourist Fritz Künzli (r.) freed after 83 days of captivity in the Philippines.



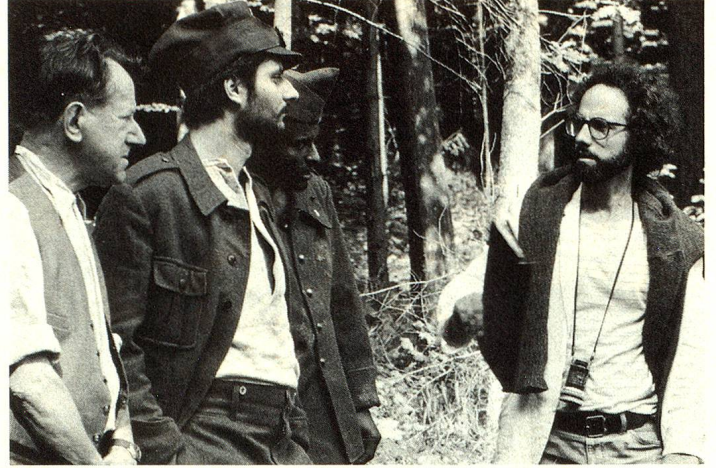
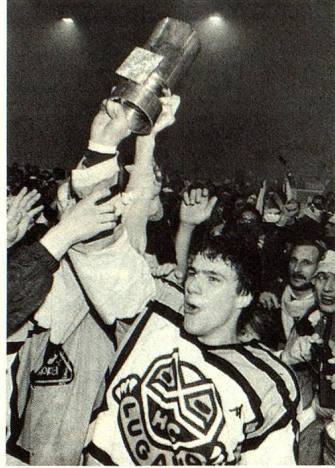
Celebrities who died (from l.): Hans A. Traber, naturalist, Heidi Abel, TV personality, Ernst Gertsch, «father» of the Lauberhorn ski race.



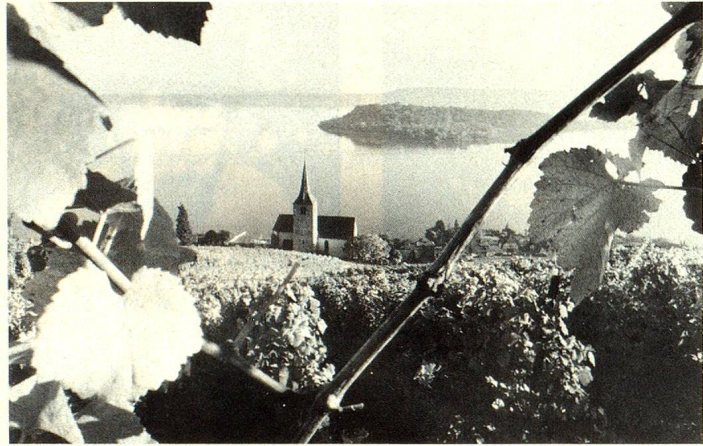
The Swiss Army presented new uniforms.



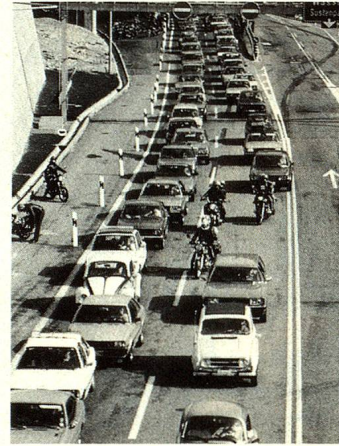
Young-Boys (l.) become football, HC Lugano (r.) ice-hockey, champions.



First Swiss film weeks in China with Markus Imhoof's «The Boat is Full». (Photo: The director during shooting)



Record harvest in Switzerland causes a wine lake. (Photo: Ligerz, lake of Biel)



Motor traffic has increased by 15% over the last five years.

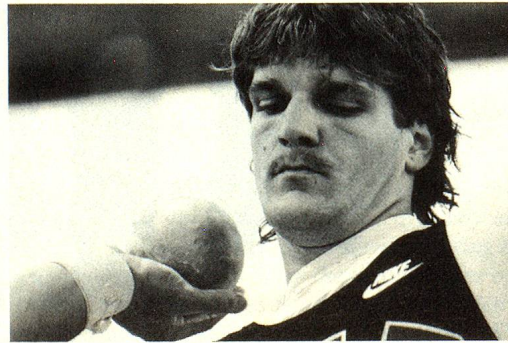


A one-family house by the renowned Ticino architect Mario Botta, winner of the 1986 Chicago Architecture Award.



◁◁ The Val Bavona, a Ticino Valley, wins 1986 Nature Conservation Prize.

◁ Albert Zweifel wins world championship cross-country cycling title in Belgium.



◁ Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year: Maria Walliser, overall world cup winner and Werner Günthör, European champion shot-putter.

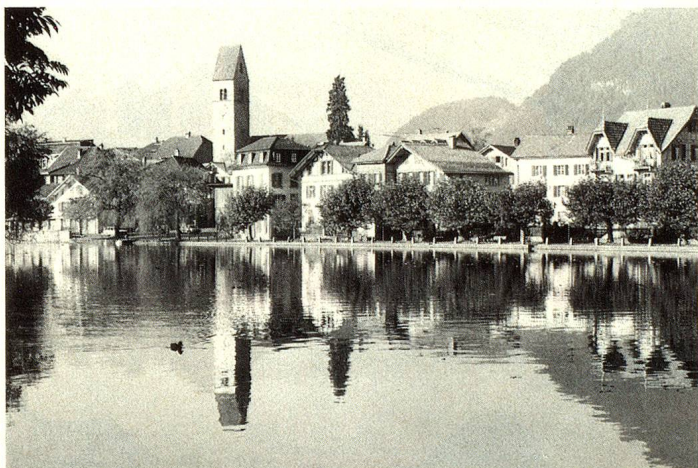
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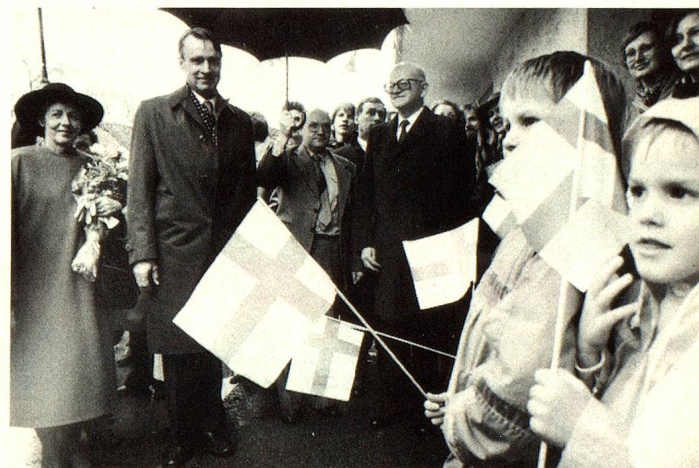
Chernobyl in the Federal Palace? Photo-montage on the occasion of the debate in Parliament.



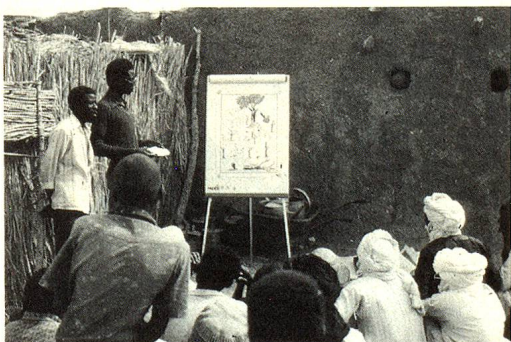
The Federal Court approves the controversial forest clearance work for the ski championships in Crans-Montana.



Unterseen, near Interlaken, wins 1986 Heimatschutzpreis.



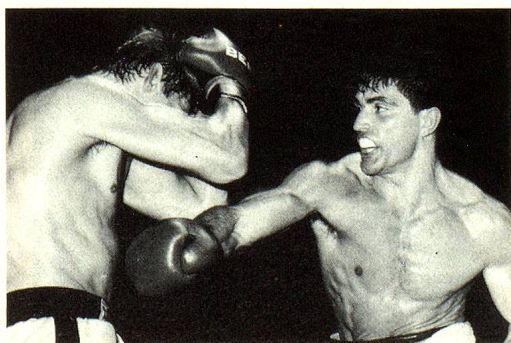
The Finnish President Koivisto on a state visit to Switzerland.



◁◁ 25 years of Swiss Service for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid of the DFA. Photo: Explaining the role of a tree at an afforestation project in Niger.



◁ Bächtold/Fuss side-car motocross world champions.



◁◁ Successfull year for the Italo-Bernese Enrico Scacchia (r.). Soon European champion?



◁ Swiss wrestling and Alpine festival in Sion (VS): The winners' prizes.

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