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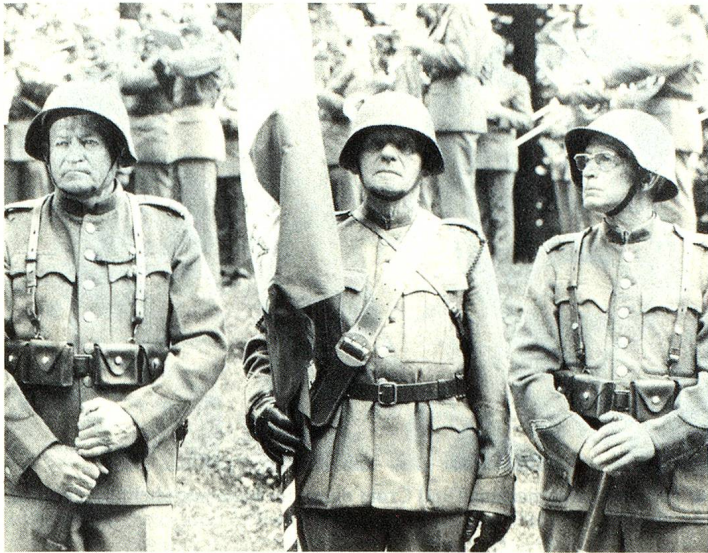
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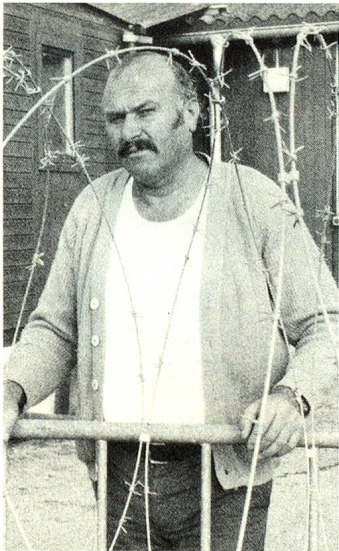
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▲ “Diamant” – reminiscences of Swiss Army mobilization 50 years ago: army veterans at the Rütli Commemoration Meeting on September 13.



▲ The popular initiative for “Switzerland without an Army” attained an unexpected level of sympathy, with 36% of voters supporting the initiative.

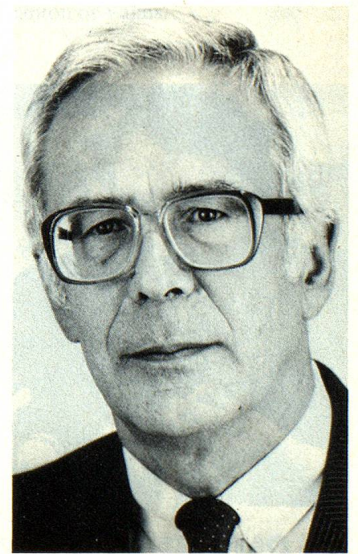


◀ Increasing hostility to foreigners prompted extreme right-wing groups to attack refugee housing – sometimes employing physical violence. That was why housing in Steinhausen near Zug had to be surrounded by barbed wire.

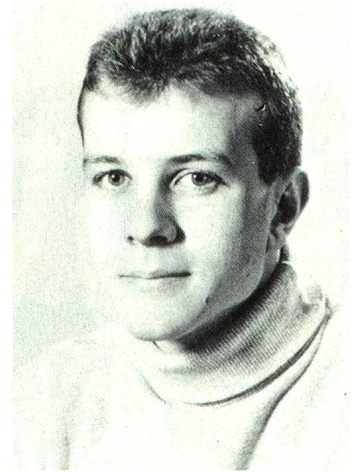
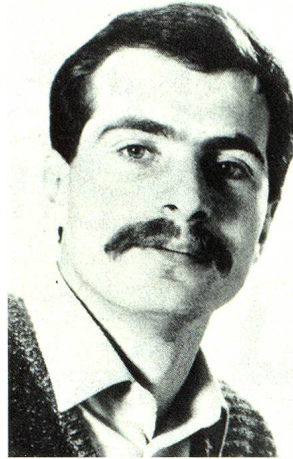
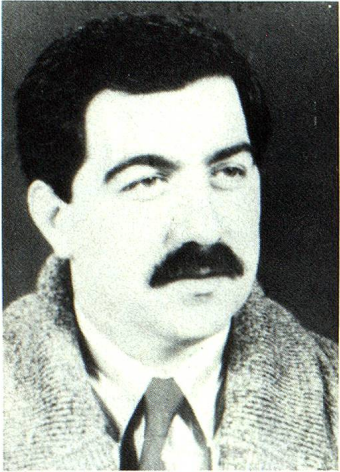
▶ The cantonal parliament in Appenzell Auser rhoden finally grants women the right to vote in cantonal matters.



◀ The never-ending Kopp case: The Federal Councillor forced to resign under dramatic circumstances, takes leave of her party (right: Federal Councillor Delamuraz).

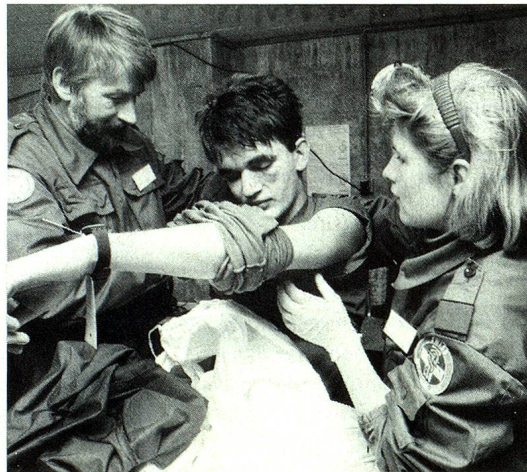


▶ Federal Attorney Rudolf Gerber resigns in the wake of the Kopp affair. Conditions prevailing within the Federal Attorney’s Office were found by a parliamentary committee of investigation to be untenable.



▲ Jean (right) and Berkev Magharian, believed to be the two men behind the "Lebanon Connection" money laundering affair, are taken to court.

▲ The Swiss International Red Cross delegates have been held for months in Lebanon.



▲ Kaspar Villiger, Kopp's successor and Switzerland's 99th Federal Councillor, is the first Defence Minister to visit the Soviet Union (our picture).

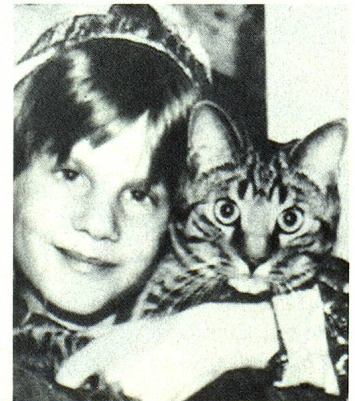
◀ A Swiss medical unit gives medical aid to UN troops in Namibia.



▲ In 1989, real estate prices and rents in Switzerland spiralled upward as a result of speculation, giving rise to frequent public protests in cities.

◀ The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Swiss Jean-Pierre Hocké, resigns following allegations that he failed to keep sufficient control of expenditure.

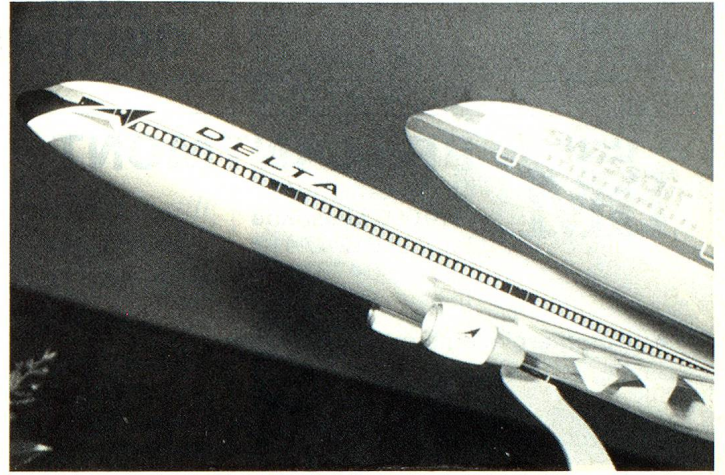
▼ A great number of child murders - like that of 10-years-old Doris Walker - shook the Swiss.



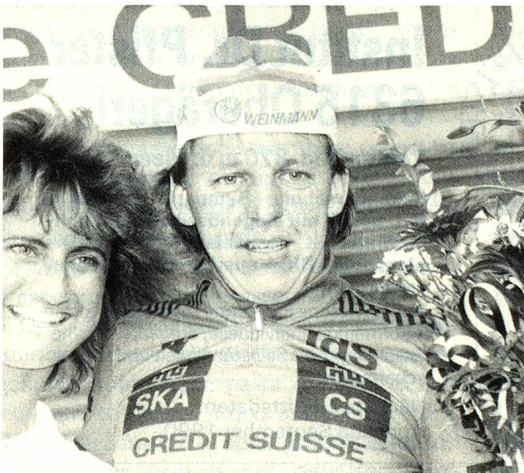
Looking back on 1989



▲ Changing cantons: In a popular vote, the Laufental area decided to switch from the canton of Berne to the canton of Rural Basle.



▲ Swissair collaborates with America's third largest airline, Delta Airlines.



▲ A Swiss cyclist, Beat Breu, won the Tour de Suisse.



▲ At the Swiss Federal Wrestling Competitions in Stans, an 18-year-old Bernese, Adrian Käser, became the youngest Wrestling Champion of all times.



▲ Cupwinner at the traditional Whit Monday competition at Berne's Wankdorf stadium: Grasshoppers, who defeated Aarau 2 - 1.

▼ Three beaming Swiss ski champions at the Ski World Championships at Vail (Colorado) in February 1989. Holding their gold medals, from left to right: Vreni Schneider (giant slalom), Martin Hangl (super G), Maria Walliser (downhill).



▼ Sealing the bond with a kiss: Ski champion Pirmin Zurbriggen marries Monika Julen at Saas-Almagell, in the canton of Valais.



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