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◀ The affair of the “fiches” caused a terrific stir. Our picture shows a demonstrator protesting against alleged “snooping” by the State.
(Photo: Michael von Grafenried)

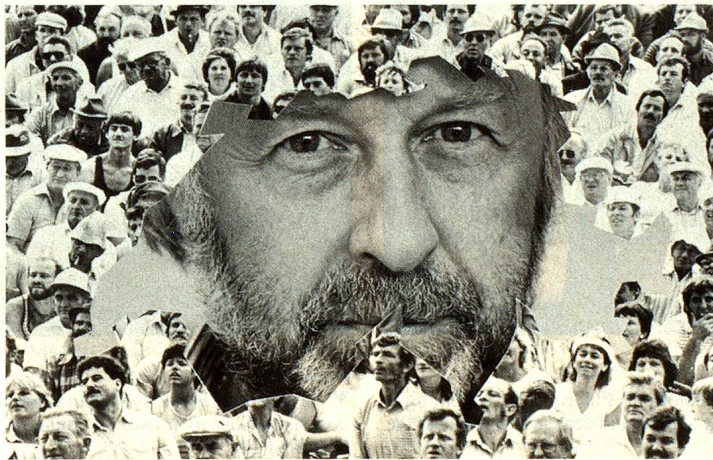


▶ Zurich’s “S-Bahn” is opened: At the end of May the suburban fast train service was inaugurated, and the new stations began operating.

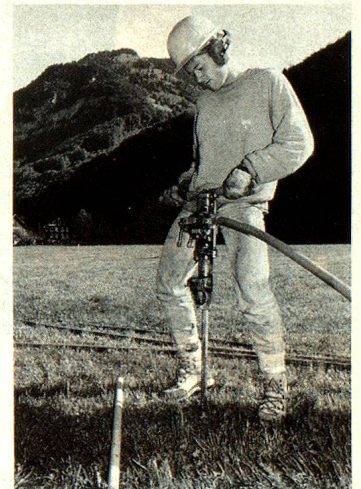


▶ Protests against the new bishop: In the entire Diocese of Chur the Catholic population protests against the appointment of Wolfgang Haas Bishop of Chur.

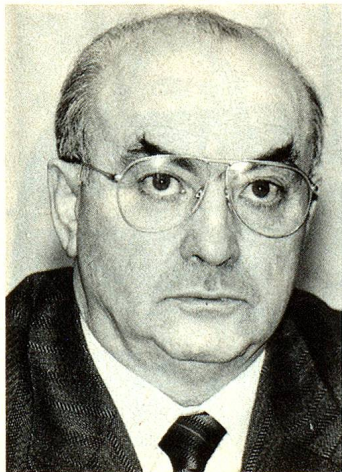
▶ The 1990 census was held on December 4. In the aftermath of the affair of the “fiches”, and calls for the population to boycott the census, a comprehensive informational campaign was organised by the Federal Office for Statistics in order to ensure a smooth and trouble-free completion.



▼ In its investigation of the Federal Military Department the Parliamentary commission (PUK II) ferreted out the existence of a “secret army” (“P 26”) and of an equally “secret” Secret Service (“P 27”). Our photo shows the head of the secret army, Efrem Cattelan (“Rico”), who gave an interview to the press for the first time on December 7.

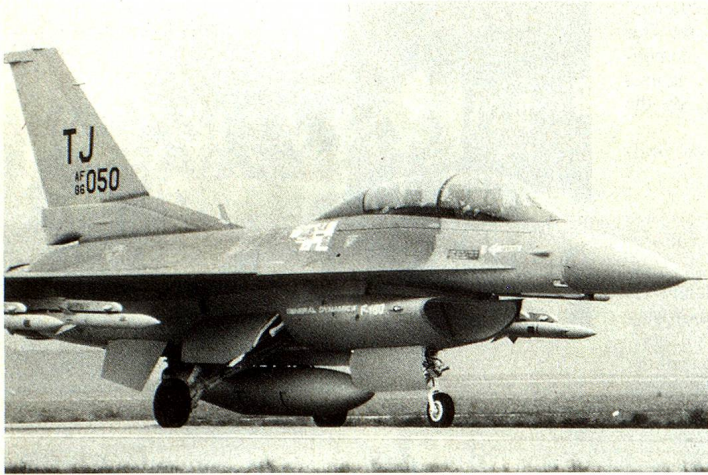


▲ Controversial atomic energy: The approval of the “Moratorium Initiative” by the national electorate and the Senate on September 23 put a damper on the nuclear policy of the Federal Government: no new atomic power stations may be built for the next ten years. Our photo shows Nagra’s geophysical investigations on the Wellenberg near Wolfenschiessen (Canton of Nidwalden).



◀ At the end of February, the Federal Supreme Court acquits Elisabeth Kopp from the charge of disclosure of officially secret information. Our photo shows her, with her husband, as they leave the Federal Court in Lausanne.

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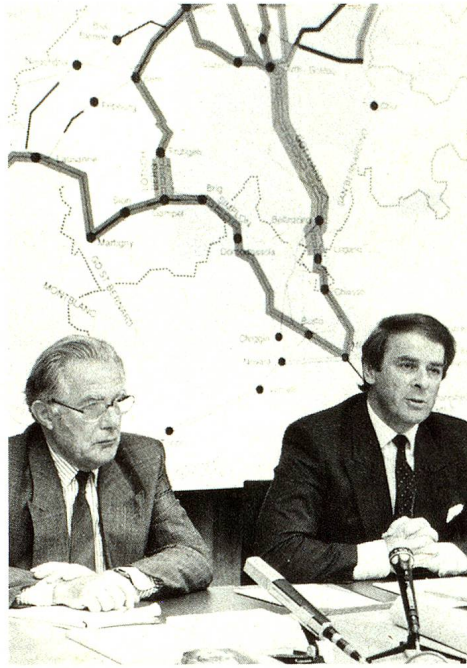


▲ Mirage or Mig ... or after all, the American F-16 (our photo)? Switzerland has problems in connection with the procurement of a new fighter plane.

▼ At the Party Conference of the Social Democrats, 33-year old Peter Bodenmann from the Valais was elected in April to become the new President of the SPS. In our photograph, we show Bodenmann with his predecessor Helmut Hubacher (right on picture).

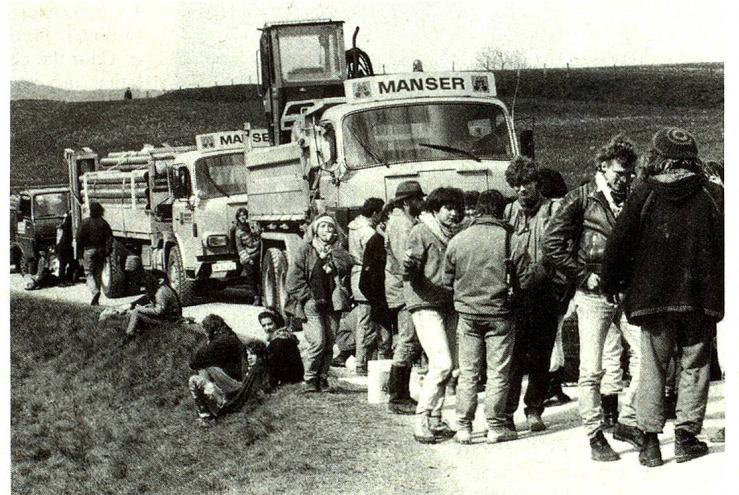


▼ The shocking drug scene at Zurich's notorious Platzspitz is becoming a "turntable" exercising a strong "pull" on the addicts and dealers from all over the country.

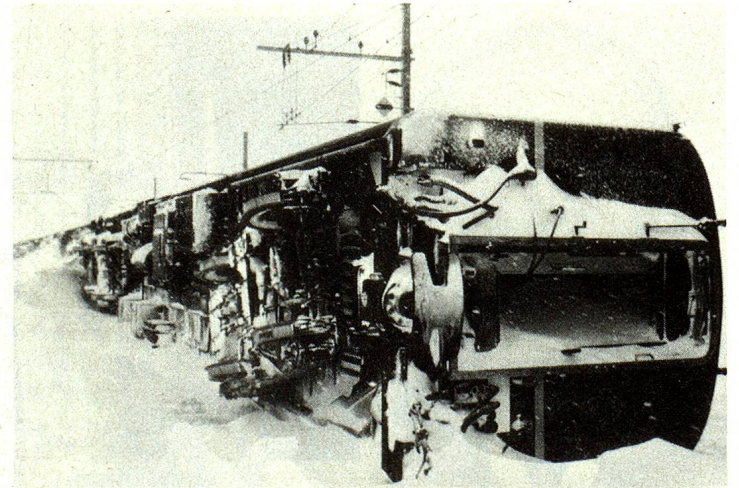


◀ In May, Adolf Ogi, of the Federal Council, presented details of the projected new transversal railways for crossing the Alps, which are to be completed by 2015. The principal axis will be formed by the new Gott-hard basis line and the Lötschberg basis tunnel.

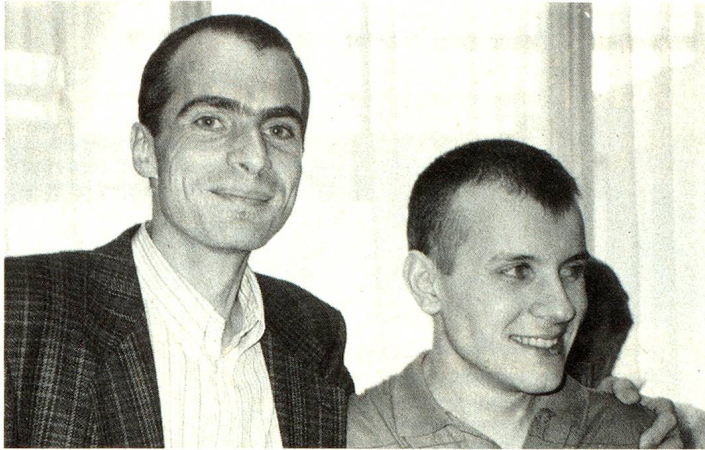
▼ Despite squatting campaigns and protest demonstrations, work is begun in early summer for the construction of the new garrison community Neuchlen-Anschwilen. (Canton of St. Gallen)



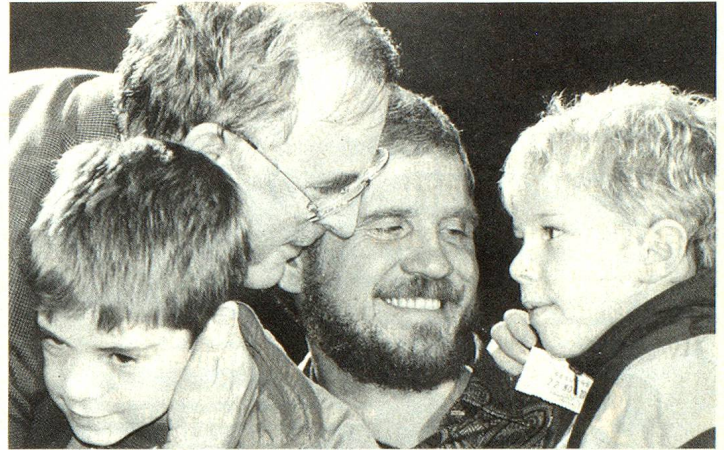
▼ At the end of February violent storms hit Switzerland, devastated our forests and cost six persons their lives. Our picture shows overturned railway waggons on the Oberalp Pass.



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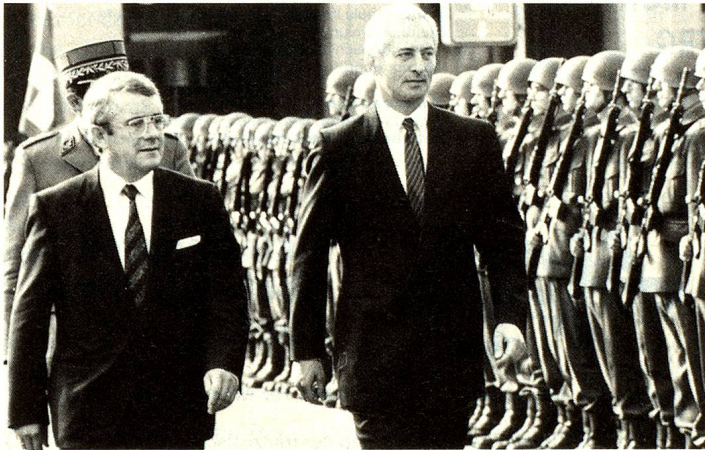


▲ Freedom for Swiss hostages in Lebanon: On August 8 and 13 after ten months' detention, two members of the ICRC, Emanuel Christen and Elio Erriquez, were set free.



▲ Together with a private Swiss parliamentary delegation, several Swiss hostages were enabled to leave Iraq in November. Our photo shows a joyful reunion at the Zurich Airport in Kloten.

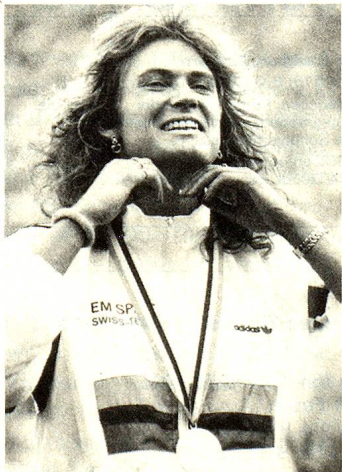
▼ Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein came to Switzerland on a State visit. He was welcomed by the President of the Federal Council, Arnold Koller.



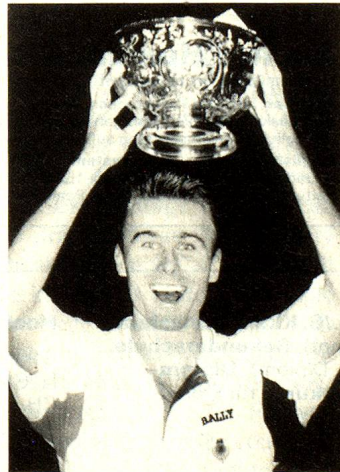
▼ On December 14 the world-famous playwright Friedrich Dürrenmatt – here to be seen talking to the Czecho-Slovakian President Vaclav Havel – died, shortly before his 70th birthday.



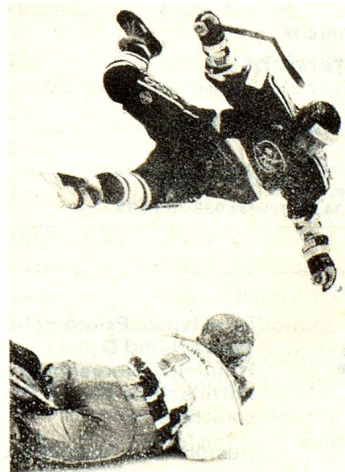
▼ At the European Light Athletics championships in Split Anita Protti, from Lausanne, won a silver medal.



▼ Two years after he took part in the "Masters" tennis tournament, and a series of defeats, Jakob Hlasek makes a successful comeback in London by beating Michael Chang and thus for the first time for quite a while winning a tournament.



▼ At the B-series of world championship ice-hockey games in Italy, the Swiss national team succeeded in getting up-graded to the A-group again.



▼ In the spring, Pirmin Zurbriggen hung up his skis and his helmet. In October, he becomes a father. Our photo shows Pirmin with his wife Moni and their new-born son Elia.

(Photos: Keystone)

