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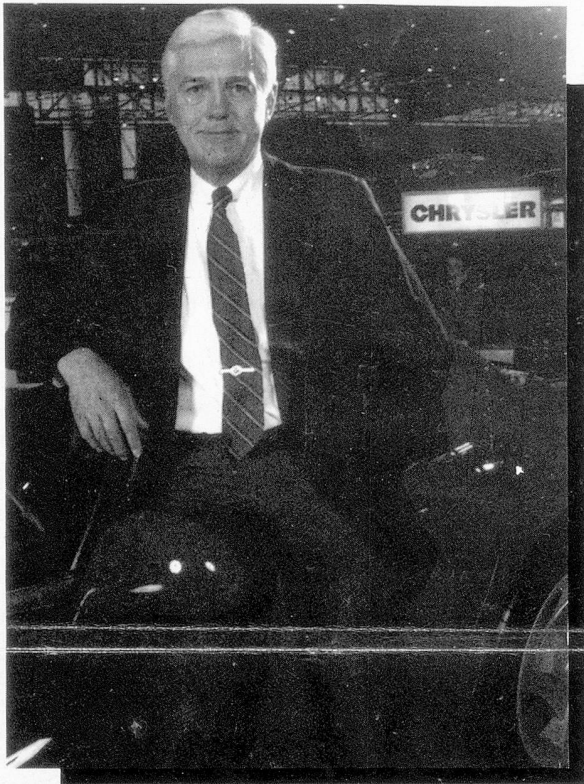
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Lutz with his "Baby", the Dodge Viper, a 10 cylinder sports car which cruises at 266 Km, a toy for successful businessmen for a mere 120.000.- SFR.

HIGHEST PAID SWISS ?

Strangely enough, one Swiss who enjoys one of the highest salaries by anyone's standard feels that he is the lowest paid man in his field. Furthermore, he does not even live in Switzerland.

The man in question is Chrysler-Boss **Bob LUTZ**. President of the Chrysler Motor Corporation of America, Robert A. Lutz (60) draws a yearly salary of just under 1 million SFR. But Lutz estimates that he is one of the lowest paid managers in the car makers industry. Lutz, who's trademarks are his expensive cigars and his Breitling wrist watch, is a battler. He was born in Zurich and his first visit to the USA was at the age of 7. Bachelor of Science in 1961, Lutz holds a double nationality. He joined the US Navy as a jet fighter pilot and flies his own helicopter. He became Sales Manager with Opel in 1970, then moved over to Ford in 1974. He joined Chrysler in 1986 as a Director and became President of that company in 1988.

YOUNG BEARS IN BERNE

Three baby bears were born at the Bernese "Bärengraben". Last time three bears were born there was in 1988. Then in 1990 and 1991 the bears went on a platonic streak and produced no offsprings whatsoever. For the moment anyway, the future of the "Bärengraben" is guaranteed. With 14 animals, it is full to capacity.

SOLARMOBIL BACK IN AUSTRALIA

Despite its announcement last year that it would not compete anymore in Australia's 3000 Km Solarmobil Rally from Darwin to Adelaide, the School of Engineering in Biel has changed its mind. Thanks to financial support from commercial firms, the engineering school of Biel has decided to build a new "Spirit of Biel-Bienne III" at a cost of some 3 million SFR. The team from Biel won 3rd place in the Darwin to Adelaide race in 1987 and became the undisputed winner in 1990.

One of the main sponsors for this project is again, as you may have guessed it, the Swatch makers who have a great interest in the success of this undertaking as it may assist them in their own plans for a nature friendly car they intend to build by 1996.

(See article on Swatchmobils on page 9).

SWISS ARMY SHRINKING

As part of the move to convert the Swiss Army from "Armee 61" to "Armee 95", the Military Department intends to reduce the Swiss Army by 200.000 men, in other words from 600.000 to 400.000.

As a result, the various classes of "Auszug, Landwehr & Landsturm" will be disbanded and the total time a Swiss has to serve in the army will be reduced by 8 years. These measures have been largely dictated by financial considerations.



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