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1980 in retrospect





1 One of the 12 sites where drilling was effected in order to find out the most suitable earth structure for the deposit of radioactive waste. Some of the Communes concerned have put up opposition.

2 «Grün 80», the second Swiss exhibition for horticulture and landscape gardening.

3 Court case in Winterthur against Rolf Clemens Wagner, the alleged terrorist. He was arrested after an attempted bank robbery with ensuing shooting in Zurich.

4 «Hot» summer and autumn in Zurich and other Swiss towns. Youth demonstrations of which the demands are not yet quite evident.

5 Strikes by the hour in the printing and paper industry because of the negotiations regarding a new comprehensive agreement.

6 Demonstrations in Lucerne and other Swiss towns in favour of the theologian Hans Kueng, who lectures at Tuebingen in the German Federal Republic. His teaching permit has been withdrawn on account of his ideologies about the Roman Catholic Church.













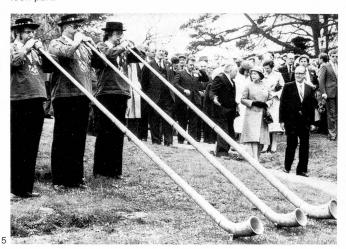


1 The editors-in-chief of the two newspapers in the picture were sacked at almost the same time for various reasons concerning the freedom of the press and political convictions.

2 The Head of Radio-24, Roger Schawinski, and the Director of Programmes, Christian Heeb, visited Federal Councillor Schlumpf at the Federal Palace. The discussion had no results, as Mr. Schlumpf allowed them to continue transmitting, but only on Italian territory and up to the Swiss frontier. As pirate transmitter, however, Radio-24 would soon be compelled to close down.

3 The Commune Vellerat in the Bernese Jura considers itself as belonging to the Canton of Jura. In support of the Jura loyalists, the *Rassemblement jurassien* organized a march in which Roland Béguelin took part.





4 Approximately 20 000 young people from at home and abroad took part in the scout camp (Bula 80) which took place in the Bernese Oberland, the Gruyère region and Pre-Alps of the Vaud. Unfortunately, good weather was absent ...

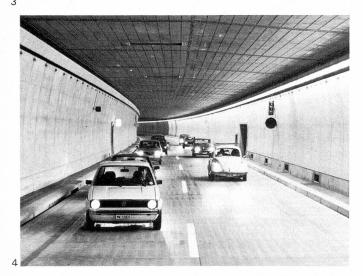
5 A four-day State Visit to Switzerland of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. On the Ruetli Meadow, she was accompanied by Federal Councillor Hans Huerlimann and the President of the Confederation, Mr. André Chevallaz.

6 An Oscar was awarded to the Swiss Hansruedi Giger for scenery production of a science fiction film.













1 A new Secretary of State at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Raymond Probst replaces Dr. Albert Weitnauer.

2 The Swiss Ambassador in Bogotà, Monsieur Jean Bourgeois, was kept hostage by a guerilla group for several weeks. Several other ambassadors suffered the same fate. After long negotiations, the victims were released.

3 Opening of the SBB line from Zurich to Kloten Airport by Federal Councillor Léon Schlumpf. The cost amounted to 300 million Francs.

4 Inauguration of the Seelisberg Tunnel at 12.12 p.m. on 12.12.1980. The longest four-lane tunnel in the world. With this tunnel becoming operational, the motorway N2 is now complete on the Northern side of the Gotthard.

5 This makes it possible to reach the Gotthard Tunnel in a very short time; it was opened 3 months earlier than planned, i.e. on 9th September 1980.

6 The Skiing World Cup 1980 became a family affair: Hanni and Andi Wenzel from Liechtenstein, who train with the Swiss national team, each had the best total.









1 Two gold medals were won for Switzer-land at the Olympic Games in Moscow, Robert Dill-Bundi in individual pursuit in cycling and Juerg Roethlisberger in judo (middleweight).

2 At the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in USA, the Swiss sportsmen did not have the expected success.

3 The first federal «Schwingfest» for women took place at Aeschi near Thun. Eva Bleiker from Nesslau in the Toggenburg was awarded the title «Queen of the Schwinger».

4 Swiss personalities who died in the

course of 1980:

 Raymond Broger, Councillor of States of Appenzell Innerrhoden

- Walter Allgoewer, National Councillor, Basle

- Fritz Buehler, founder of the Swiss Air Rescue Service

Schaggi Streuli, actor

- Madame de Meuron, the last Bernese patrician

- Jean Piaget, child psychologist













