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# 1981 in retrospect



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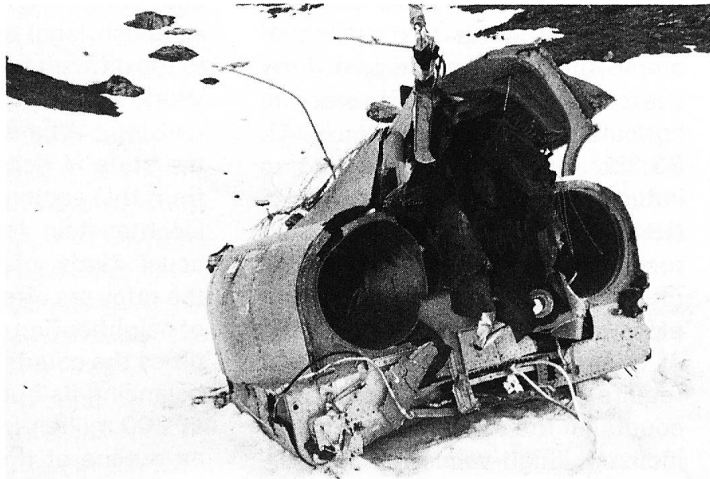
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1 By accepting a constitutional amendment the Swiss took an important step in the direction of equal rights for men and women.

2/3 1981: A year of anniversaries: 500th anniversary of Solothurn's and Fribourg's entry into the Confederation.

4 The famous Unspunnen festival was held once again.

5 Floods in the Canton of Ticino.

6 A black year for the Swiss Air-Force: In 7 accidents 3 pilots were killed and three injured.



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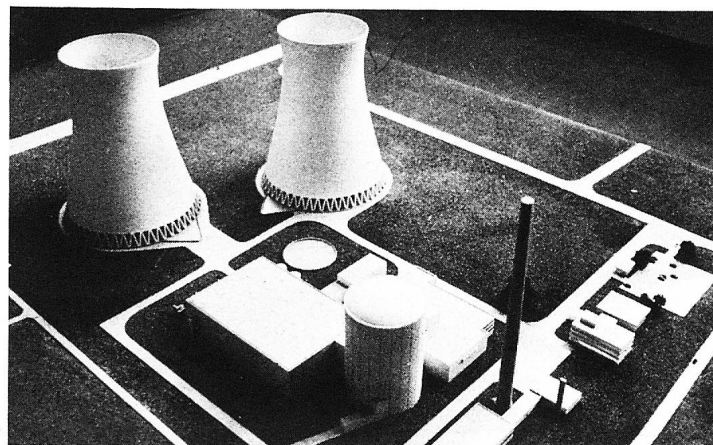
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Swiss sportsmen made their mark in 1981:

- 1 Urs Freuler is the new world champion in professional, pursuit cycling.
- 2 Rolf Biland and Kurt Waltisperg won the world championship in sidecar racing ...
- 3 ... In rowing the four took the silver medal at the world championship.
- 4 Denise Biellmann won the European and the World championship in figureskating.
- 5 Roland Dalhäuser in high jumping and Rolf Bernhard in long jumping won the title of European indoor champion.
- 6 The 18th Swiss Yodelling Festival drew a crowd of over 100 000
- 7 After due consideration the Federal Council granted a preliminary permit to build the Kaiseraugst nuclear power plant. Now it is the turn of the Federal Chambers to deliberate.
- 8/9 Two famous Swiss celebrated a round number birthday: Whereas Max Frisch celebrated his 70th birthday ...  
... Friedrich Dürrenmatt celebrated his 60th.



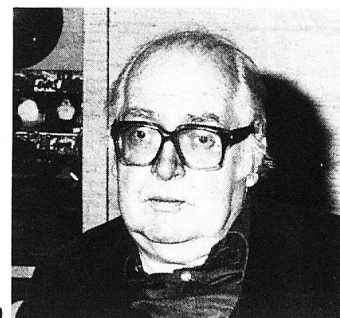
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