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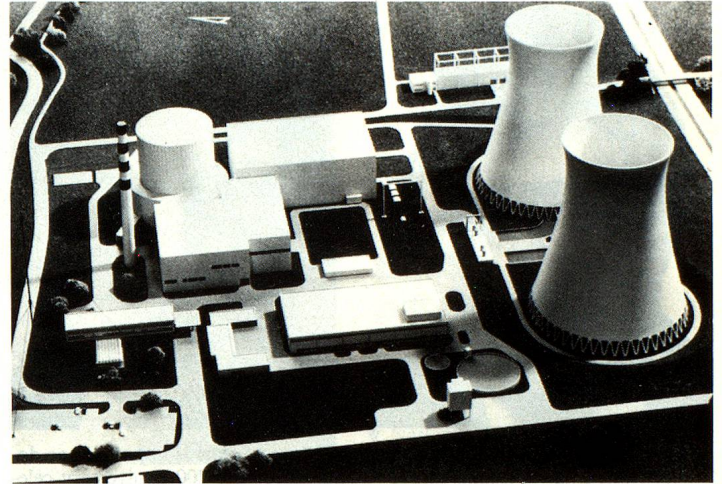
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▲ The political bomb of the year: The first female Federal Councillor, Elisabeth Kopp, resigns on 12 December acting accordingly in view of the affairs surrounding her husband (right in picture).



▲ The nuclear power plant Kaiseraugst is now definitely not going to be built. The compensation sum: 350 million francs.



▲ Red carpet visitors in Switzerland: The portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares (with Federal President Otto Stich, left)...

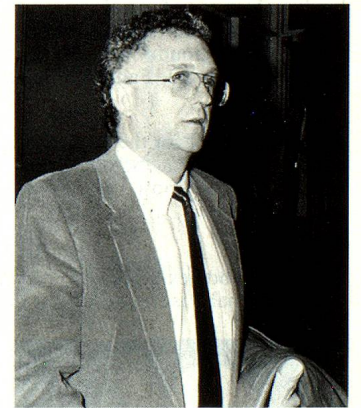
▼ ...and the President of the Philippines, Corazon Aquino.



► Protest against the Pope's appointment of the conservative Wolfgang Haas as suffragan bishop in the diocese of Chur.



▼ Asylum seeking refugees are being accommodated in remotely located so-called «Federal centres» as a result of the dramatic increase in their number.



▲ Günther Tschann, former head of the Zürich construction police, is sentenced to 17 years imprisonment for premeditated homicide on four accounts within the office building.

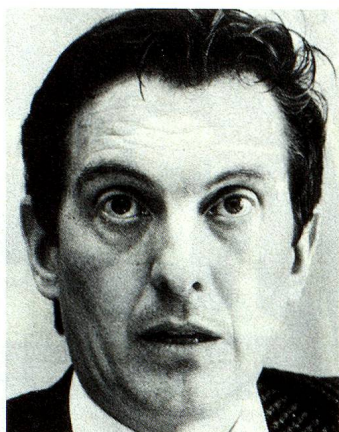


◀ New plane for the Swiss Air Force: the american Fighting Falcon F-16 C/D.

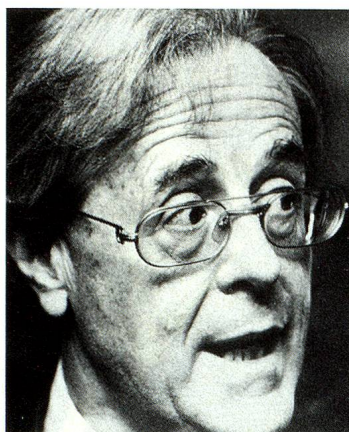
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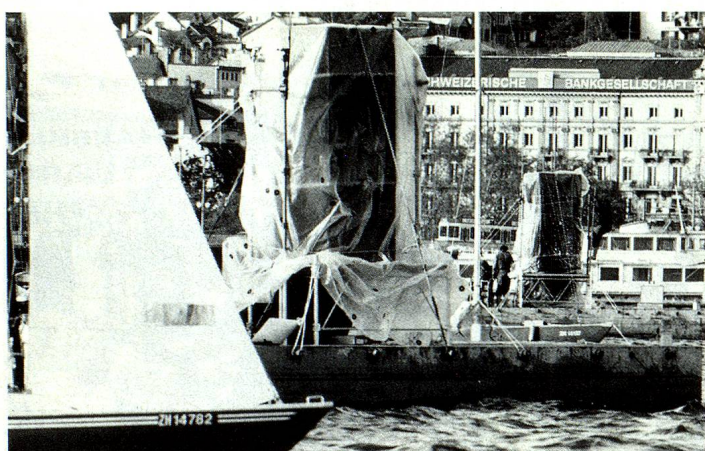
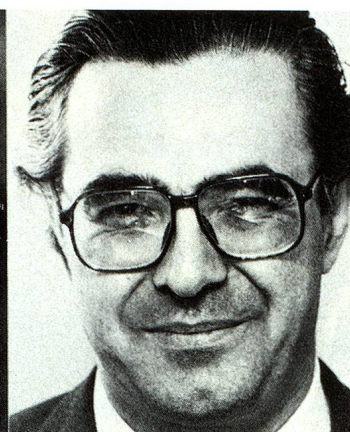
▲ New head of the Swiss Disaster Relief Unit: Charles Raedersdorf.



▲ Marco Solari is appointed as delegate for the 700 anniversary celebrations of the Confederation in 1991.



▲ Tito Tettamanti (left) achieves the majority of shares at Sulzer and Saurer, Werner K. Rey angles the Jean-Frey publishers.

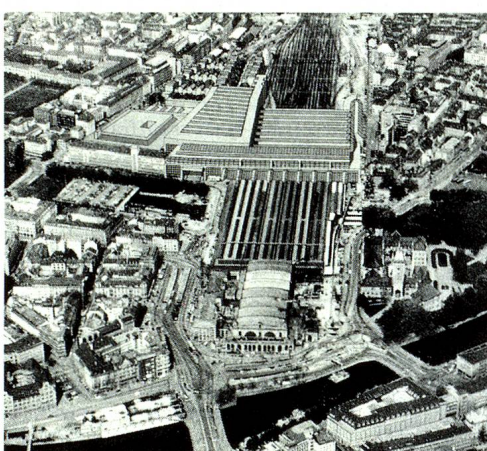


▲ June Festival Weeks: Enormous loudspeakers transform the area of the Zurich lake basin into a «harmonious cloud» with Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique.

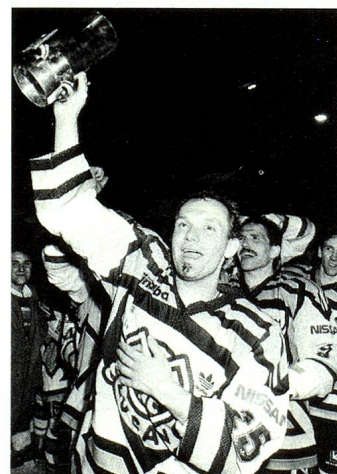
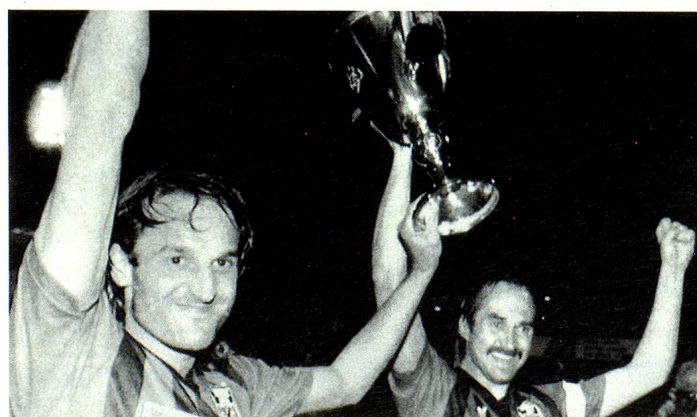
► Olympic silver for the Swiss rowing pair Bodenmann/Schwerzmann in Seoul: The most unexpected medal.



▼ Ex-spy and ex-brigadier Jean Louis Jeanmaire is free again.



◀ Highly controversial SBB project Station South West is accepted by the Zürich voters.



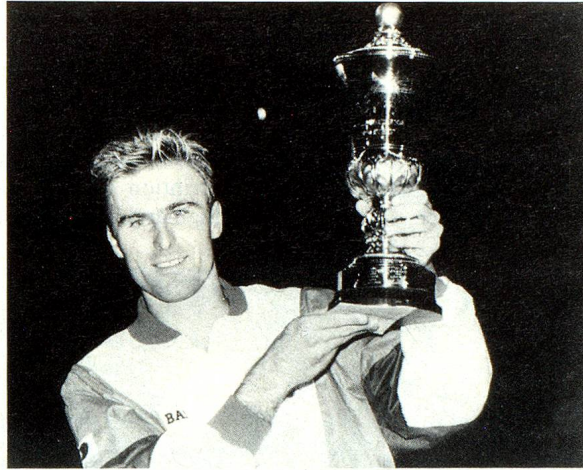
▲ HC Lugano is Swiss ice hockey champion for the third time in a row.

◀ Neuchâtel Xamax is Swiss football champion.

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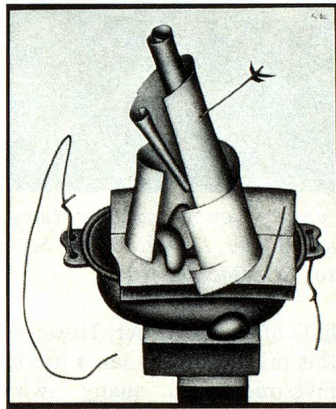


▲ Double olympic champion Vreni Schneider (gold in slalom and giant slalom).



◀ Swiss tennis pro Jakob Hlasek reaches the top ten of the tennis world.

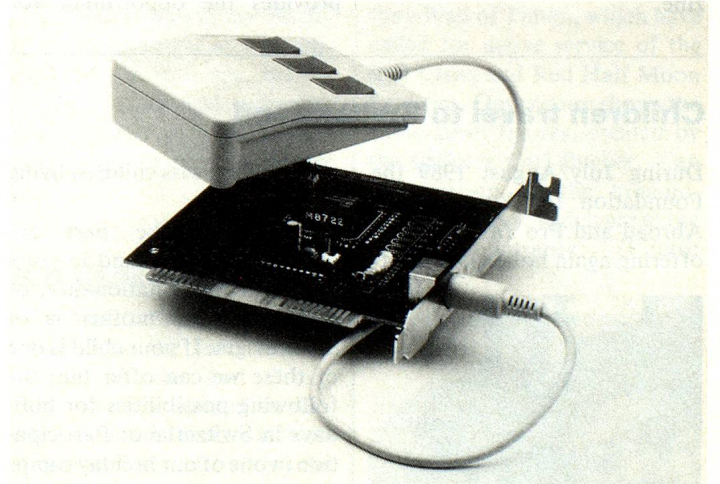
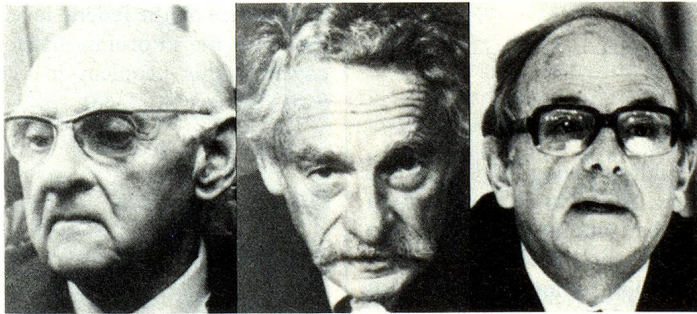
▶ «Moscow artists of the 80s»: Exhibition in the Art Museum, Berne.



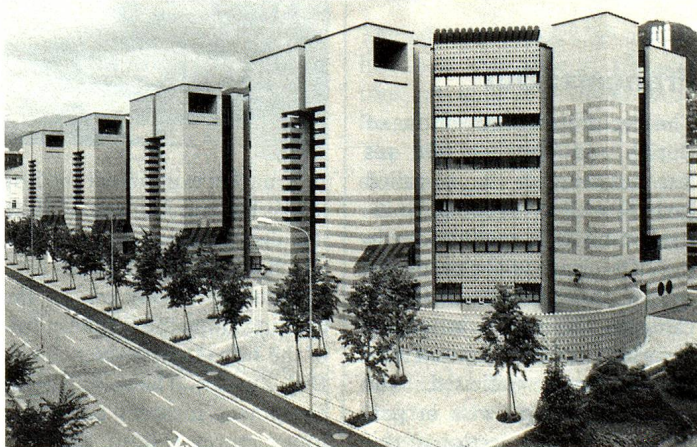
▼ Well known obituaries: Hans-Urs Balthasar (theologist and author), Sigfrid Steiner (actor), Walter Vogt (psychiatrist and author).



▼ National historical preservation prize 1988 goes to Horw (Lucerne).



▲ Daniel Borel and Pierluigi Zappacosta – leading personalities in the production of «computer mice» (picture) – are the holders of the Branco-Weiss-Prize for the entrepreneurs of the year.



◀ Striking construction of modern architecture: The main building of the Banca del Gottardo in Lugano, designed by the world famous ticino architect Mario Botta, is inaugurated.

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