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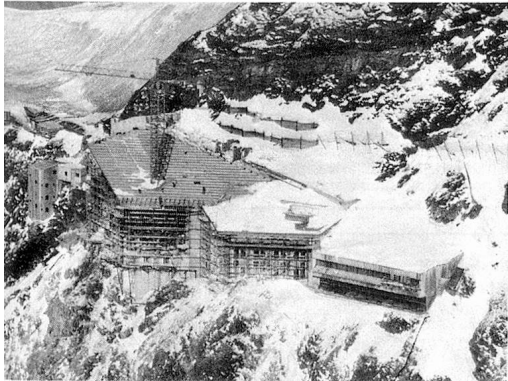
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In 1985 **more marriages** were contracted in Switzerland than in 1984. The **birthrate**, however, continues to decline and is clearly below the level that would be necessary to maintain, in the long term, the balance of the Swiss population.

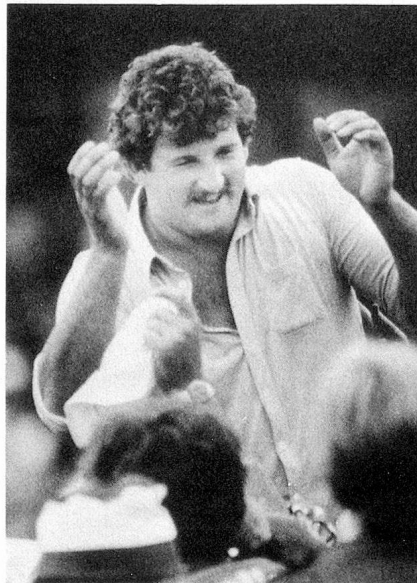
The **figures for emigration** from Switzerland have remained practically constant: 9,872 Swiss, liable for military service, left our country in 1985. Favourite countries were the USA, Federal Germany and France.



Just 175 years after the first ascent of the Jungfrau: from next year, the newly-built restaurant at the **Jungfraujoch** will offer visitors an incomparable panoramic view.

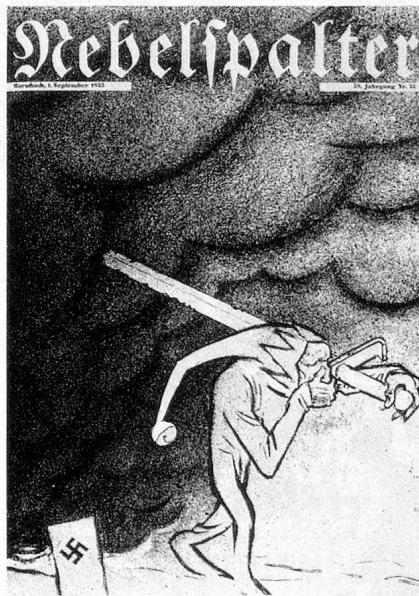
Over the next five years, SFr. 20 million is to be spent on demonstration and pilot plants for the rational, economical and non-polluting **use of energy**. The Federal Council has asked Parliament to grant a corresponding framework credit.

Swissair with video: instead of a hostess, a projector demonstrates the safety precautions on long-distance flights. Information on the aircraft's route, altitude and speed is also shown on the screen map.



Harry Knüsel, the new Swiss **schwinger** (wrestling) king: weight, 104 kg; height, 1.88 m (230 lbs, 6 ft 2 in). (Photo: Karl Hofer)

Nebelspalter, the famous German-Swiss satirical magazine, celebrates its 111th anniversary. This periodical, so rich in tradition, comes out this year in a new graphical coat without, however, betraying its identity.



1933...
The burning of the books by the Nazis. The Nebelspalter was hit too. Although determined to «clear the fog», it was not ready to let itself in for an ordeal by fire.

Telegrams

■ From 31st May, 1987, *Geneva-Cointrin Airport*, like Zurich-Kloten, will have an airport railway station.

■ *Marianne von Grünigen* is our second lady ambassador. She will be Head of Mission in Helsinki.



■ The International Hot-Air Balloon Weeks will be held in *Château d'Oex* at the end of January, 1987.

■ In the last five years the *area of arable land* in Switzerland shrank by 4%. During the same period the number of *farmers* went down by 13%.

■ On 1st August, 1986 the national *Gotthard Museum* on the Gotthard Pass opened its doors to the public.

■ *Publicity for Industry Location Switzerland*. BIGA, the Federal Office for Industry and Labour, has revised and republished the brochure «*Industriestandort Schweiz*».

■ The new *Soil Conservation Law* came into force on 1st September, 1986. It aims at the long-term preservation of soil fertility.

■ National Councillor *Valentin Oehen*, who recently withdrew from the National Action, has founded a new party: the *Ökologisch-Freiheitliche Partei* (Ecological-Liberal Party).

■ The People's Initiative «for a *Switzerland without army* and with a comprehensive peace policy» has been handed in to the Federal Chancellery.

■ Federal Councillors *Alphons Egli* and *Kurt Furgler* have announced their retirement at the end of 1986.

■ A Nationalfonds (science research promotion fund) study concludes that, with technical improvements in Switzerland, about a third of *electricity consumption* can be saved.