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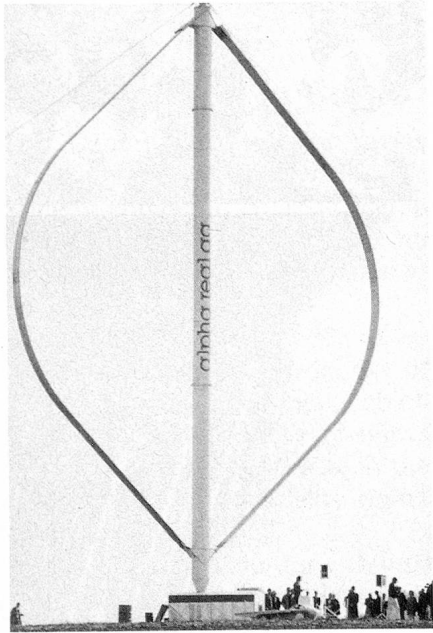
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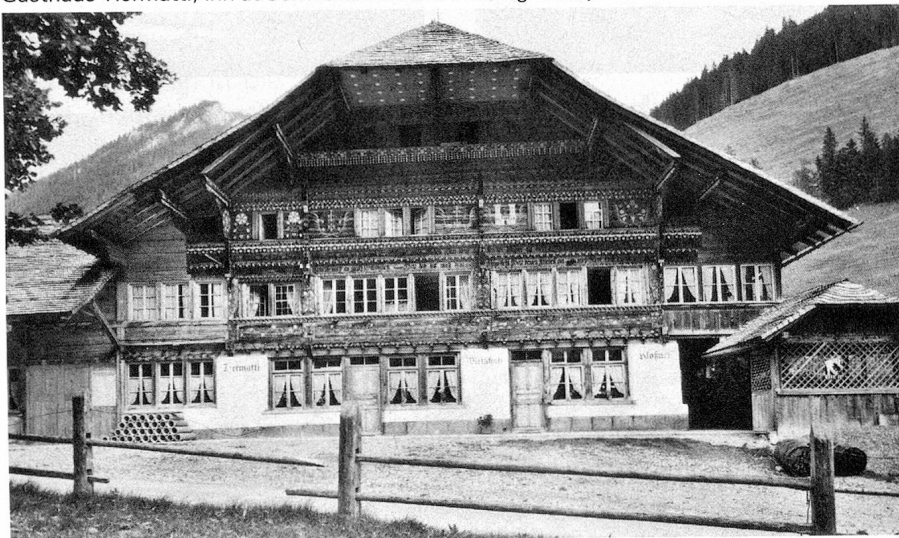
Europe's largest wind-power ▲ plant

A 30m-high «wind lyre», Europe's largest wind turbine with vertical axis, has been put into operation near Fahy (Canton Jura).

Robots made in Switzerland

Although the use of industrial robots is still in its infancy in Switzerland, already 7-10 firms, about half of them in W. Switzerland, are pursuing their own developments in this field.

Gasthaus Tiermatti, inn at Schwenden in the Diemtig Valley.



Lucerne Jubilee

This year, Central Switzerland celebrates the 600 years of existence of the town and country of Lucerne as well as the 600th anniversary of the battle of Sempach. Documentation can be obtained from the Jubilee Foundation, Theaterstrasse 15, 6003 Lucerne.

Switzerland - Holidays for Young People

This is the title of a publication of the SVZ (Swiss National Tourist Office). With helpful suggestions, travel hints and many useful addresses, it aims to help young people to discover the holiday land of Switzerland and to gain a closer understanding of its people. The three-language brochure (G/Fr./E) is obtainable from the HQ of the SVZ (Bellariastrasse 38, 8027 Zurich) or your SVZ agency abroad.

Honour for Diemtigen

The commune of Diemtigen in the Bernese Oberland has been awarded this year's Wakker Prize. The Swiss local amenity conservation society (Heimatschutz) thus pays tribute to the successful efforts of the commune to preserve their countryside and scattered settlements. ▼

Telegrams

- 1st march, 1986: Confederation puts stringent **clean air maintenance** regulations into force.
- Federal Council announces credit for building the projected **Vereina line** of the Rhaetian railway to the Lower Engadine.
- **Taxable capacity of cantons:** Zug at the top, Jura at the bottom.
- 1985: 17.3% **fewer road casualties** thanks to 50/75 mph speed limit.
- **«Pro Sport»:** new postage stamps with surcharge.
- **The advent of the Pill** and subsequent fall in the birthrate is now manifest in colleges and universities.
- From 1st July, 1986: **phosphates** in washing powders to be banned.
- New: **«Sunshine» registers** for 3,029 communes, to promote the use of solar energy.
- As from the New Year, the FHD (Womens' Auxiliary Service) has been renamed MFD (**Military Women's Service**). Chief is Brigadier Johanna Hurni.
- Since January, the SRG (Swiss Broadcasting Company) has been transmitting all VHF **radio programmes in stereo**.
- Scheduled **Swissair** flights now to Birmingham, Malta, Anchorage and Seoul.
- **Annual inflation rate**, 1985: 3.4%; **unemployment:** 1%.
- Regular **passenger trains** between Leuk and Visp reach **100 mph** for the first time in Switzerland.