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175 000 naturalizations since 1966

Some 175 000 foreigners acquired Swiss citizenship in the last 20 years. According to statistics of the Federal Office for Foreigners, three-quarters came from neighbouring countries.

Pestalozzi Children's Village

The Pestalozzi Children's Village in Trogen (AR) celebrated its fortieth anniversary in April. Today, it cares for 150 orphaned and homeless children from 14 countries. The Children's Village Foundation (*Stiftung Kinderdorf Pestalozzi: Postcheckkonto 90-7722-4*) has also been financing children's aid projects in the Third World since 1982.

Swiss tourist trade in figures

In 1985, some 36 million overnight stays were registered in the hotels, motels, pensions and spa hotels of Switzerland; 21 million of these overnight stays were booked by foreign visitors. In addition there were 39 million overnight stays in holiday chalets, camps, homes and flats, tourist dormitories and youth hostels; and camping and caravan sites.



Some 10 000 national-costume devotees from all over Switzerland met together at the end of June in Geneva at the 8th Swiss Federal Festival of Traditional Costumes.

Foreign policy research

The Federal Council has approved credits of Sfr.350 000 for research, over the next three years, in each of the three fields of security policy, good offices and international peace protection. In addition, this autumn, the training will begin of experts who are to co-operate in the overseeing of future international agreements on the development of confidence as well as on the control of armaments.

Telegrammes

● Some 90 solarmobiles (sun-powered vehicles) competed over a stretch of 380 km at the second *Tour de Sol* in June.

● In April the people of Ticino clearly turned down the project for a *University College of Italian-speaking Switzerland*.

● The first *telephone for use by train passengers* has been in operation since May on the Montreux-Bernese Oberland railway line.

● A retrospective of the work of Swiss painter and sculptor *Alberto Giacometti* (1901-1966) is to be seen at the Pierre Gianadda Foundation in Martigny.

● Former Valais States Councillor *Odilo Guntern* took up office as Federal Prices Supervisor («Mr. Prices») on July 1st.



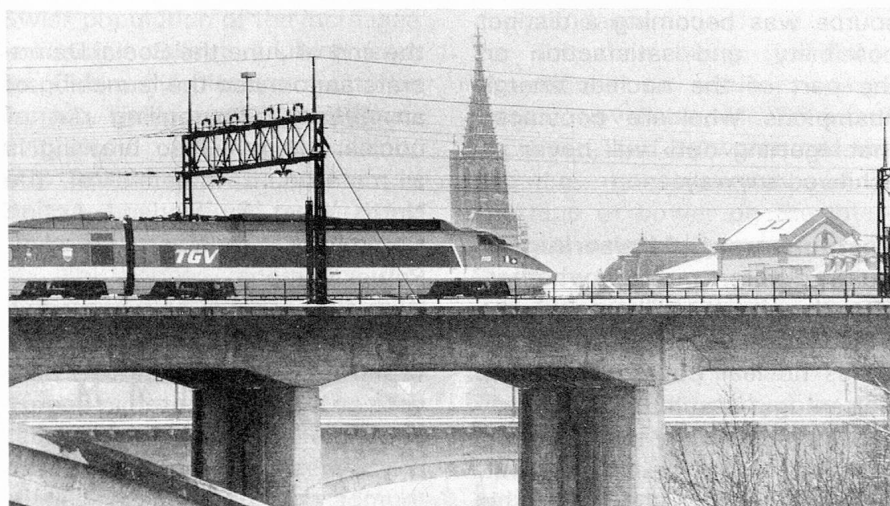
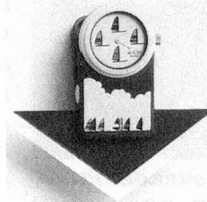
● By international comparison Switzerland occupies a leading position as regards *computer density*. At the end of 1985, 75 000 computers were in use. In addition there were 120 000 home computers.

● *Energy consumption* in Switzerland increased by 1.6 per cent last year. The increase in the case of oil products was 0.5 per cent and, in electricity, 4.2 per cent.

● At the end of this year about 1500 km of *national roads*, three-quarters of the planned total arterial road network, will be operational.

● Not counting international officials, seasonal workers and asylum-seekers, 945 375 *foreigners* were living in Switzerland at the end of April, 1986. This corresponds to 14.6 percent of the total population.

● «Le Clip» is the name of the latest creation of the *Swiss watch industry*: a timekeeper which can be worn as a fashion accessory on a dress, belt, tie, necklace or the ear.



After the opening of the TGV Geneva-Paris train connection in September, 1981, next summer Berne, too, will be linked to the French high-speed train network. (Photo: A. Blatter)