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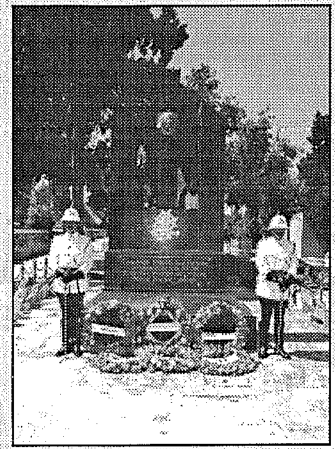

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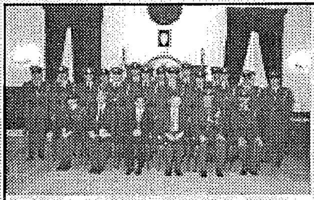

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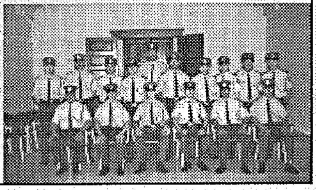

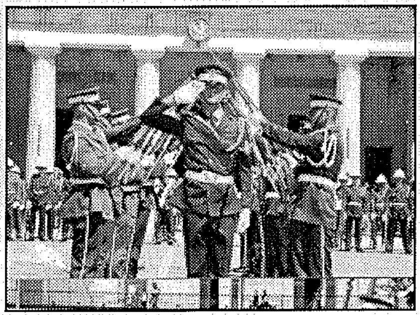

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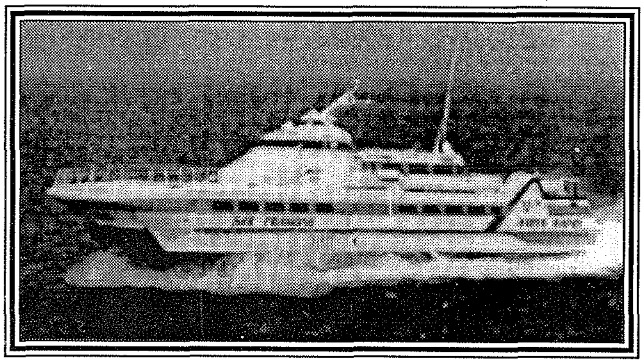

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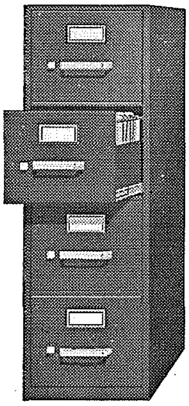

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JUM IL-PULIZIJA U R-RIFORMA

Kellu jkun il-183 anniversarju mit-twaqqif tal-Korp tal-Pulifija biex fl-aħħar sirt Spettur. M'inhiex se niddejjaq nibda l-ewwel editorjal tiegħi b'dan il-mod daqshekk dirett u personali, għax wara li tkun ilek sentejn tistenna li joħorġu l-applikazzjonijiet, sittax-il xahar minn meta tapplika sakemm jifitaħ il-kors u tlettax-il xahar ieħor kors l-Akkademja, b'total ta' erba' snin u nofs moħlija kapriċċ tal-burokrazija, li jkollok fuq l-istonku ma tiddejjaqx tgħidu.

It-torturi tar-riżultati finali u tad-data tal-ħatra baqgħu jiġru warajna sa l-aħħar minuta, għax konna infurmati uffiċċjalment meta se nieħdu l-ħatra ġurnata biss qabel it-12 ta' Lulju. Mill-ftit attivitajiet li kelli moħħ insegwi xtaqt insemmi l-*Precision Drill* tas-Sibt filgħodu, bil-format il-ġdid li s-Surġent Mallia ħa ħsieb jippreżenta din is-sena. Sakemm il-kors tal-kadetti kien għadu għaddej fl-Akkademja, kellna ċ-ċans insegwu t-taħriġ bejn lezzjoni w oħra, imma l-prodott finali xorta waħda kien sorpriża sabiħa. Smajt ħafna kummenti pożittivi fuq id-Drill mingħand il-mistednin li kienu qed isegwu ċ-ċerimonja f'Misraħ il-Palazz. Anki waqt id-diskors taċ-ċerimonja tal-ħatra ta' l-ispetturi l-ġodda, il-Ministru mingħajr portafoll, Joe Mizzi, faħħar il-*Precision Drill* u sostna li dan jagħti xhieda ta' kemm qed isir professjonali l-Korp. Kienet deċizjoni għaqlija wkoll li *d-Drill* ikun iddedikat lill-Ispettur Harold Harrison.

L-unika kumment mhux pożittiv li xtaqt ngħaddi fuq l-attivitajiet huwa l-fatt li l-programm, jekk ikollu tibdil, ma jkun xejn speċjali, anzi tista' tgħid li jkun *photocopy* tas-sena ta' qabel. Jinbidlu biss id-dati tal-kalendarju! Ma nħossx li l-programm jirrifletti verament il-mod ta' kif qed jinbidel il-Korp u xi progress isir minn sena għall-oħra. Li torganizza *displays* ta' sezzjonijiet tal-Pulizija hu oġġett tajjeb imma hemm diversi modi oħra ta' kif il-pubbliku jista' jipparteċipa b'mod dirett. Għaliex ma tintgħażilx tema partilkolari li fuqha jitfassal il-programm? Per eżempju, is-sigurta' ta' l-anzjani, kif il-pubbliku jista' juża aħjar is-servizz tal-Pulizija, is-sigurezza fid-dar, *traffic education* ... u biżibilju ta' suġġetti oħra li jqajmu kuxjenza fost il-pubbliku u jġegħlu jipparteċipa u jagħti feedback lill-Pulizija. Fejn hemm bżonn, il-Pulizija trid tkun miftuħa għall-kritika tal-pubbliku. Wara l-attivitajiet kollha, isir eżami intem tal-*feedback* kollu u fejn hemm bżonn li jitranġaw l-affarijiet, dan ikun il-mument opportun li jsiru. Nemmen li Jum il-Pulizija għandu jkun ċans fejn il-Korp verament jisma' x'għandu xi jgħid dwaru l-pubbliku. Wara kollox, il-ġurament ta' fedelta' li jieħu kull membru tat-Pulizija mal-ħatra tiegħu jew tagħha hu wegħda ta' lealta' lejn il-poplu ukoll.

Meta eżami tal-kuxjenza jsir b'mod ġenwin, ikun hemm riżultati tajbin żgur. Bħalissa qed jissemmew ħafna affarijiet dwar ir-Riforma, hemm min jaqbel u hemm min ħlief imaqdar ma jagħmilx. L-iżjed ħaġa li teqridni hu t-tgergir li ma jwassal imkien ħlief biex ikompli jkisser *l-esprit de corps,* bħalma ġralhom il-ġrieden li riedu jdendlu l-ġonġol m'għonq il-qattus. Kien hemm min ibbojkotja ċ-ċerimonji u r-riċevimenti marbuta ma' Jum il-Pulizija propju minħabba nuqqas ta' qbil mar-Riforma. Meta jsir f'kuntest, jista' jkollu l-effett mixtieq, imma meta jsir b'mod iżolat, il-messaġġ ma jasalx ċar u l-effett jintilef.

L-unika ħaġa li iddejjaqni fir-Riforma hi l-Lingwaġ il-ġdid li f'daqqa waħda qed ikollu jitkellem bih il-Korp. Cioe', filli l-Pulizija kellha l-lingwa tagħha, filli qed nisimgħu kliem tekniku u jargon maniġerjali ġdid li lanqas dizzjunarju għalih għad m'għandna. Nieħu gost, meta inkun waqt xi meeting tat-*task force* ta' l-ippjanar strateġiku, ninnota l-espressjonijiet li jirriżultaw fuq il-wiċċ tal-pulizija li jkun qed jipprova jifhem lill-pajzan, u meta l-pajzan jipprova jifhem lill-pulizija. L-isbaħ biċċa meta minflok ma jintużaw kliem sħaħ, jitkellmu bl-abbrevjazjonijiet, kultant b'tattika. Min isemmi l-MIS, CMR, PTF, SBP, AP, BFP l-ieħor iparla fuq il-Missjoni, Viżjoni, u Valuri, u l-ieħor fuq xi *dead-line* minħabba l-isteering committee...

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Nittama biss li r-Riforma ma tibqax xi fenomenu uniku, li jsir darba f'mitt qamar, imma tant it-tiġdid issir normali u parti mill-ħajja ta' kuljum li lanqas jibqa' l-bżonn ti ntuha isem separat.

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SKEMA TA' ASSIKURAZZJONI *mill-ASSOĊJAZZJONI*

Naħseb li waħda mill-akbar ambizzjonijiet li qatt kellha l-assoċjazzjoni, hija bla dubju li xi darba l-pulizija tkun koperta b'xi *insurance* kontra riskji ta' mewt jew korriment fuq ix-xogħol.

Fil-passat kienu diversi, għalkemm veru għal grazzja t'Alla mhux spissi li xi membru tal-korp jew imut waqt li ikun għadu fis-servizz waqt il-qadi ta' dmirijietu jew ikorri gravi tant li ma jkunx jista' jkompli jaħdem fil-Korp tal-Pulizija, xemx u xita Alla jaf meta!

Biex infakkarkom ftit, mingħajr ma niftaħ xi ferita lil ħadd, ma nistgħux ma niftakrux lil-vittmi tal-bomba ta' tas-Sliema, il-mewt ta' żewġ membri fl-isplużjoni tal-*patrol boat*, żewġ incidenti fatali tat-traffiku dak tal-Marsa u ieħor aktar riċenti f'Għawdex.

Ikunu nċidenti ta' dieqa bħal dawn li nibtet l-idea li aħna bħala assoċjazzjoni li wara kollox għandna nħarsu l-*welfare* tal-membri, li nippruvaw u naraw x'nistgħu nagħmlu min-naħa tagħna, ħalli fil-futur f'każijiet simili ma jkunux il-familji tagħna li jbatu.

Meta tkellimna ma' diversi membri, l-argument dejjem qam li aħna għandna nkunu koperti b'assigurazzjoni mill-Gvern, peress li aħna mpjegati tiegħu b'riskji akbar minn kull membru taċ-Ċivil ieħor. Dan ir-raġunar sfortunatament mhux tajjeb għal kollox, għall-fatt li l-Gvern diġa' joffri tip ta' assigurazzjoni lill-membri taċ-Ċivil kollu, dik tas-Sigurta' Soċjali. L-argument tal-awtoritajiet dejjem kien li l-Gvern mhux ser jiddiskrimina kontra xi settur partikolari tiegħu. Naturalment, aħna għandna l-argumenti tagħna dwar dan u dawn nesprimuhom 'il quddiem meta jkollna d-dettalji tal-polza f'idejna.

Għaldaqstant, fl-opinjoni tiegħi l-aktar deċiżjoni għaqlija kienet, li nfittxu kumpannija ta' *'insurance'* privata li lesta tidħol u tassigura l-membri hi bi prezz raġonevoli.

Irrid ngħid li din ix-xewqa kont qsamta mal-Kurnmissarju, is-Sur George Grech xi żmien ilu fejn mhux talli għoġbitu din l-idea li xi ħadd kien ser jerġa' jqajjem u jipprova jġib l-*insurance* għal membri tal-korp, iżda fakkarni li fil-passat kien diga' sar tenttattiv simili, iżda kollox kien sfaxxa fix-xejn, wara n-nuqqas ta' nteress u appoġġ mill-pulizija. Nittama li għal darba jiġu spjegati sew il-benifiċċji li toffri din l-iskema u li l-isforzi tagħna ma jisfawx fix-xejn, għax wara kollox il-prezz baxx li ġie ikkwotat għal din l-*insurance* jiddipendi min-numru ta' pulizija li jidħlu f'din l-iskema.

Irrid ngħid li l-proċess sabiex tinstab kumpannija li hija lesta tassigura l-pulizija ma kienx faċli, minkejja li hawn bosta aġenziji. Madwar dan iż-żmien is-sena l-oħra intbagħtu diversi ittri lil bosta kumpanniji u wara laqgħat u diskussjonijiet l-għażla waqgħet għal dik li ġiet offerta minn Bank ewlieni lokali b'sehem f'kumpannija ta' l-assigurazzjoni.

Wara sena ta' taħdidiet twal u diffiċli, issa wasalna fl-aħħar fejn fil-ġimgħat li ġejjin ser tintalab laqgħa bejn dawn ir-rappreżentanti u l-Kummissarju fejn tiġi spjegata l-polza bid-dettalji kollha, u wara nkunu nistgħu norganizzaw laqgħat mal-membri kollha fil-livell distrettwali sabiex jiġu spjegati l-benefiċċji li toffri din l-iskema.

Sabiex nagħti idea żgħira tal-ftit mill-benefiċċji, din il-polza tkun valida *'world wide'* tmut jew tweġġa', tkun fejn tkun, kemm jekk tkun fuq xogħol, vakanza, jew għal kwalunkwe raġuni oħra. Hija valida erbgħa u għoxrin siegħa kuljum, u mhux waqt li tkun fuq *'active duty'* bilfors. Jiġifieri jekk tkun bil-*leave*, u waqt li kont qed tbagħbas fid-dawl ħadt xokk elettriku u mit l-*insurance* ser tħallas l-eredi tiegħek is-somma iffissata minnek. Qed ngħid is-somma iffissata minnek għax ser ikun hemm għażla ta' kumpens jew ta' Lm10,000 jew tal-Lm15,000 jew aktar. ovvjament aktar ma jkun ilkumpens jogħla l-ħlas tal-*'premium'*.

Benefiċċju ieħor huwa li jekk tweġġa' u ma tkunx kapaċi taħdem fil-korp tal-pulizija, avolja tkun tista' taħdem bnadi oħra l-*insurance* ser tikkumpensak. Ser ikun hemm benefiċċju ta' self tal-flus minn bank kummerċjali b'rata ta' self sussidjata, skont fuq *insurances* oħra li jista' jkollok bħal ngħidu aħna karozza jew dar. Eżenzjoni milli jkollok tagħmel *medical test* u allura l-*insurance* qed tidħol f'riskju akbar. Din l-insurance tgħodd mhux biss sakemm tkun fis-servizz iżda tibqa' tgħodd anke meta tispiċċa bil-pensjoni.

Min ikollu din l-*insurance* m'għandux għalfejn joħroġ xi *insurance* oħra meta jieħu xi *loan* għax din l-*insurance* tkun tkopri. Naħseb li l-akbar benefiċċju se jkun, li tkun fejn tkun stazzjonat u jkun x'ikun ir-riskju f'xogħlok xorta se tkun inxurjat. Saru wkoll arranġamenti biex minn hu iżgħar fl-eta' jħallas *premium* inqas.

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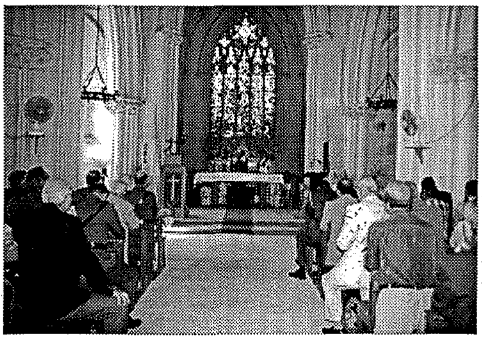

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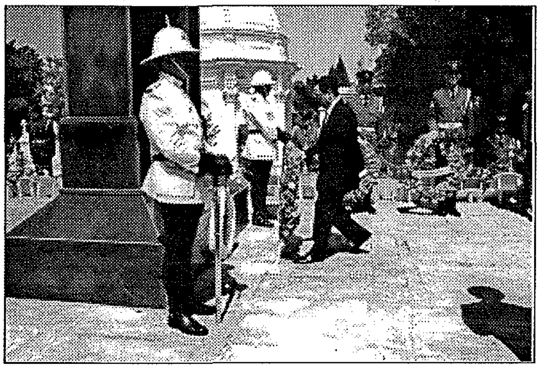

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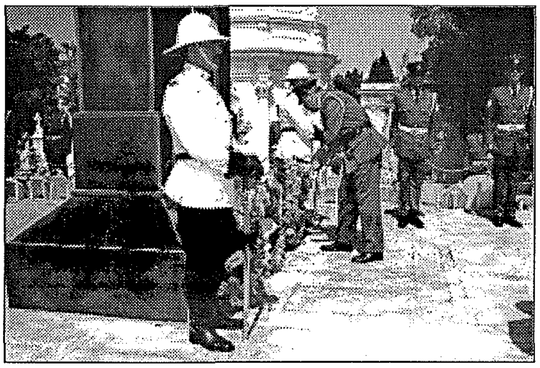

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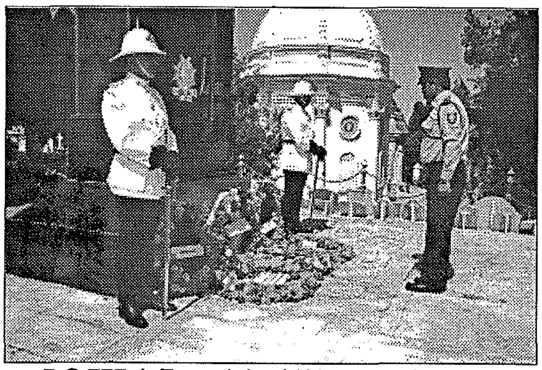

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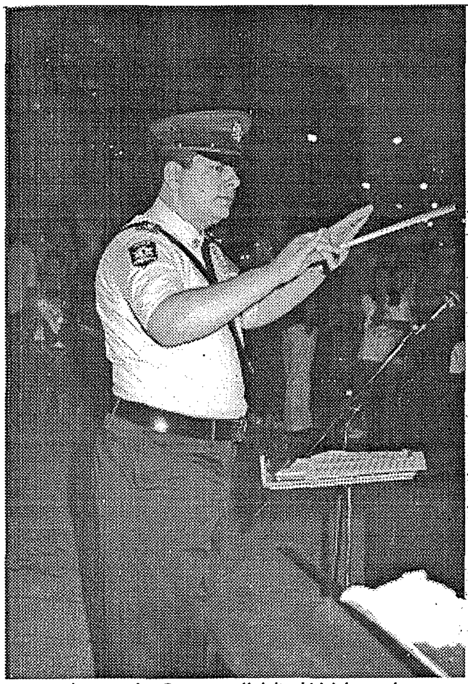

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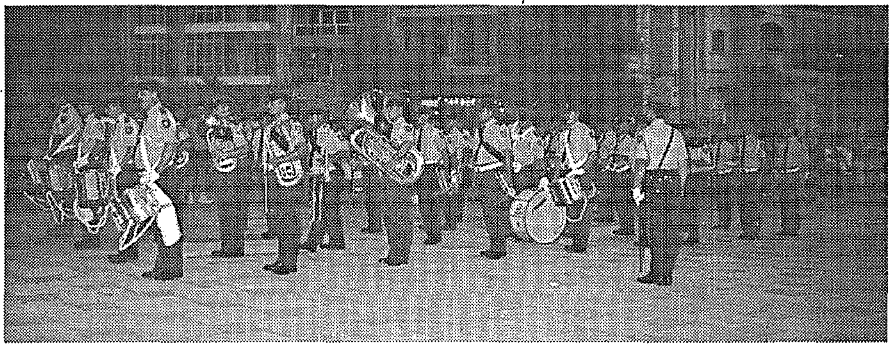

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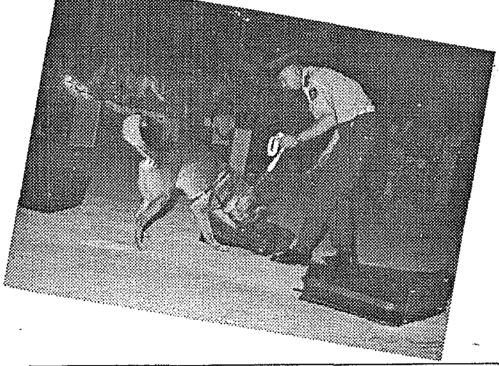

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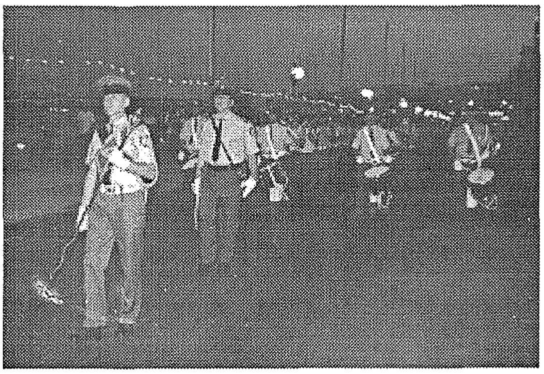

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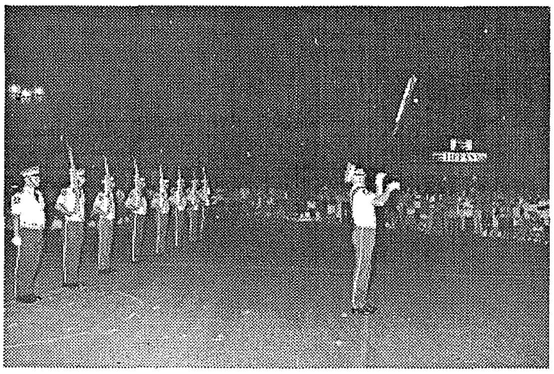

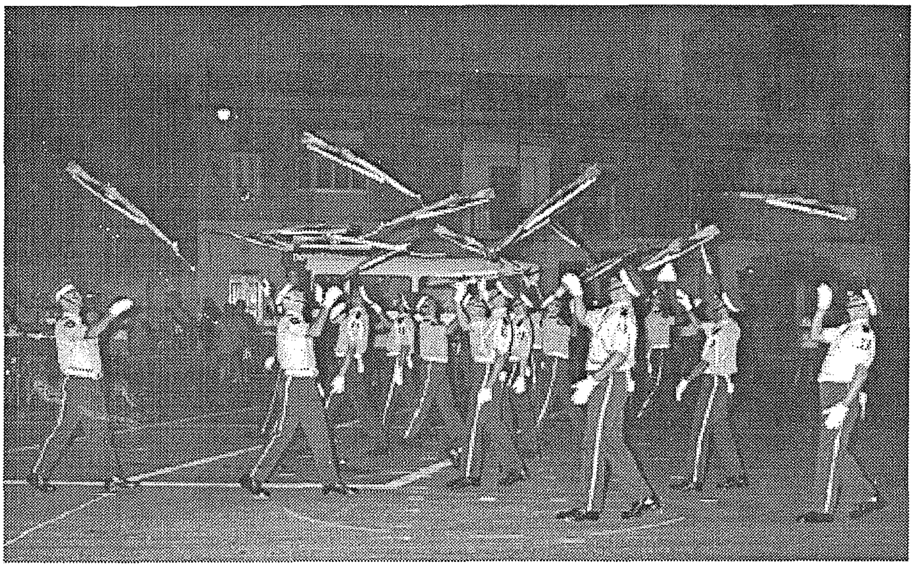

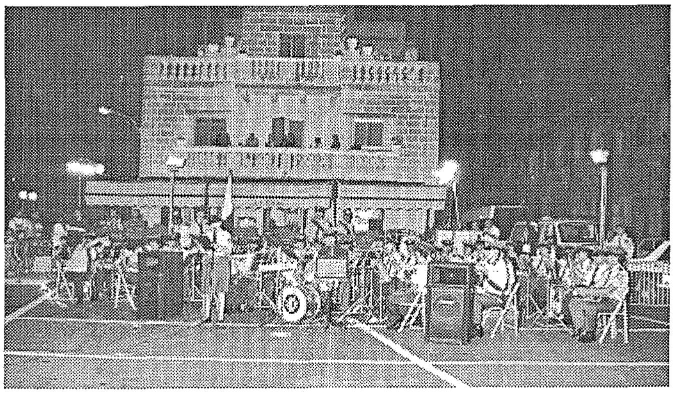

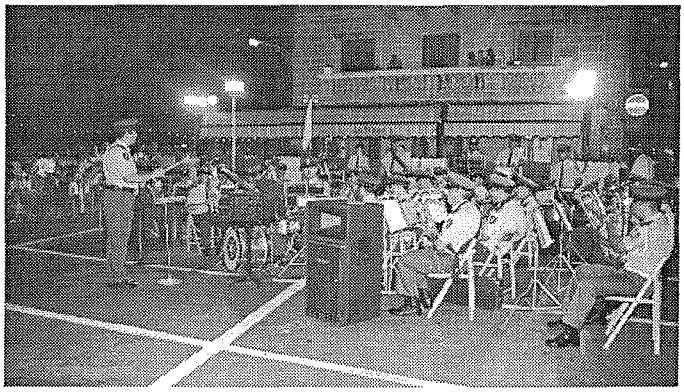

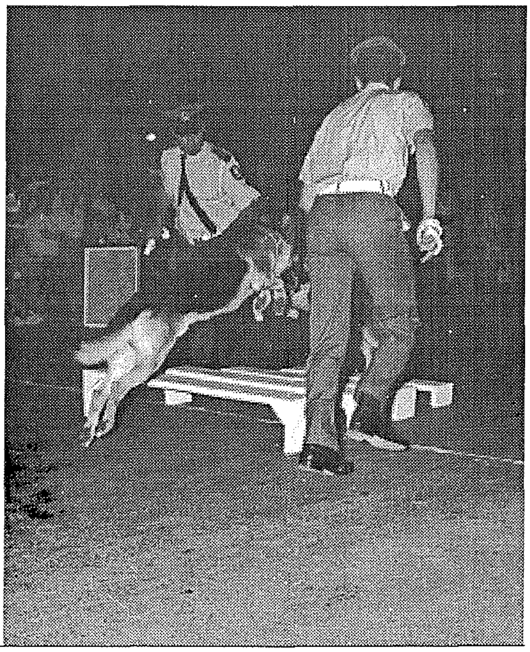

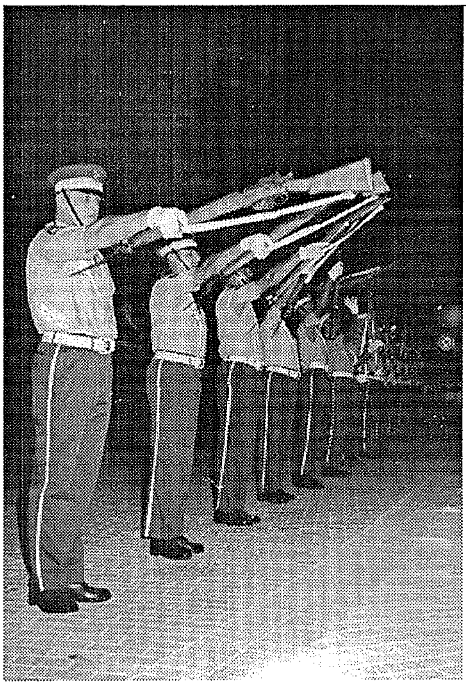

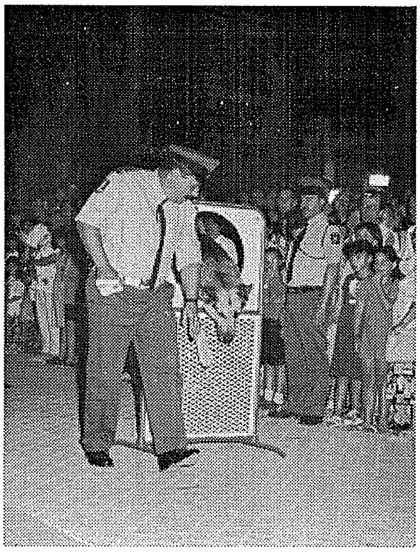

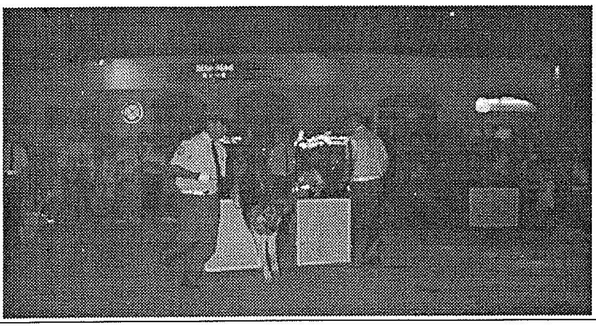

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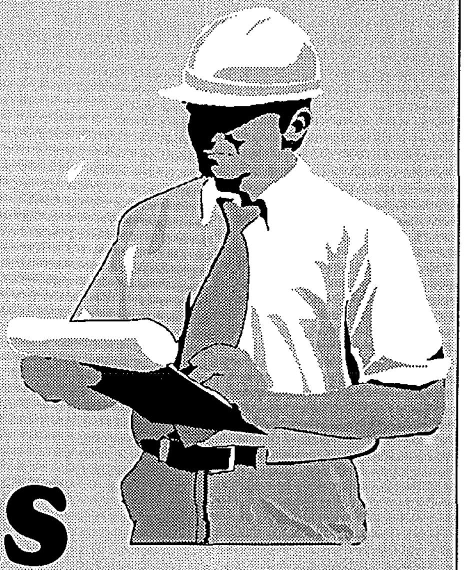

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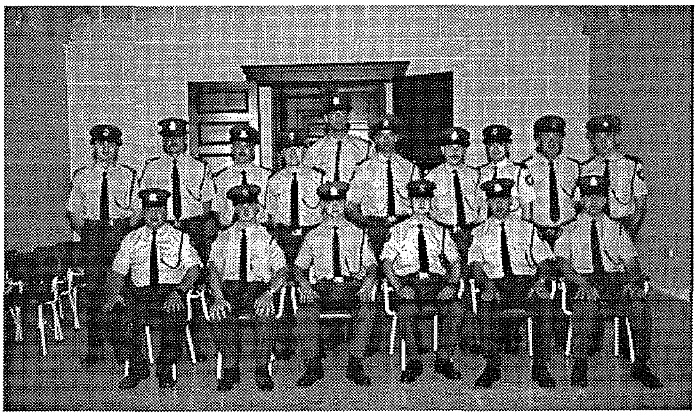

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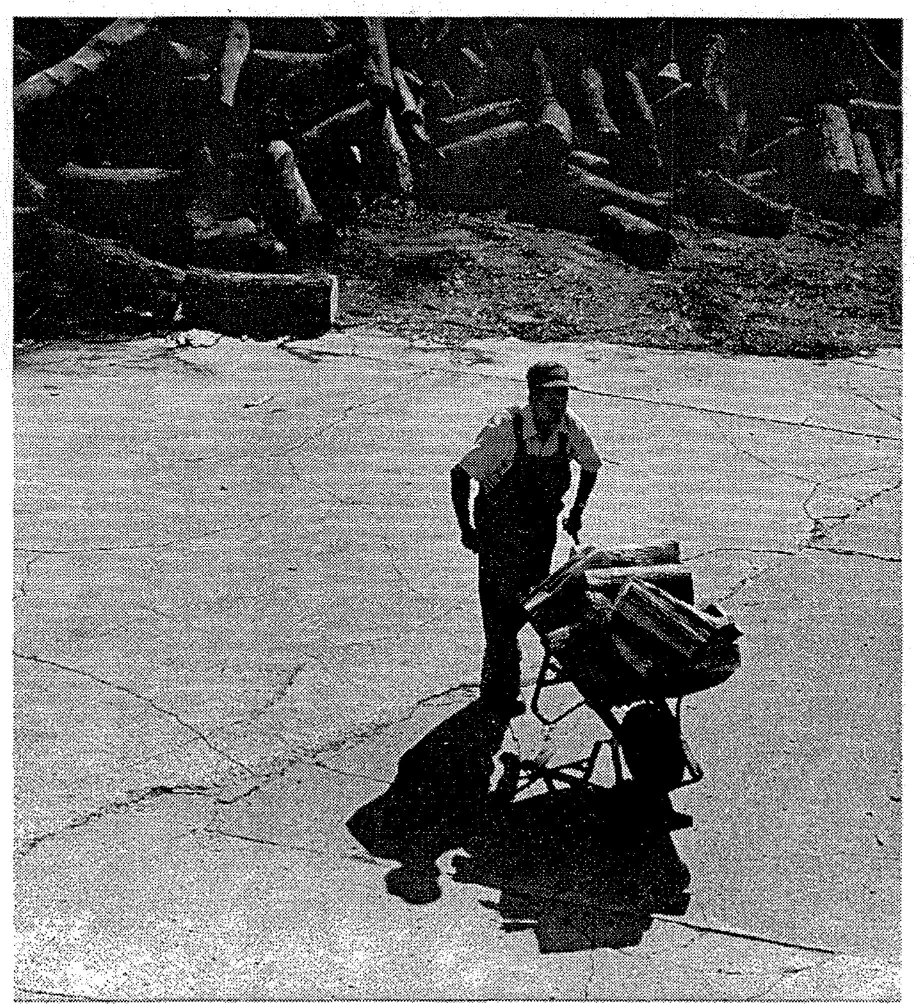

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HOW IMPORTANT IS TELLING THE TRUTH WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDIA

BY INSP. MARY MUSCAT

The right to be informed evokes the practice of the democratic by-product of freedom of expression. In turn, responsible freedom of expression involves accountability, and hence truth comes into the picture. Given the powerful role played by media in the democratic society, the conveyance of truth by the media assumes paramount importance.

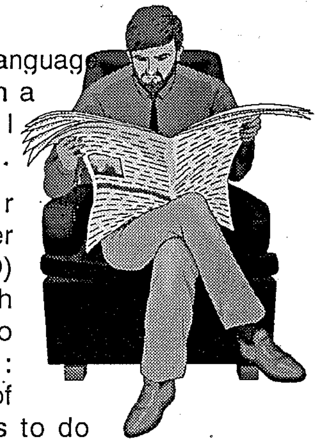
Definitions of "truth"

The search for truth gave rise to a host of definitions that were either developed as time passed or else died a natural death and were replaced by new ideas; some definitions were even picked up later on and revived. In ancient Greece, for instance, Plato distinguished two worlds: one of essential Ideas, timeless and unchanging and the other of mere appearances, transitory and having various reflections of Ideas. The visible and tangible appearances, commonly called real, can be apprehended by opinion; the Ideas, which are the true reality, can be apprehended only by intelligence and reason. For Plato, knowledge is the apprehension of the real world of Ideas. Most men are content to live in the world of appearances, the world of imagining and belief, but by education, those whose souls are so ordered that they are controlled by reason and intelligence and not by ambition nor material appetite, can enter the world of Ideas - the world of real knowledge and understanding. These are the philosophers seeking the knowledge of the whole of truth and reality, seeking an understanding not only of man's end or good, but also of the Good itself, the final cause of all that is good in the universe and of its very existence.

On the contrary, Aristotle disagrees with Plato's timeless and unchanging Ideas existing separately from appearances, the ephemeral and approximate reflections of those Ideas. Aristotle believes that Ideas do not exist separately from visible and tangible things, but rather the essential nature of anything is the Idea in it.

In modern times, thinkers like JS Mill (1806 - 1873) opposed the contemporary idea that necessary truths were those that could not be denied. Mill said the truth itself can be solidified if confronted by false opinions. If something is true, then it can prove itself. If it stands up to counter-argument, then it is as strong as it can resist, otherwise it becomes dogma. Truth lives in conflict; there is no absolute theory of truth.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900) equated truth with power. He visualized truth as a form of subjectivity, and hence repudiated objectivity, which is, something which can be seen and which can correspond with facts. According to Nietzsche, there is no access to facts independent of human points of view; truth lies in the superiority of a point of view. This involves a radical restructuring of the concept of truth in the post-Kantian German Philosophy: man is the measure of all things except that ordinary men are afraid to exercise the will to achieve a point of view which transcends ordinary ones. Like Kirkegaard before him, Nietzsche emphasizes existence above reason, however he also laid great weight upon language as a dominant force in forming views of things, and language is very much a social phenomenon.



Arthur Schopenhauer (1788 - 1860) spoke of truth in relation to judgement: the principle of knowing has to do with both reason and truth. Judgement, then, involves relations between concepts, but no judgement can express knowledge unless related to reason.

Nineteenth century empiricism took over the idea of pragmatism (determining meaningfulness in terms of rational usefulness) and applied it to truth itself. This produced the so-called pragmatic theory of truth: that the truth of a proposition is a matter of the useful results that it leads to. John Dewey (1859 - 1952) interpreted truth in terms of "warranted assertibility", therefore assimilating truth to verification. Dewey also professed the idea of "fallibilism", meaning that one should recognize that one may always be wrong, and that truth is an ideal limit to which one may only tend.

Within the context of journalism, truth can be simply defined as 'facts.' This means that reporting an event stands for conveying unadulterated facts relating to the event. But there is much more to reproducing true facts: "apart from conveying an accurate record of recent events to its readers, the first duty of the press is to represent the people ...to see that ... influential forces in our society do not abuse their power to

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the detriment of the common good." (Porter, 1984, pl36)

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Freedom of expression is highly regarded and much sought after individual's right in contemporary society. The first to grapple with the issue of individual liberty and social control was definitely JS Mill in his essay *On Liberty* (1859). In his revisions of the Utilitarian philosophy, Mill defends individual freedoms of thought, association and life-style on the ground that only in a context of liberty in which many competing "experiments of living" may be tried can each of us hope to seek and find his own distinctive happiness.

On Liberty is not only directed against repressive laws which curb the growth of novel forms of social life but also, and principally, against the tyranny of a censorious public opinion.

Mill sought to protect the freedom of the individual from stunting social conventions as well as from oppressive legal controls. Accordingly, he proposed that all legal and social interference with individual freedom be regulated by "one very simple principle": his Principle of Liberty, which lays down that no one's liberty can be restricted unless his actions harm or threaten to harm the interests of others and thwart the development of human individuality. In fact, the sphere of liberty was to be inviolable, because only in this way could human individuality be expected to flourish and the long-run well-being of man as a progressive being be assured.

In these proposals, Mill is essentially a classical liberal concerned to limit the sphere of government and convinced that arbitrary power is not made less tolerable by being the offspring of a democratic majority. Mill never lost sight of the vital truth that democracy and liberty are not one and the same, but rather distinct ideals, which may or may not strengthen each other in practice.

Mill regards freedom of expression as part of a general package that includes truth. Together, one becomes free to determine his own life plan, providing no harm is done to others. Mill, in fact, abhorred violence, whether physical or psychological. Within this context, the argument for human rights becomes strong as people who have their opinions suppressed - such as dissidents - are those that suffer deep psychological harm.

TRUTH AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: THE DO'S

With the advancement of technology and the resulting sophistication of society, the media has become a very powerful means of communications. Hence, in a democratic society that respects both truth and freedom of expression, the media should follow suit and bear allegiance to truth. This involves the clear distinction and complete disentanglement between fact and comment.

Truth lives in conflict; there is no absolute theory of truth

The role of ethics here plays a crucial role: "As individuals, journalists are probably no more or less ethical than doctors, lawyers, politicians, or business executives... the true relationship between a journalist's beliefs and his reporting is something like that of a juror's desire to reach an impartial verdict. Jurors are required to be empty minds, free of past experience or views; what is properly demanded of them is a readiness to put prejudices and uncorroborated impressions aside in considering the evidence before them. As much is asked of the journalist." (Goldstein, 1986, pl7). A number of ethical quandaries are bound to crop up in a journalist's daily routine. In their devotion to objectivity, for instance, are journalists allowed to show compassion or patriotism Can they maintain their objectivity while exercising ordinary civic responsibilities, such as sitting on a local committee While witnessing events, to what extent may journalists shape these events Should they cooperate with police investigators and prosecutors Should the same rules that restrict the conduct of reporters apply to media executives, who do take political stands ħespecially when candidates for elections are endorsedż and who may occupy positions of influence in their communities Should the same rules apply to columnists A columnist is more of a polemicist, a pamphleteer; should the same rules apply to such a position as apply to reporters or to owners of newspapers Should they be given latitude to make up characters and dialogue

"News organizations are in a sense semipublic, similar in many ways to utilities or to lawyers. They have a public responsibility, and like utilities and lawyers, they tend not to explain fully how they make decisions. They do not explain why stories are placed where they are, why some stories are emphasized and others are not. The 'news' is imprecise. It is made more mysterious by tradition of which the public is only dimly aware." (Porter, 1984, ppl84/5). Journalists do not live in isolation: their values and techniques are part of their culture's larger fabric. Their imperfections are not theirs alone, either. "Journalists do not belong on a pedestal, but it is not too much to ask that they be less hypocritical, more humble, and that they remember, when they report stories that hurt and embarrass others, the way that they fell when they are the subjects of stories." (Goldstein, p257)

TRUTH AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: THE DO NOT'S

It is commonplace that the

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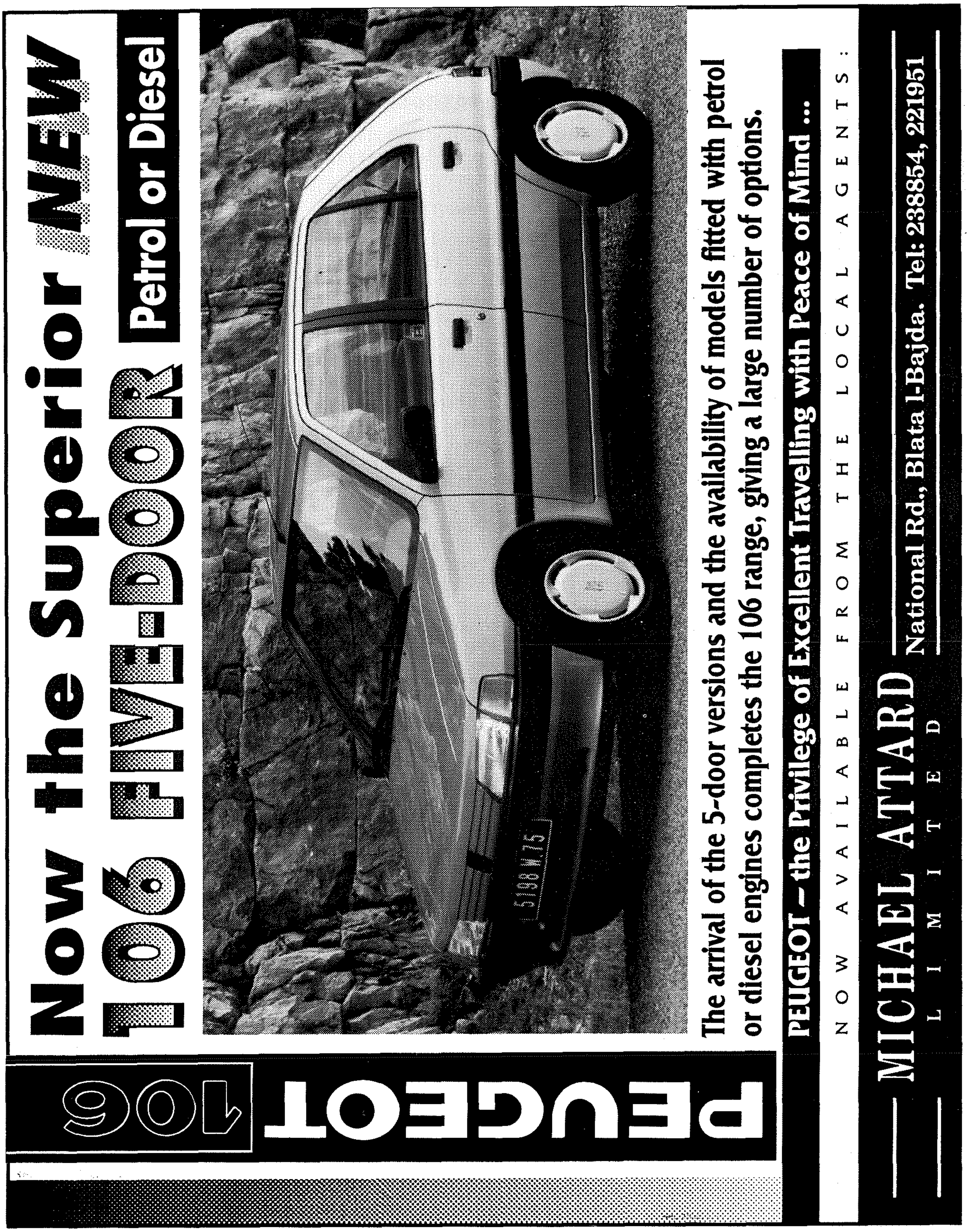

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Community-Oriented Policing

The history of Community-oriented Policing (COP)

Community-oriented Policing (COP) gained momentum in the 198Os following research done in the 7Os, which showed that preventive patrol in cars had little effect on crime, citizen levels of fear or citizen satisfaction with police. Its origin can be traced back to a study conducted by Kelling and Wilson in 1982, which promoted the introduction of foot patrol in tough neighbourhoods. The objective was not simply that of reducing crime, but to instil a feeling of safety among residents. Experiments on this concept were conducted in the early 198Os in Newark (New Jersey), in Oakland, Houston, and Boston. This fear-reduction programme, based on the 197Os idea of team policing, slowly developed into community policing

COP reviewed the role of the traditional patrol officer. The traditional model consists of designated beats covered on foot within a given time span, responding to calls for assistance within that beat, acting as a deterrence to crime commission, initiating contact with the public for feedback on criminal activity in the neighbourhood, and administrative duties back at the station. The bulk of patrol is consumed by time spent in prisoner transport, writing reports and appearance in court. Beats are designed according to a number of variables, namely the number of crimes reported in the jurisdiction, consistent or potential trouble spots, heavy traffic patterns at given times, and the whim of the supervisor drawing up the beats. Each patrol officer is expected not to venture beyond the designated sector except when dispatched or in "hot" pursuit.

The love-hate relationship with the public had nothing to do with this change of heart. Rather, it was the shift towards more knowledgeable, skilled and creative leadership skills, borrowed in part from the private sector, that compelled police leaders into rethinking the role of policing starting off from the grassroots: patrol officers. The drive towards cost-effectiveness has helped Police leaders to rediscover the practicality of dealing effectively with the public, the input of whom would serve as a basic tool in crime prevention and crime analysis. Hence, the flawed stance taken in the 196Os on "Police Community Relations" and the 197Os concept of "Team Policing" gradually gave way to programmes such as Goldstein's Problem-oriented Policing (PoP) and its counterpart Community-oriented Policing (COP).

MODELS OF PATROLLING

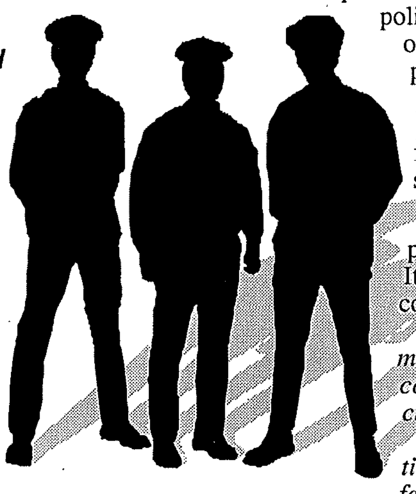
Besides the traditional model of patrolling, there are at least two more examples, namely:

1. Random preventive patrol

Patrol can be random especially if prevention occupies the top of the list. O. W. Wilson believed that by creating the impression of police omnipresence, patrol deterred most potential offenders. However, the assumption that patrols are a serious hindrance to criminal activity have been challenged - if not dispelled — by the Kansas City Patrol Experiment in the early 197Os. The 15-beat experimental area was divided into three sub-beats: reactive, control and proactive. According to Kelling, Pate and Dieckman (1974) the number of Police arrests showed no statistically significant differences in the beats, citizen fear of crime and their attitudes towards the Police were not affected by changes in the level of routine preventive patrol. Similarly, the behaviour of police officers towards citizens remained the same as did the amount of time taken to answer calls for service. Preventive patrols did not affect traffic accidents either.

2. Directed patrol

The New Jersey "Safe and Clean Neighbourhoods Program" was a five-year experiment set off by a Government grant and it was aimed at re-introducing foot patrol in 28 cities. James Q. Wilson and Kelling (1982) concluded that there were no surprising results in this experiment, as foot patrol did not reduce crime but made citizens more secure and a more favourable opinion of the Police was fostered. The patrol officers involved increased their morale, boosted their job satisfaction and harboured a much more favourable attitude towards citizens in the neighbourhood than did their counterparts assigned to patrol cars. Wilson and Kelling noted that the citizens' prime fear was not directed solely against crime but it included the fear of "strangers", that is, disorderly, unruly people such as drunks, drug addicts, loiterers, gangs, tramps and beggars. If preventive patrol did not reduce crime rates, at least the presence of patrol officers made them feel safer as their fear of confronting "strangers" could be dealt with immediately. In this respect, foot patrol was enhanced by public participation: if someone violated the rules of the neighbourhood, the "regular, decent folk" not only turned to the patrol officer for help but also ridiculed the violation.



Wilson and Kelling advocate the wise allocation of patrol and suggest that the Police look out for those neighbourhoods that are "at the tipping point", that is, where "public order is deteriorating but not unreclaimable, where the streets are used frequently but by apprehensive people, where a window is likely to be broken at any time, and must quickly be fixed if all are not to be shattered."

COP

It successfully merged the service to the public and the police's primary function of crime prevention into one model, founded upon a new police-public partnership, where the police will increased their use of local knowledge in a pprehending criminals and preventing crime, and the public will offer its support for its own well-being and safety.

Essentially, COP is a proactive model of policing. It seeks to improve crime control in three ways :

i) by diagnosing and managing problems in the community that produces crimes,

ii) fostering closer relations with the community to facilitate crime solving,

iii) building self-defence capabilities within the community itself.

Trojanowicz and Bucqueroux (199O) list ten principles of community policing (CP), namely: 1. CP is both a philosophy and an organizational strategy;

2. Greater autonomy should be given to line officers implying greater respect for their judgement as police professionals;

3. Patrol officers should be freed from the isolation of the patrol car and the demands of the police radio so that they can maintain daily, direct, face-to-face contact with the people they serve in a clearly defined beat area;

4. As the community's ombudsman, the beat officer should also link individuals and groups in the community to the public and private agencies that offer help;

5. This new relationship, based on mutual trust, suggests that the police serve as a catalyst, challenging people to accept their share of the responsibility for solving their own individual problems as well as the overall quality of life in the community;

6. Full-spectrum police service should be granted, adding a vital proactive element to the traditional reactive role of the Police;

7. The beat officer should explore new ways to protect and enhance the lives of those who are most vulnerable, creating outreach efforts such as Crime Prevention and Policeć Community Relation units;

8. CP promotes the judicious use of technology, but it also rests on the belief that nothing surpasses what a dedicated human beings, talking and working together, can achieve;

9. The beat officer is a specialist in bridging the gap between the police and the people they serve. Hećshe has a crucial role to play within the Police department;

10. CP provides decentralised, personalised, police service to the community. It is an entirely new way of thinking about the police role in society.

As the name implies, the COP model consists of two basic components, the public and the police; removing one element from the picture is bound to distort it beyond recognition. Therefore, contact between the patrolling officer and the public has to be made and the best approach is foot patrol. Patrol can be enhanced through the following changes in attitude and operating style:

1. Results versus process: problem solving is fundamental to COP and can be achieved by using routine operations such as problem identification, problem analysis and problem resolution.

2. Values: the police department adopts the culture that recognises citizen involvement in matters that directly affect the safety and quality of neighbourhood life. Therefore, the department becomes consistent with and accountable for acknowledging the merits of community involvement starts to organise and manage departmental affairs accordingly.

3. Accountability: the department has to know what makes the community, and the different neighbourhoods it comprises, tick. Patrol officers should interact with residents on a routine basis, keep them informed with police efforts to fight and prevent neighbourhood crime, hence ensuring accountability to the public.

4. Decentralisation: The decision-making process expands to include the patrol officers, hence promoting decentralisation of authority and structure. Organisational functions throughout the department have to be adjusted accordingly.

5. Power sharing: A valid police-public partnership develops only when active, as against passive, citizen involvement in policing efforts is forged. Power sharing means that the community is allowed to participate in the decision-making process.

6. Beat re-design: Individual neighbourhoods should not be placed in multiple beats, and beat boundaries should coincide with natural neighbourhood boundaries.

7. Permanent assignments: A permanent, rather than a rotating, basis should prevail in beat assignments, permitting the beat officer to merge into the community. When an officer is reassigned to another beat, the new officer should be oriented accordingly by the outgoing officer.

8. Empowerment of beat officers: officers are encouraged to initiate creative responses to neighbourhood problems. They should, therefore, be given the authority to make decisions, based on the circumstances of the situation. This reflects the trust that superior officials have in the officers' ability to make the right decisions.

9. Investigations: Area-specific investigations initiated by the beat officer should be encouraged. Centralised investigations, whenever they occur, should involve the beat officer in establishing crime or suspect patterns on a wider area.

10. Supervision and management: the beat officer becomes a manager of his ć ha beat, and the supervisor assumes responsibility for facilitating the problem-solving process by training, coaching, co-ordinating and evaluating officers. Therefore, the role of persons involved at all levels within the organisation changes.

11. Training: The recruit and cadet should be trained into the dynamics of the community and encouraged to develop community-organizing skills. This involves planning related activities and mapping out criminal investigation. Management training focuses on leadership skills, vision and values.

12. Performance evaluation: officer performance based on counting numbers of citations, arrests, calls that are answered, should be eliminated and replaced by performance quality that evaluates the officer's ability to solve problems and involve the community in crime-fighting efforts.

13. Managing calls for service: All police resources will be managed, organised and directed in a way that facilitates problem solving. This is inherent in COP. Time and effort would be organised in a way that leaves the beat officer more time to interact with the citizen.

CONCLUSION

Police-community relations have made a "quiet revolution" in policing (Kelling, 1987). In fact, the true measurement of policing is not statistics, as these cannot measure public satisfaction with the police, except if the service is removed, and then the number of complaints can be measured. COP cannot be implemented overnight, but it takes time as it involves the restructuring of a whole police culture, set of values, attitude and approach.

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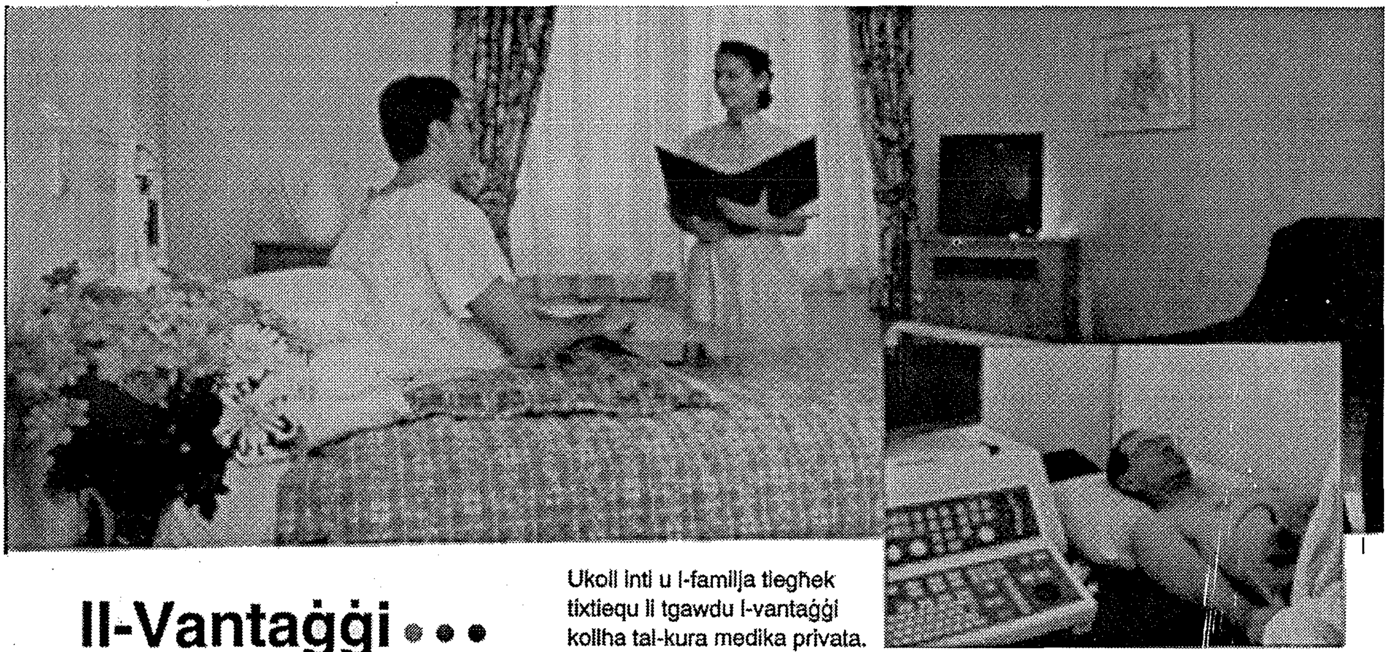

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Massacre at Malta

by Pc 720 Paul BONNICI

It looked all set to be a stan dard hijack armed men, not afraid to kill hostages to prove a point. But they had no clearly explained plan of campaign, which still made them better organised than the rescue force, whose action ended the hijack but killed over 50 passengers during a bloody firefight inside and outside the aeroplane.

Sunday, 24 November, 1985

EgyptAir Flight 648, a Boeing 737 with 92 passengers and a crew of six, leaves Athens for Cairo. As soon as the aircraft has reached its cruising altitude, at least three well-dressed Arab men get up, pull pistols from beneath their jackets and order passengers not to move. One makes his way to the flight deck and orders the pilot to divert to Malta.

The passengers passports are collected, and the hijackers start to split them up by nationality. One, an Egyptian sky marshal, takes out a pistol and shoots one hijacker dead. Others return the fire, injuring the securite man and several other passenger.

The Maltese authorities refuse permission for the aircraft to land, and turn out the runway lights. Captain of the 737 by now dangerously short of fuel, lands anyway, guided by the lights of a parked Singapore airlines jet.

Monday, 25 November. 1985

Negotiations, such as they are, are in the hands of Malta's Prime Minister, Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici. He refuses demands for fuel unless the hostages are released". Thirteen are-11 women passengers and two steward-esses-but still no fuel is delivered.

A third demand for fuel goes unanswered, and then the hijackers say they will kill a passenger every ten minutes until the aeroplane's tanks are replenished.

Two men carrying two boxes containing food for the passengers. The Captain from the window ordered to put them near the door, and to take away the body of a victim beneath the plane.

The first to be shot is a twenty-year-old Israeli girl. The bullet just grazes her head, and she crawls down the steps to the run-way.

A hijacker leans out afterwards and shoots her again, this time in the leg.

Ten minutes later, the first girl's companion, also an Israeli woman, is pulled from her seat and her hands tied behind her back. She is shot in the back of the head, in full view of some of the passengers.

Three Americans, a man and women are head-shot. One survives, the other does not. Unknown to the hijackers, a force of Egyption commandos land at the airport. (Sa'Aga) or ('THUNDERB0LT'), and begin plan-ning for an assault on the aircraft.

Two hostages pulling in the food boxes just brought there

The Sa'Aga seen action twice: at Luxor in 1975 when it succeeded in rescuing all the passengers from a hijacked Boeing 737; unsuccess-fully at Nicosia, CYPRUS, in 1978 when it got into a shoot-out with Cypriot security forces while attempting to rescue hostages from a hijacked aircraft and lost 16 deadġ and the SatAga,had been trained by GSG-9.

At.8.20pm, co-pilot sees an indication light in the control panel in front of him spring into life. The aft cargo door has been opened. Minutes later, explosion shake the 737. The Egyptians have blown holes in the floor at the rear of the aircraft, and about the starboard wing.

Egyptian commandos pour into the aircraft, lobbing smoke grenades before them. In the confusion, different passengers received very different impressions of what is going on. Said one, Australian businessmanĠ The Egyptians were just shooting wildly, at any and everything. They killed more people, more innocent people, than anybody else."

The hijackers were very desperate but not as desperate and badlydisciplined as the Sa'Age (FORCE 777). In all, the death toll comes to 57, Little effort is made to decide who died from hijackers' bullets, and who were cut down by there so-called rescuers.

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competition between the tabloids for the widest possible circulation thrusts aside objectivity and the search for truth in favour of profits, distortion, inaccuracy and downright dishonesty. Unfortunately, in the popular press, the spirit of inquiry for truth which naturally requires elements of courage and patience, is more often than not replaced by a harassment of defenseless individuals and an unseemly intrusion into their private lives. This attitude can be identified as the psychology of the thug: bullying private citizens who come to the attention of the popular press.

Examples abound in which accuracy is replaced by the desire to entertain and to indulge in fantasy. In the frantic haste to come up with exclusives, the popular press does away completely with reporting skills altogether by simply producing a cheque book. This means of achieving one's end is increasingly used to tie up the participants of sensational stories in exclusive contracts, thus inhibiting the free flow of information. For instance, when the Yorkshire Ripper was arrested, most of the popular newspapers of Fleet Street tried to by up his relations, even at the expense of breaking the Press Council's Declaration of Principle against the payment of potential witnesses. A newspaper in particular, the Mail on Sunday, while not infringing the Principle, showed extreme bad taste by buying the memoirs of the former Chief Constable of Yorkshire, who was barely out of uniform before his unenlightening thought on the Ripper hunt were gracing the pages of the paper. Furthermore, the Chief Constable made it a point to bar his officers from giving lengthy interviews to the press and himself had declined to talk to a journalist from the Sheffield Morning Telegraph who had approached him without an offer of money.

But perhaps the most classical example of fictional reporting is the bogus article entitled "Jimmy's World" that actually won the Pulitzer Prize in April 1981.(Goldstein, p215) Janet Cooke, a journalist working for the Washington Post (the same newspaper that won great acclaim for uncovering the Watergate scandal) made up a story about an eight-year old who was a third generation heroin addict. The story triggered off a series of reactions: the Washington Mayor ordered police and social service agencies to find the boy, the Post's editor established an eleven member reporting team to follow up on the story and to find more children like Jimmy. The faked story was soon discovered after Cooke could not even locate the neighbourhood mentioned in the story as she was totally unacquainted with the whereabouts. She had to return the Pulitzer Prize.

Tricks like masquerading an identity is often resorted to by journalists in order to get a story. This warrants risks in many ways, the most fundamental being that it poses mortgages on the credibility of the media. "The notion of truthfulness is so essential to journalism that it should not be trifled with." (Goldstein, pl6O) Impersonation undercuts an implicit trust between journalists and those whom they interview. The techniques used in getting news at any cost are numerous: ambushing the subjects of interviews, using stolen documents, fabricating photographic evidence, and inventing quotes, interviews, and showbiz gossip. In his book Lies, Damned Lies and some exclusives, Porter records the serious mistakes done by the tabloids in 1983 alone, mistakes that heavily undermined the public's trust in quality investigative journalism. These incidents ranged from the coverage of the supposedly very active sex life in the Royal Palace, the Queen's alleged sixty three abdications ħin one year aloneż, Princess Diana's weekly phantom pregnancy, and about one hundred fifty serious accidents that apparently took place on the same premises. The worst of the lot was definitely the hoax of Hitler's Diaries, which threw the highly reputed Times newspaper in bad light.

The story of the Diaries of Hitler is a very sad one. The Times newspapers had just been bought by Rupert Murdoch, who was more interested in the popular type of press, regardless of the very good reputation that the Times had upheld for the past decades. It was a case where sensationalism overcame common sense for the sake of the exploitation of the readership. The excessive haste with which decisions were carried out led to the purchase of the fake diaries and the discovery of the hoax when it was too late. The same had happened to the Times newspapers in the sixties in the case of Mussolini's diaries, which also proved to be fake. It took almost a year for the Times to fully apologize to its readership for such a cardinal mistake. Although the Times lost nothing financially and for a time the Sunday Times circulation jumped by 6O,OOO copies, the credibility of the newspaper was destroyed after a painful effort had been staged to make the newspaper one of the world's most trusted and admired.

CONCLUSION

The Media's successful existence in a large part depends, undeniably, on the money it generates, hence, there is often the temptation of brushing aside the basic principle of the truthful representation of facts in the misuse ħif not total abuseż of the principle of freedom of expression. The key words often adopted are ambition, competition, a penchant for revealing secrets and for mystery-mongering, and an attentive eye for the news-stand sales. Obviously, this does not help the cause for truth. Even when newspapers are found guilty of breaking the most fundamental code of ethics, they usually behave as the injured champion of truth, even quoting the biblical maxim "Great is truth and mighty above all things".

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GĦAQDA TAL-PULIZIJA PENSJONANTI

Tagħrif miġbur minn Vincent P. ZAHRA Viċi President

Nhar il-Ħadd 6 ta' Lulju l997 bdiet it-tifkira tal-l83 Anniversarju mit-Twaqqif tal-Korp tal-Pulizija bil-quddiesa fil-Kappela taċ-ĊimiterJu ta' Marija Addolorata li kienet iċċelebrata mill-Kappillan tal-Korp tal-Pulizija flimkien ma' Patri Raymond Bonnici,Kappillan tal-Akkademja tal-Pulizija u tas-S.A.G.. f'Ta'Kandia, u bis-soltu għajnuna ta' l-Abbatini Matthew, Joel, u Paul.

Kienu preżenti għal din il-quddiesa l-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija s-Sur Gorg Grech u s-Sinjura Grech, Ufficjali oħra tal-Korp u s-Sur Anthony Mifsud Tommasi Kmandant tal-Akkademja tal-Korp.

Numru tal-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti mmexxija mill-President is-Sur Joseph M.Azzopardi, u mill-Kunsill tal-Għaqda kienu preżenti.

Patri Raniero waqt l-Omelija tiegħu spjega li huwa wisq xieraq li kull sena din it-tifkira tibda b'sagrifiċju ta' din il-quddiesa, għar-ruħ tal-Pulizija mejtin u fl-istess ħin għal dawk li ghadhom isservu fil-Korp. Patri Zammit qal ukoll li wara din il-quddiesa se mmorru fuq l-oqbra tal-Pulizija biex imbierku l-oqbra tagħhom u nagħtuhom l-apprezzament tagħna għal ħidma li kien taw fil-Korp.

Iċ-Ċelebrant kompla fuq l-Erbgħatax il-Ħadd tas-Sena, fejn spjega l-messaġġ ewlieni tal-Liturġija li l-lum jiffoka l-attenzjoni tagħna fuq l-imħabba t'Alla li jkompli jqajjem profeti qalb il-Poplu Magħżul ukoll meta dan il-poplu dawwar spallejh kontra l-Mulej. Għax min iħobb jibqa juriha nteress u jibqa jittama li hi xi darba tisma' kelmtu u terġa lura lejh.

Niesu ma tantx tawh il-merħba, iddubitaw mill-ħila tiegħu tant li hu stagħġeb min-nuqqas ta' fidi li wrew.

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Ftaħna din it-tifkira bl-inizzjativa tal-Kummissarju s-Sur Gorg Grech. B'dejna bil-quddiesa fid-9.a.m. fis-Sala Vilhena li ġiet ċ-ċelebrata mill-Kappillan tal-Korp tal-Pulizija,Patri Raniero Zammit O.F.M Kap.

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Il-President tal-Għaqda, s-SurJoseph M.Azzopardi, Membri tal-Kunsill, numru sabieħ ta' Pensjonanti u n-Nisa tagħhom kienu preżenti.

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GĦAWDEX

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Verbal and non Verbal function of Human Communication

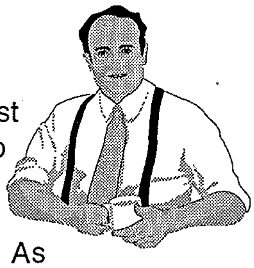
by Insp. David SALIBA

Most people just do not realise how much they use both language to communicate with one another. I for one was one them.

It is for a fact that over the rearing years of our children we teach and are thought to understand facial expressions. For instance, we gradually develop an understanding by our instinctive in learning to read and analyse facial and physical expressions and charcteristics. Unfortunately we tend to take some common facial and body interpretation for granted in so far as we ignore any other body movement which be person may unconsciotsly be making. For instance who cannot interpret a sad face from that of a person having a broad smi1e stretched across his face. The shrugging of both shoulders meaning 'don't pay attention or I couldn't careless form', the nod during the cornversation, whether the other receiving person is conscious, or unaware, or ignorant of such conversation approving what the speaker may be saying.

Yet, all the time human body, position and reacton is continuously in conversation, whether we are aware of it or not.

Where as we usually understand that we hold physical conversation, the human body is in conversation all the time. This conversation can be broken down for further analysis such as, eye contact, facial expressions, gestures, postures, and hody contact.



EYE CONTACT.

Looking around at the decor or just wondering, paying more attention to the decor. Is considered to be the most powerful means of communication we possess after speech. As they say 'a simple glance can speak volumes'.

The power of the eyes are at their greatest when one looks at one another or as we refer it the eye contact.

Sometimes you may be in shopping percent whzere the shop would be crowded and yet from opposite the other room you can feel that someone has set eyes on you and you look towards that person to acknowledge the fact thatyou've seen him.

The same happens when you enter alone in a bar for instance, once you open the door and set foot you feel that even momentarily evervbody has given you a glance, even if in passive manner.

In observing other people when they are talking they do not look at each other the whole time but in a series of glances.

You can even go as far at to interpret a person sitting in a conversation, whether he is interested or whether he is bored with his speaker. Two persons who are in conversaton, one of whom is looking away repeatedly away from his partner

On the other hand when two people are attentively talking and listentng to one another possiblv even sitting opposite one another on a small cafe' table their eyes are, fixed onto one another. Their eyes could also be doing some smiling if one could momentarily exclude other facial expressions.

Some people may even feel disturbed when they are watched for long pauses, unless they know one another as we have said and may even pass a comment in saying 'għalfejn qed iħares dak, mela għandi naghtih'.

Being watched makes you ask yourself why you are being watched and put you in a self conscious position on the other hand too much eye contact is generaly regarded as communicating superiority. Too little eye contact is also interpreted as not paying attention, impolite, insincere or sometimes shy. Lowering of the eye is usually taken as a signal of submission. Therefore the use of eye contact is when we are:

1. Seeking information
2 Showing attention and interest
3. Inviting and controlling interaction.
4. Dominating threatening and influencing others.
5. Revealing attitudes.

FACTIAL EXPRESSIONS.

Charles Darwin published the first scientific study - ' Expressions of the Emotions in Man and Animals' in 1872. He tried to prove that facial exrpressions as being a strong indication of a variety of human traits such as intllingence. criminality emotional stability and even insanity. Unfortunately it is not possible to use the face as a reliable predictor, what can be said is that research indicates that facial expressions is gaining a better

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understanding of what others are communicating.

Facial expressions show pleasure, or displeasure, interest or boredom, fear or anger. (These are but a few.)

Facial expressions are much used in greetings as much as we judge others through facial expressions as well. The human face can express no less then six facial expressions which are used when people are.

Happy - Sad — Disgusted - Angry - Afraid - Interested

When we first meet someone and took at their face it is highly probabte that the first judgement we make is whether we like them or not or whether we find them attractive or unattractive. Dunng the first few minutes we tend to pass Judgement about their character personality intelligence, temperament, personal habits, working abilities and so one and so forth.

All this is done on the basis of little informatioton about one another and yet more often then not we are right in these judgements.

HEAD MOVEMENTS.

Upon observing two people talking you will undoubtely notice in addition to the movements of their mouth and changes of facial expressions as they talk but also their head movements. The most obvious and perhaps the most frequently used head movernent is the nod. Head movements are important not only in talking but ulso in listening for as we shall see if they are used properly they can help us to communicate more easily and if they are misused they can quickly affect adversely a relationship with another person. There are times for instance when a nod by the head does not suffice and should not be used instead of a hand shake for instance. But this depends on the culhere of the country for example for our culture upon meeting a person it is customtary and expectable to shake a hand but on the other in the Eastern countries it is their custom to bow in front one antother. The same message of greeting is exchanged in different forms.

Head movements can be used as speech markers in social acknowledgements indicate attitudes, replace speech, and to support what is being said. Head movements compliment gestures.

The head can be used to point to a direction with out use of the finger and where the use of the finger would be inappropriate and sometimes rude.

GESTURES AND BODY MOVEMENTS

So far we have covered, eye contact facial expressions and head movements but gestures body movements are most important in non-verbal communication It is after all even if we don't realise that the use of gestures are used to convey what most people think and convey in a worldwide language which if understood can be read by one an all.

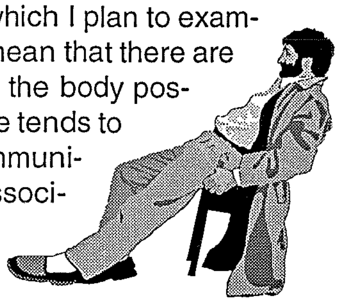
It mav well be worth quoting Michael Argyle 1975 - Boby Communication where he suggested that there are five different types of gestures.

1 speech linked with signsls.
2 conventional signs
3 movements which express emotions
4 movements which express personality
5 movements which are used in various religious ceremonies or rituals

There are however, some gestures which seem to have almost universal meanings and which can be read by everyone such as showing of fist to show anger, raising one's hand to gain attention, clappteg as a sign of approval, yawning as a sing of boredom, patting some one on the back to encourage them and rubbing the stomach to indicate hunger.

POSTURE AND BODY CONTACT

The last body movement which I plan to examine, but by no means does it mean that there are not other bodv movements is the body posture and body contact. Posture tends to be ignored in so far as its communicative value It's sometimes associated with class of certain type of people.



Postures however alostg with no verhal communication play an active role since postures can be a clue to a persons personality and character. Postures depend on position of arms, legs, the way a person stands, sits and lays down. It is very much about a persons state of mind.

CONCLUSION

As one can see through reading this assignment verbal and non verbal human communication play a far important role than one realises and expects. One tends to take postures so much for granted that hardley one gives notice of what they really mean, and the unless we wish to interpret them. Non-verbal communication is importarnt in all psychological aspects for it is with such studies that one realises what one may be saying aven though he may not even say a word.

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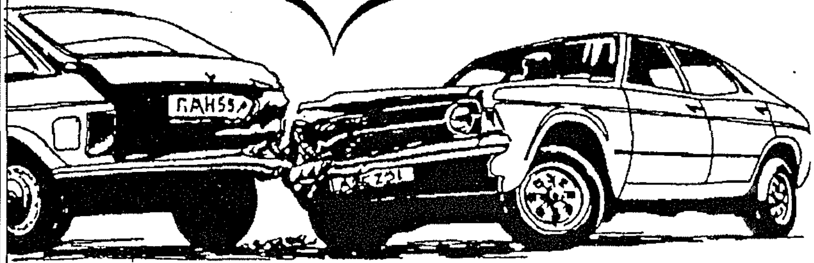

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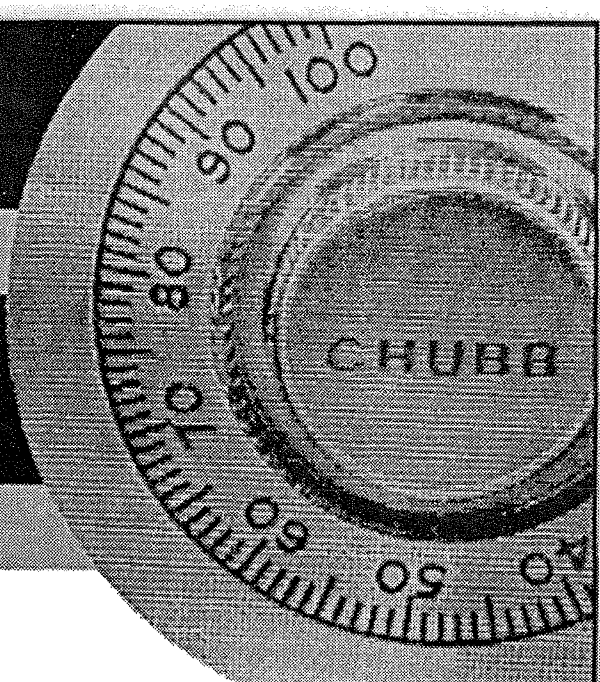

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SILENT DRILL

Ma nistax ma nesprimiex is-sodisfazzjoni tiegħi, għall-fatt li kelli l-opportunita' u l-unur rari, li fl-okkażżjoni taċ-ċelebrazzjonijiet tal-183 anniversarju mit-twaqqif tal-korp tal-pulizija ta' din is-sena, bejn is-sebgħa u t-tnax ta' Lulju 1997, immexxi bi kburija it-team rinomat tal-'President Drill'.

L-ewwel nett nixtieq nirringrazzja lil kull min għen u ta sehmu biex il-wirjiet li tajna kienu ta' suċċess, fejn bla dubju ġibdu l-ammirazzjoni tal-pubbliku numeruż li attenda kull fejn esegwejna dawn il-wirtijiet. Lil min għen volontarjament biex għal din is-sena l-uniformi tal-membri kienet iżjed dekorata w addatata għal dawn it-tip ta' wirtijiet, speċjalment lis-Sinjura Carmen Ellul, u lilPc 1163 Frans Schembri u lis-Sinjura tiegħu. Ma nistax ma nsemmix ukoll lil Pc 874 Patrick Zammit, li għenni mhux ftit, u kien strumentali f'ħafna mill-ko-ordinazzjoni tal-wirja, kif ukoll lil Ps 1350 Joe Borda.

Ringrazzjament speċjali imur għall-Kummissarju s-Sur George Grech ta' l-appoġġ li tagħna, kif ukoll lis-Surmast tal-banda tal-korp, Spettur A. Cassar u lil Ps 6 A. Barberi, u lill-bandisti kollha li akkumpanjawna bid-daqq sabiħ tagħhom u lill-'Compare' WPc 133 Marisa d'Amato. Hawnhekk ta' min ifaħħar il-wirja sabiħa li esegwit il-banda, kif ukoll ħaqqu prosit mill-ikbar l-Ispettur Raymond G. Zammit li ħareġ bl-unuri fl-ewwel dehra tiegħu bħala Parade Commander.

Nixtieq nirringrazzja wkoll lin-nisa tal-membri tat-'team', tas-support tagħhom, iżda fuq kollox ngħid grazzi u nuri l-apprezzament speċjali tiegħi lejn il-membri kollha tal-'Precision Drill Team', li tawni s-sodisfazzjon bil-wirjiet preċiżi, speċjalment bil-movimenti diffiċli u riskjużi bl-azzarini, li jien kelli fiduċja sħiħa li kapaċi jitgħallmu, u meta tqis li dan kollu flimkien ma' display ġdida kompletament, b'ritmu ta' passi differenti mis-soltu, kellha l-ħila nagħmluh f'temp qasir ta' xahar, dan is-sodisfazzjon huwa akbar.

Il-membri kollha li ffurmajna il-'Precision Drill Team' għal din is-sena konna dawn:-

Cadt. Ps 1036 S. Mallia
Membri
Ps 1345 A. Chetcuti
Ps 356 J. Vella
Pc 1006 C. Pace
Pc 935 P. Cassar
Pc 1165 M. Sciberras
Pc 1137 K. Vella
Pc 1131 J. Camilleri
Pc 874 P. Zammit
Pc 504 S. Ellul
Ps 1334 C. Farrugia
Ps 1007 M. Mulvaney
Pc 635 A. Calleja
Pc 286 T. Attard
Pc 1163 F. Schembri
Pc 917 J. Camilleri
Pc 967 A. Barbara
Pc 1085 D. Xuereb

Minn dawn hemm 4 veterani li ilna nieħdu sehem f'din il-wirja minn mindu twaqfet, sewwa sew għal dawn l-aħħar 9 snin mis-sena 1988, li huma:

Ps 1036 S. Mallia
Ps 1334 C. Farrugia
Ps 1345 A. Chetcuti
Ps 967 A. Barbara

Ta' min jagħti prosit speċjali lil Ps 1007 M. Mulvaney, li ngħaqad mat-team fl-aħħar ġranet, u kellu jipprattika l-movimenti kollha f'qasir żmien, meta ħa post Ps 1134 C. Farrugia li sfortunatament, wara xahar sħiħ ta' taħriġ, kellu jċedi postu minħabba li kien involut f'inċident tat-traffiku u minn hawn nixtieq nirringrazzjah, tas-servizz li ta' fit-'team' kemm ilu mwaqqaf.

Din is-sena l-wirja kellha sinifikat speċjali għalina, peress li fuq xewqa tal-membri kollha tat-team, kif kien xieraq, iddedikajniha lill-mibki Spettur H.W. Harrison li ħalla din id-dinja għal dinja aħjar aktar kmieni din is-sena. Huwa kien l-ewwel Spettur li mexxa lil dan it-team lura fis-sena 1988, fejn warajh ħa postu l-Ispettur C. Curmi, li wkoll f'isem kulħadd nirringrazzjah tas-servizz u d-dedikazzjoni li ta u baqa' sat-tmiem tal-karriera tiegħu fil-korp, jagħti lejn it-team, u nawgurawlu kull suċċess fil-futur tal-Karriera ġdida tiegħu.

Għalhekk jien ma nistax ma nħossnix onorat li wara dawn iż-żewġ kmandanti tat-team, li kulħadd jaf biżżejjed kemm kienu dedikati f'xogħolhom u ta' dixxiplina, issa mess lili wkoll li nieħu l-kmand f'idejja ta' dan it-team li tista' tgħid hu l-vetrina tal-Korp, u nwiegħed li flimkien mal-membri l-oħra tat-team nkomplu ngħollu l-isem tal-Korp.

Il-preparamenti għal din l-okkażjoni bdew sa minn xahar biss qabel, fl-Akkademja fil-Forti St. Elmo. Waqt din il-prestazzjoni ntuża rifle tat-tip 'Lee Enfield 303 MK. 4', li kien jintuża fit-tieni gwerra dinjija b'piż ta' 5Kg., u tul ta' 1.11 metri nkluża l-bajunetta li hi ta' għamla 'spike'.

Il-Precision Drill Team fi Pjazza San Ġorġ

Fis-snin imgħoddija ntużaw ukoll ir-rifles ta' tip SLR 7.62mm, u FN Fal 7.62mm. L-aktar neċessitajiet importanti li ġew segwiti u mplementati waqt il-preparamenti huma l-konfrentazzjoni u l-koperazzjoni bejn il-membri, għaliex l-inqas moviment żbaljat jista' jikkaġuna ġrieħi serji peress li kemm fit-taħriġ kif ukoll fil-wirjiet il-bajunetta tkun imwaħħla.

Fil-fatt tista' tgħid il-membri kollha xi darba jew oħra sfaw imweġġa' fit-taħriġ, fejn ma nkunx qed neseġera jekk ingħid li kważi nofshom kellhom jittieħdu għal kura fil-poliklinika tal-Furjana, fejn anke xi wħud sarulhom xi punti. Iżda wara kollox hu dan ir-riskju li jagħmel il-wirjiet tagħna iżjed attrajenti u nteressanti għall-pubbliku.

Ix-xewqa tal-membri tat-team hi li xi darba nirrappreżentaw lill-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta f'pajjiżi barranin, u jekk nibqgħu nżommu l-livell li dejjem żammejna, bil-motto tagħna ta' "RITMU, PREĊIŻJONI, U ELEGANZA" dan m'għandux jonqos.

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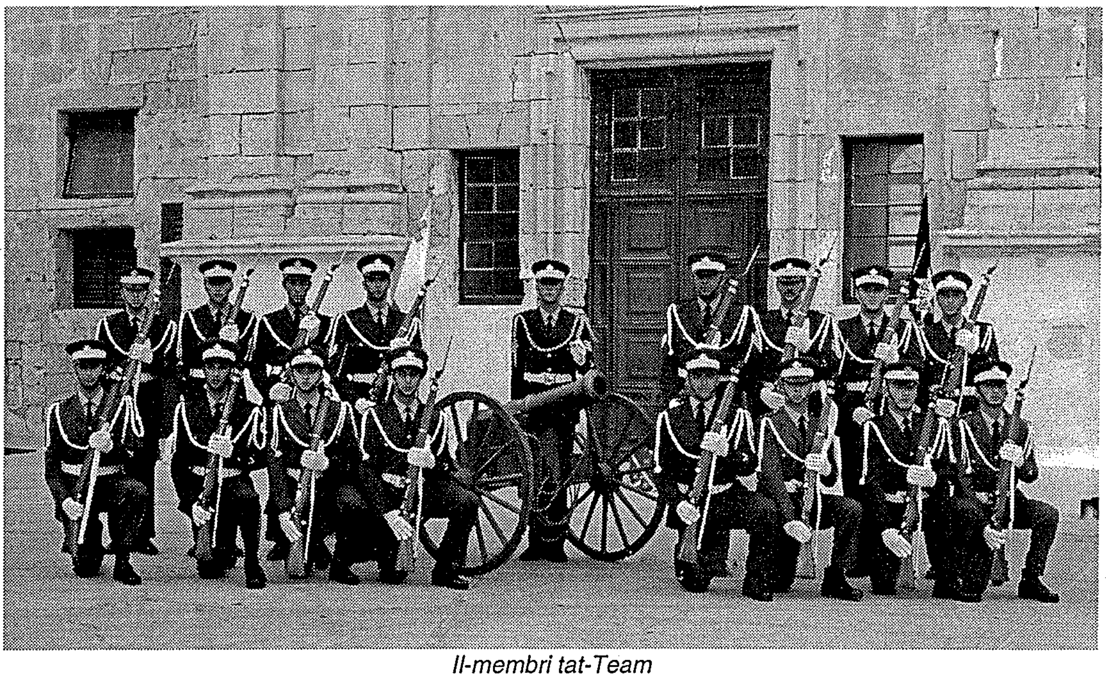

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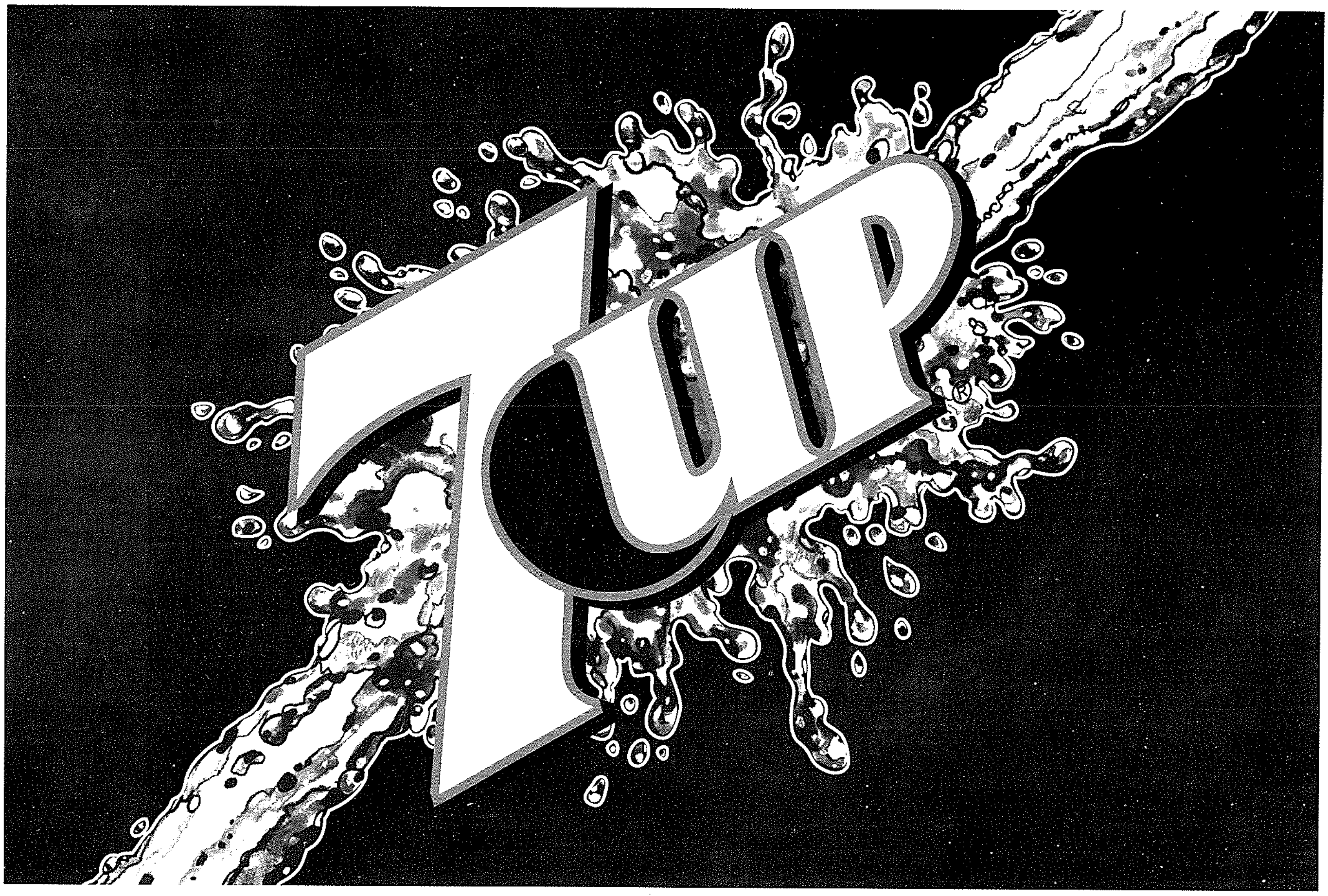

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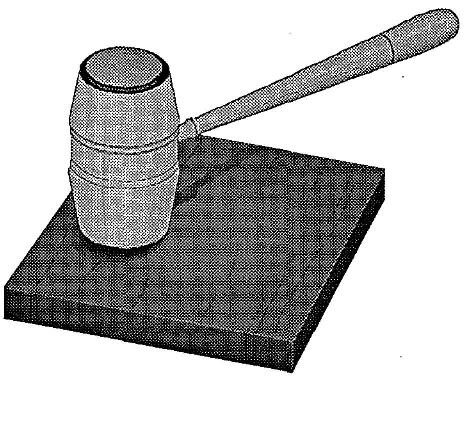

L-element intenzjonali tar-reat ta' attruppament irid ikun tal-ġemgħa stess u mhux ta' l-individwu iżolat.

Il-Pulizija vs Carmelo Farrugia et.
6 ta' Mejju, 1976
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Il-Qorti,

Rat l-atti tal-kompilazzjoni magħmula kontra l-imsemmija sitt imputati flimkien ma' Nazzareno sive Francis Grech talli (a) ħadu parti attiva f'ġemgħa ta' għaxra min-nies jew aktar miġburin bil-ħsieb li jagħmlu reati, liema reati fil-fatt sarux (b) attakkaw u għamlu reżistenza bi vjolenza u b'ħebb ta' xorta li ma titqiesx vjolenza pubblika kontra membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, persuni inkarigati skond il-liġi minn servizz pubbliku, fil-waqt li kienu jaġixxu għall-esekuzzjoni tal-liġi jew ta' ordni mogħtija skond il-liġi mill-awtorita' kompetenti; (c) volontarjament ħassru jew għamlu ħsara jew għarrqu pilandra; (d) ikkaġunaw feriti ta' natura ħafifa, salv komplikazzjonijiet fuq il-persuna ta' Philip Scerri; (e) volontarjament kisru l-bon ordni u l-kwiet tal-pubbliku bl-għajjat u bil-ġlied; (f) waddbu ġebel jew ħwejjeġ oħra iebsa b'periklu għal min ikun għaddej; (ġ) beżżgħu jew taw qtajja' lill-ħaddieħor b'mod li jistgħu jagħmlu ħsara; (h) ma' obdewx l-ordni leġittima tal-Pulizija; (i) ġrew bil-qawwi fit-triqat jew fil-pjazez b'periklu li jaħbtu ma' xi ħadd u jweġġgħuh; (j) inġurjaw u heddew persuni oħra u barra minn dan (k) John D'Amato (i) saq il-karozza numru 62861 b'manjiera perikoluża, għaldaqstant il-Qorti ġiet mitluba li tiskwalifikah milli jkollu jew jottjeni ebda liċenza tas-sewqan għal perjodu ta' mhux anqas minn tliet xhur u (ii) waqt li kien isuq il-karozza 62861 naqas li jobdi s-sinjali mogħtija lilu mill-Pulizija waqt li kien jidderiġi t-traffiku.

Rat a fol. 85 tal-inkartament in-nota tal-Avukat Generali tal-Kuruna tat-28 ta' Lulju, 1974 li biha l-istess atti ġew mibgħuta lura lill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati ta' Malta sedenti bħala Qorti ta' Ġudikatura Kriminali a tenur ta' l-artikolu 445(5) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali sabiex dik il-Qorti tiddeċiedi dwar il-ħtija jew ħtijiet li jistgħu jinstabu kontra l-imputati kollha (A) taħt dak li hemm maħsub fl-artikoli: (i) 94 b'riferenza għall-artikoli 353(1)(b) u 353(1)(e) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali; (ii) 68(2)(3); (iii) 235(1); (iv) 352(cc); (v) 352(aa) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali; u (B) Kontra l-imputat John D'Amato wkoll fl-artikolu 14(1)(a)(3) tal-Kap. 105;

Rat is-sentenza tal-Qorti fuq imsemmija tal-I5 ta' Novembru, 1974 li biha wara li semgħet ix-xhieda bil-ġurament ta' l-imputati Chircop, Bartolo, D'Amato u Micallef kif ukoll dik ta' Grech) iddeċidiet billi, wara li ddikjarat lill-imputat Grech mhux ħati tal-imputazzjonijiet dedotti kontra tiegħu, sabet lill-imputati Carmelo Farrugia, Ġamri Micallef, Philip Bartolo u Vincent Borg Bonaci ħatja tar-reat kontemplat fl-artikolu 68 (2) u (3) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali (Kap. 12); lill-imputat Borg Bonaci ħati wkoll tar-rejat kontemplat fl-artikolu 353(1)(b) ta' l-istess Kodiċi iżda dan hu assorbit fir-rejat l-ieħor ġa ċitat; lill-imputat Victor Chircop ħati tar-rejat kontemplat fl-artikolu (68)(2)(3) u tar-reat kontemplat fl-artikolu 235(1) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali; lill-imputat john D'Amato ħati tar-rejat taħt l-artikolu 68(2)(3) u 352(cc) tal-istess Kodiċi u ta' sewqan b'manjiera traskurata u lill-imputati mhux ħatja tar-rejati l-oħra dedotti kontra tagħhom bin-nota ta' l-Avukat Generali tal-Kuruna u wara li rat l-artikoli (68)(2) u (3), 235(1) u 352(cc) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali u l-artikolu 14(1)(a)(3) tal-Kap. 105, ikkundannat lill-imputat Carmelo Farrugia, Ġamri Micallef, Vincent Borg Bonaci u Philip Bartolo għall-multa ta' ħames liri (Lm5) u lill-imputati Victor Chircop u John D'Amato għall-multa ta' seba' liri u ħamsin ċenteżmu (Lm7.5O,O) u ssospendiet il-liċenzi kollha tas-sewqan ta' John D'Amato għal perjodu ta' tmint ijiem, u dana wara li kkunsidrat:

"Illi r-rejati dedotti kontra kull wieħed mill-imputati huma:

(a) li bla ma jidrob jew isawwat, hedded b'ġebel jew ħwejjeġ oħra jew inġurja l-persuna ta' wieħed inkarigat skond il-liġi minn servizz pubbliku waqt jew minħabba li jkun jagħmel dan is-servizz;

(b) ħa parti attiva f'ġemgħa ta' nies, ta' għaxra jew aktar bil-ħsieb li jagħmlu rejat;

(ċ) ikkaġuna ferita ta' natura ħafifa fuq il-persuna;

(d) ma obdiex l-ordni tal-Pulizija;

(e) ġera bil-qawwi fit-triqat jew fil-pjazez b'periklu li jaħbat ma' xi ħadd u jweġġgħu;

Barra minn dan kontra John D'Amato hemm dedott ukoll ir-rejat ta' sewqan b'manjiera perikoluża.

"Illi l-każ ta' kull wieħed mill-imputati għandu jiġi eżaminat separatament sabiex jiġi stabbilit dak li jirriżulta kontra jew favur kull individwu.

"Illi l-inċidenti li wasslu għal dan il-każ ġraw waqt *"meeting"* li kien qiegħed jinżamm mill-Partit Nazzjonalista fil-Pjazza ta' Ħaż-Żebbuġ fit-12 ta' Mejju, 1974. Waqt dan il-meeting kien hemm tlett inċidenti separati li ġraw f'postijiet u ħinijiet differenti għalkemm it-tlieta konnessi ma' l-istess ħaġa;

"Illi l-ewwel inċident ħdejn il-każin tal-*"football"* Żebbuġ Rangers. Waqt il-"meeting", fil-ħin li kien jitkellem il-Prokuratur Legali Louis Galea, xi nies li kienu ħdejn il-każin bdew jibbuwjaw fil-waqt li xi nies minn tal-*"meeting"* oġġezzjonaw għal dan u resqu lejn il-każin. Intefa' xi ġebel min-naħa u tazza tè u affarijiet oħra min-naħa l-oħra. In-numru tan-nies li resqu lejn il-każin kien iżjed minn għaxra.

"Iktar tard, waqt li kien qiegħed jitkellem Dottor Guido Demarco instema' wkoll xi għajjat u buwjar minn grupp ta' nies li kienu quddiem il-każin tal-Banda San Filep. Intefa' anki xi ġebel. Din id-darba wkoll folla ta'nies, aktar minn 10, marret għal dan il-grupp u ntefgħu xi ġebel ukoll;

"Wara li spiċċa l-*"meeting"* u n-nies tal-*"meeting"* kienu sejrin biex jirkbu l-*'privates'* inqala' inċident quddiem il-każin tal-*Malta Labour Party.* Kif beda l-inċident ma jirriżultax iżda jirriżulta li ntefa' ġebel min nies tal-*"meeting"* u minn fuq il-bejt tal-każin.

"Kulma jirriżulta kontra Nazzareno Grech huwa li xhud rah qalb ġemgħa ta' nies fejn il-każin tal-banda. L-istess xhud qal li ma rah jagħmel xejn. Il-preżenza biss ta' individwu fil-folla mingħajr xi att estern li juri approvazzjoni jew diżapprovazzjoni mhux biżżejjed biex jitqies li ħa parti attiva f'ġemgħa ta' nies. Għalhekk għar-rigward ta' dan l-imputat ma jistax jingħad li rriżulta ebda reat.

"Fil-konfront ta' Carmelo Farrugia jirriżulta li ħa parti attiva fil-ġemgħa ta' nies li ħadet parti fl-inċident ħdejn il-każin tal-banda ġa msemmija. Ma jirriżultax li

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ħa ebda parti fl-inċidenti l-oħra.

"Fil-konfront ta' Ġamri Micallef jirriżulta wkoll li ħa parti fl-inċident ta' fejn il-każin tal-banda. Rigward l-inċident li sar fejn *M.L.P.Club* irriżulta mix-xhud P.C. 893 Louis Cassar li dan kien qiegħed jimbotta ħafna lil tnejn minn sħabu. Dan l-aġir ma jindikax li ħa parti attiva ma' dik il-ġemgħa ta' nies iżda juri li kien qiegħed jipprova jnaqqas l-inċident.

"Fil-konfront ta' Vincent Borg Bonaci jirriżulta li ħa parti attiva fl-inċident ta' ħdejn il-*M.L.P. Club* u li tefa' xi ġebel.

"Irriżulta li Victor Chircop ħa parti tant fl-inċident ta' ħdejn il-każin tal-*"football"* kif ukoll dak ta' fejn il-każin tal-banda. Irriżulta wkoll li kkaġuna offiża ta' natura ħafifa fuq il-persuna ta' Philip Scerri.

"Fil-konfront ta' Philip Bartolo irriżulta li ħa parti fl-inċident ta' fejn il-każin tal-*"football'* u ta' fejn il-każin tal-banda.

"Fl-aħħarnett kontra John D'Amato jirriżulta li ħa parti fl-inċident ta' fejn il-każin tal-"football' u ta' fejn il-każin tal-banda. Barra minn dan irriżulta li saq karozza bi "speed" ta' 30/35 mil fis-siegħa, u m'obdiex l-ordni lilu mogħtija mill-Pulizija biex ma jidħolx f'Sciortino Street.

"Skond ix-xhud P.C. 848 A. Spiteri, D'Amato kien għaddej b'dak li *'speed'* fil-ħin li kien hemm xi nies fit-triq, bħal meta tispiċċa quddiesa u baqa' sejjer sa fejn il-bust ta' Dun Karm. Hemm kien hemm P.C. 868 li waqqfu u qallu biex idur lura. D'Amato waqaf u dar lura. P.C. 423 P. Magri xehed li kien hemm ħafna nies iżda in kontro-eżami qal li meta D'Amato wasal fejn kien hemm ħafna nies f'Sciortino Street, waqaf u ma baqax dieħel fuqhom u li minn fejn kien għaddej bil-35 m.p.h. ma kienx hemm ħafna nies.

"Fil-fehma tal-Qorti dak li jirriżulta dwar sewqan minn D'Amato ma jikkostitwix sewqan b'manjiera perikoluża iżda min-naħa l-oħra ma jistax jingħad li huwa sewqan normali. Sewqan bħal dan taħt dawk iċ-ċirkostanzi jikkostitwixxi sewqan b'manjiera traskurata".

Rat a fol. 101 ir-rikors ta' l-imsemmija imputati barra Grech (li ġie illiberat interament) li bih talbu li s-sentenza tiġi revokata u li huma jiġu lliberati minn kull imputazzjoni u piena u dana fuq il-motivi, *inter alia,* li r-reat ta' attruppament ma jirriżultax u lanqas ma jirriżultaw ir-reati l-oħra dedotti kontra tagħhom individwalment.

Semgħet it-trattazzjoni u kkunsidrat:

Illi kwantu għall-appelli ta' Vincent Borg Bonaci u John D'Amato dawn ġew dikjarati deżerti a termini ta' l-art. 434 tal-Kodiċi Kriminali. Għalhekk jibqa' għal konsiderazzjoni l-appell ta' l-erba' imputati Farrugia, Chircop, Bartolo u Micallef.

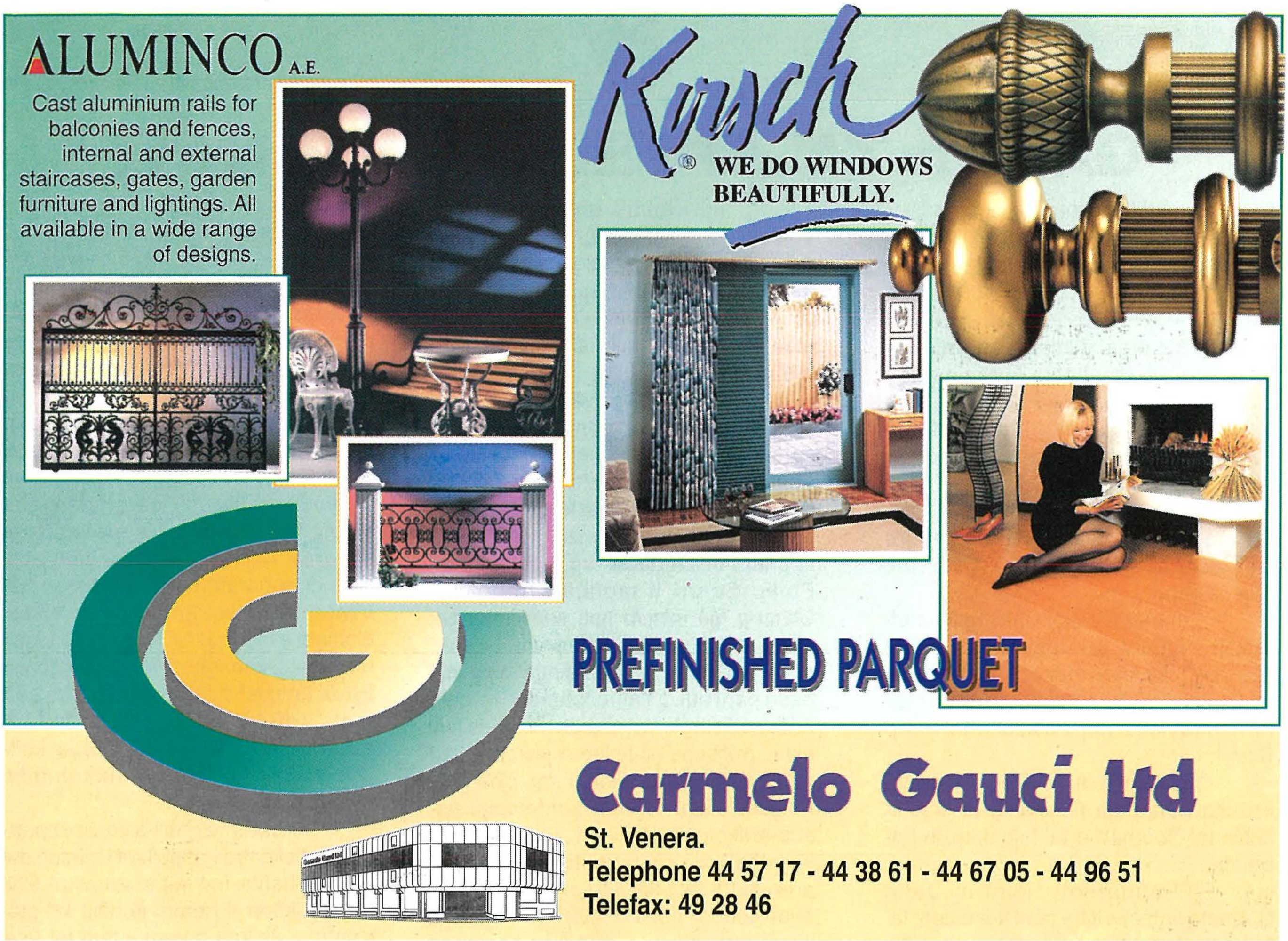
Illi l-ewwel gravam li għandu jiġi kkunsidrat f'din is-sentenza hu dak imressaq mill-erba' appellanti li r-reat ta' attruppament ma jirriżultax;

Illi *sta di fatto* kif jidher ampjament mis-sentenza appellata li apparti l-offiża ħafifa fuq il-persuna ta' Philip Scerri li tagħħa l-appellant Chircop ġie misjub ħati separatament mir-reat ta' attruppament - l-erba' appellanti ġew misjuba ħatja biss talli ħadu parti attiva f'attruppament illegali, jiġifieri f'ġemgħa ta' għaxra min-nies jew aktar miġbura bil-ħsieb li jikkommettu reat u li dan ir-reat l-ieħor sar, ċjoe ġew rnisjuba ħatja tar-reat kontemplat fis-sub-artikolu (2) ta' l-art. 68 tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, bl-aggravanti, taħt is-sub-artikolu (3) ta' l-attwali kommissjoni tar-rejat l-ieħor li l-ġemgħa kellha f'moħħha li tagħmel. Iżda fl-ebda ħin fis-sentenza ma ntqal liema kien dan ir-reat l-ieħor li l-kommissjoni tiegħu tikkostitwixxi skond id-dottrina u l-ġurisprudenza u l-istess kelma tal-liġi (ara Appell Kriminali Il-Pulizija vs Bonnici, Vol. XXVII, IV, 783) l-element intenzjonali tar-reat ta' attruppament anki fil-forma mhux aggravata tiegħu, ċjoe il-*"common design"* jew *"purpose"* kriminu li jikkonverti ġemgħa minn waħda innoċenti għal waħda illegali, b'dan li kif ukoll hu kostantement aċċettat fl-interpretazzjoni ta' dana l-artikolu tal-Kodiċi dik l-intenzjoni *"to commit an offence"*, trid tkun tal-ġemgħa stess u mhux ta' l-individwu iżolat;

Illi l-ewwel Qorti *del reste* lanqas ma setgħet tagħmel mod ieħor għax la l-Pulizija fiċ-ċitazzjoni u lanqas l-Avukat Ġenerali (ara n-nota ta' rinviju a fol. 85), kontra s-solita prattika, ma indikaw liema kien dan ir-rejat li l-ġemgħa kollha kien fi ħsiebha li tikkommetti, anzi jidher ċar u manifest mit-termini ta' dawk iż-żewġ stadji ta' l-akkuża li r-rejat ta' attruppament tħalla iżolat għal kollox waħdu u r-reati l-oħra, li minnhom wara kollox l-appellanti ġew illiberati (dana s'intendi dejjem qed jingħad apparti mir-rejat l-ieħor ta' offiża ħafifa dedott kontra l-appellant Chircop waħdu) ġew imdaħħla f'każi separati ta' imputazzjoni distinti minn dak ta' l-attruppament. Għall-prattika fuq imsemmija ara l-Appelli Kriminali Zammit, Vol, XXI, IV, 33 Bonnici, ġa fuq ċitat Pisani, Vol. XXVIII, IV, 172; Bigeni Vol. XXXII, IV, 849 u fost l-iktar reċenti Emie, Spiteri, 18 ta' Lulju,1973 Salvatore sive Silvio Galea et, ta' Mejju, 1975 (rinviju a fol. 106 tal-proċess relattiv); Carmelo sive Charles Seguna u Martin Attard, li minnhom aħħar tnejn għadhom pendenti, u li fihom kollha ssir riferenza speċifika għar-rejat maħsub mill-assemblea llegali anki meta dan ma jkunx laħaq sar. Hu ċar li akkuża u dikjarazzjoni ta' reati f'termini hekk vagi u ġeneriċi bħal ma ġara f'dan il-każ, speċjalment meta l-appellanti ġew illiberati mill-imputazzjonijiet l-oħra dedotti separatament, ma tistax treġi, b'mod li ma jistgħux jiġu ravviżati l-element essenzjali ta' l-attruppament. Kif hu risaput, imbagħad, l-imputazzjoni ma tistax tinbidel f'dan l-istadju biż-żieda, ma' l-hekk imsejjaħ rejat ta' attruppament tar-reat li l-folla kellha intenzjoni komuni li tikkommetti. Ikkunsidrat:

Illi kwantu għall-akkuża separata u distinta kontra l-appellant Chircop dwar l-offiża ħafifa fuq il-persuna ta' Philip Scerri, jidher li hemm konflitt ta' provi. Kontra x-xhieda ġuramentata ta' Scerri li kien l-appellant, Chircop li tah id-daqqa ta' ponn in kwistjoni hemm ix-xiehda ġuramentata ta' l-appellant li jiċħad dan il-fatt. L-elementi indizjarji li hemm fil-proċess dwar il-kredibilita rispettiva tagħhom ma jwasslux biex wieħed jiżbilanċja lill-ieħor, anzi jkomplu jiġġeneraw iktar dubju u skond ix-xiehda ta' l-istess Spettur Joseph Gauci (fol. 31) jirriżulta li hu veru dak li xehed l-appellant li hu kien qala' daqqa ta' ġebla. Din minn x'imkien ġiet u l-Qorti għandha tifhem, miċ-ċirkostanzi, li x'aktarx mhux min-naħa tiegħu. Ix-xhud Deguara (fol. 47) qal li wara li qala' d-daqqa ta' ponn Scerri qallu li kien "Vitor il-modi" li tahielu. Iżda apparti n-natura sekondarja ta' din il-prova, u apparti li ma saret ebda prova li l-appellant għandu dan il-laqam, ix-xhud Aquilina (fol. 48), li skond Deguara suppost li sema' dawk il-kliem ta' Scerri, lanqas ma jikkorroborah. L-ebda membru tal-Pulizija jew xi ħadd ieħor mid-diversi nies preżenti ma seta' jidentifika lill-appellant bħala l-bniedem li ta dik id-daqqa ta' ponn lil Scerri. Dan, verament, lanqas ma hu sorprendenti għax kif xehed anke is-Surgent Haber (fol. 49) " kien hemm konfużjoni sħiħa", kif *del reste* jidher anki mis-sentenza appellata. Fiċ-ċirkostanzi, jonqos dak il-grad ta' ċertezza morali *"beyond reasonable doubt"* meħtieġ skond il-liġi għal konvinċiment tal-ġudikant fid-dawl tal-piż tal-prova mix ħut fuq il-prosekuzzjoni.

Għal dawn ir-raġunijiet il-Qorti tiddeċiedi billi tilqa' l-appell, tirrevoka s-sentenza appellata u tillibera lill-appellanti.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Sir George Borg, Kt., M.B.E., LL.D. 1887-1954

Ftit wara, huwa kellu jħalli din il-kariga mportanti meta kien ġie maħtur Prim Imħallef u President tal-Qorti ta' l-Appell fl-l ta' Jannar, 1941. Kien SIR GEORGE BORG meta, bħala ċ-ċittadin ewlieni ta' Malta, huwa kellu l-unur li jaċċetta f'isem il-poplu ta' dawn il-Gżejjer, il-"*George Cross*" mogħti lil Malta mill-Maesta Tiegħu r-Re Gorg VI, okkażjoni li nitkellmu dwarha aktar 'il quddiem.

Il-"GEORGE CROSS"

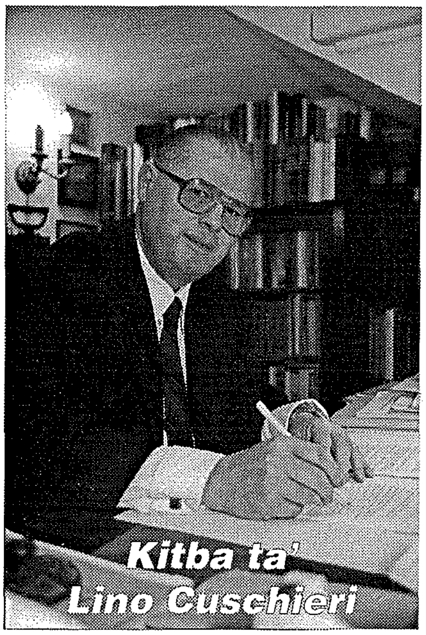
Ma nistgħux insemmu jew niktbu dwar SIR GEORGE BORG jekk ma nsemmux l-għoti tal-"*George Cross*" lil Malta mill-Maestà Tiegħu r-Re Gorg VI fis-sena 1942.

Fil-15 t'April 1942, il-Maestà Tiegħu r-Re Gorg VI għoġbu jagħti l-"*George Cross*" lill-Gżira ta' Malta, u ħames xhur wara, Lord Gort, il-Gvernatur Ingliż f'Malta f'dik il-ħabta, kien ikkonsenja din id-dekorazzjoni lill-poplu Malti f'ċerimonja pubblika fil-Belt Valletta.

Il-"*George Cross*" ġie istitwit b' "*Warrant*" Irjali li jġib id-data ta' l-24 ta' Settembru, 1940. Kif kien stqarr ir-Re nnifsu f'xandira li kien għamel fil-jum ta' qabel lill-poplu ta' l-Ingilterra u ta' l-Imperu, din id-dekorazzjoni kien waqqafha biex jingħata ġieħ mistħoqq lil dawk kollha li jwettqu għemil ta' qlubija f'dawk iż-żminijiet imwiegħra tal-Gwerra. Skond ir-regoli mxandrin f'dan il-"*Warrant*" Irjali, l-"*George Cross*" kellu jingħata biss bħala rikonoxximent ta' għemil ta' qlubija eċċezzjonali u f'ċirkostanzi fejn kien jintwera kuraġġ tabilħaqq qalbieni f'sitwazzjonijiet ta' periklu tassew kbir.

Il-"*George Cross*" huwa magħmul minn salib tal-fidda b'medaljun tond fin-nofs li fuqu hemm minquxa x-xbieha ta' San Ġorġ fuq id-dragun. Madwar dan il-medaljun, hemm il-kitba "*For Gallantry*" u fuq kull rokna tas-salib tidher iċ-ċifra rjali "G.VI.". Fuq in-naħa ta' wara, jitniżżel l-isem ta' dik il-persuna li tkun rebħet din id-dekorazzjoni. Fil-każ tal-"*George Cross*" ippreżentat lil Malta, il-kitba fuq wara tgħid: "*To the Island of Malta 15 April, 1942*".

Dan l-għoti tal-"*George Cross*" lil Malta huwa meqjus bħala ġieh uniku minn diversi aspetti għaliex, qabel kollox, dan l-unur kien ingħata mhux lil



xi persuna ndividwali, iżda lil Ma lta bħala pajjiż shiħ. Minbarra hekk, bħala regola, dawk kollha li kienu jirċievu din id-dekorazzjoni kienu jiġu ppubblikati uffiċjalment fil-"*London Gazette*". Iżda l-każ ta' Malta kien l-uniku eċċezzjoni f'din il-proċedura, għaliex il-"*George Cross*" kien ġie mogħti lil Malta mir-Re personalment permezz ta' ittra awtografata li ġġib id-data tal-15 ta' April, 1942.

Din l-ittra, miktuba fuq karta li ġġib l-Arma Rjali mibgħuta minn Buckingham Palace u ndirizzata personalment lill-Logutenent General Sir William Dobbie, Gvernatur ta' Malta, tgħid hekk:

Il-Gvernatur,
Malta.
'Biex inrodd ġieħ lill-qalbieni poplu tagħha, jiena nagħti l-"George Cross" lill-Gżira Fortizza ta'Malta bħala xhieda ta'qlubija u lealtà li jibqgħu jissemmew fl-istorja".
April 15, 1942.

(Fta) GEORGE R.I.

Il-Gvernatur Dobbie kien pront wieġeb lir-Re permezz ta' ittra li tgħid hekk:

"Il-poplu u l-Forzi Armati ta' Malta japprezzaw ħafna l-ħsieb tal-Maestà Tiegħek għall-għoti ta' dan l-unur uniku lil din il-Gzira Fortizza. L-għoti ta' dan l-unur kebbes fihom kuraġġ kbir u kulħadd jinsab determinat li bil-għajnuna tal-Mulej, Malta ma ċedi qatt u tibqa' tirreżisti u tissielet sakemm fl-aħħar tinkiseb ir-rebħa...."

Fis-7 ta' Mejju, 1942, Lord Gort ġie maħtur Gvernatur minflok Dobbie. Lord Gort kien meqjus bħala wieħed mill-aktar qalbenin fl-Armata Ngliża. Infatti, matul il-karriera militari tiegħu, Lord Gort kien rebaħ bosta dekorazzjonijiet prestiġġjużi fosthom il-"*Military Cross*", id-"*Distinguished Service Order*" u fl-aħħarnett il-"*Victoria Cross*", meqjus bħala l-ogħla dekorazzjoni li wieħed jista' qatt jikseb għall-qlubija tiegħu. Il-"*George Cross*" mogħti lil Malta ġie mwassal fi Gżiritna minn Lord Gort innifsu, iżda minħabba li l-qagħda f'Malta f'dak iż-żmien kienet imwiegħra għall-aħħar, il-preżentazzjoni uffiċjali tħalliet għal data aktar tard.

Wara kważi ħames xhur, kien ġie deċiż li ċ-ċerimonja uffiċjali għal din il-preżentazzjoni kellha ssir nhar il-Ħadd, 13 ta' Settembru, 1942 fil-pjazza ta' quddiem il-Palazz tal-Gvernatur il-Belt Valletta fid-disgħa u kwart ta' filgħodu. F'din l-okkażjoni, stakkament tar-"*Royal Malta Artillery*" kellu jagħmel Gwardja ta' l-Unur.

F'din iċ-ċerimonja storika, ħadu sehem il-Banda tal-"*King's Own Malta Regiment*", stakkamenti tal-Pulizija ta' Malta, li "*Special Constabulary*", u l-"*A.R.P. (Air Raid Precautions Organization)* flimkien ma' oħrajn tan-Navy Ingliża, tal-Militar u tar-"*Royal Air Force*". Fil-pjazza, kienu preżenti wkoll il-Membri tal-Kunsill Eżekuttiv, Monsinjur Dom Mauru Caruana, O.S.B., Arċisqof ta' Malta, Monsinjur Mikiel Gonzi, Isqof ta' Għawdex u Monsinjur Emanuele Galea, Isqof Titulari ta' Tralles, flimkien ma' kotra kbira ta' Maltin li marru jassistu għal din l-okkażjoni storika. Il-pjazza ta' quddiem il-Palazz kienet f'dik il-ħabta imdawwra b'ħafna bini mwaqqa' milqut mill-bombi ta' l-għadu fosthom l-istess Palazz tal-Gvernatur li kien għadu kemm ġarrab bosta ħsarat.

Lord Gort wasal fil-pjazza akkumpanjat minn SIR GEORGE BORG, il-Prim Imħallef u President tal-Qorti ta' l-Appell meqjus bħala ċ-

ikompli f'paġna 38

ikompli minn paġna 37

ċittadin ewlieni ta' Gżiritna. Il-"*George Cross*" u l-ittra tar-Re twasslu mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija s-sur J.E. Axisa.

F'diskors li għamel f'din l-okkażjoni, Lord Gort stqarr li huwa kien fdat li jwassal il-"*George Cross*" f'Malta u fuq ordni tar-Re, huwa kien issa qiegħed jippreżenta din id-dekorazzjoni lill-poplu Malti, mogħtija mir-Re bħala rikonoxximent tas-servizz qalbieni li l-poplu offra biex jiddefendi l-libertà ta' dawn il-Gżejjer. Wara d-diskors tiegħu, Lord Gort ippreżenta l-"*George Cross*" flimkien ma' l-ittra tar-Re lil SIR GEORGE BORG li aċċetta din id-dekorazzjoni f'isem il-poplu Malti.

Wara din il-preżentazzjoni, SIR GEORGE BORG wieġeb b'diskors imqanqal li fih huwa wera l-gratitudni tiegħu li f'isem il-poplu ta' dawn il-Gżejjer, huwa kellu l-unur jirċievi l-"GEORGE CROSS" li kien tabilħaqq simbolu mill-isbaħ tar-rabta qawwija tal-poplu Malti mal-Kuruna Ngliża li fiċ-ċirkostanzi ta' dawk iż-żminijiet, kienet toffri l-aqwa garanzija għas-sigurtà ta' pajjiżna u taċ-ċiviltà kattolika li kien iħaddan.

SIR GEORGE BORG esprima l-apprezzament tiegħu f'isem il-poplu Malti għall-fatt li din kienet l-ewwel darba fl-istorja li pajjiż ta' l-Imperu Ngliż kien ġie mżejjen b'dekorazzjoni tar-Re. Huwa feraħ lil niesna li kienu kisbu dan l-unur singolari għall-qlubija kbira li huma kienu wrew matul dawk iż-żminijiet diffiċli mtaqqlin b'tiġrib kbir.

Fid-diskors tiegħu, SIR GEORGE BORG fakkar kif fis-sena 1800, missirijietna kienu fdaw il-ġejjieni tagħhom fl-għaqda ma' l-Ingilterra u għaldaqstant, huma ħalfu l-lealtà tagħhom favur il-protezzjoni tal-Kuruna Ngliża. Huwa qal li matul iż-żminijiet ta' l-imgħoddi, l-poplu Malti minn dejjem għamel ħiltu kollha biex jibqa' jgħożż il-libertà. Kien dan il-ħsieb patrijottiku li ħeġġiġhom biex jissieltu u jilqgħu t-theddida ta' l-Imperu Ottoman meta waqt l-Assedju l-Kbir tas-sena 1565, huma ġġieldu spalla ma' spalla mal-Kavallieri ta' l-Ordni ta' San Ġwann biex ixejnu l-qilla tan-Nofs Qamar li ried jaħtaf lil Malta.

SIR GEORGE BORG kompla jgħid li aktar tard, il-poplu Malti reġa' wera l-qlubija tiegħu meta qam u ħadha kontra l-qawwa ta' l-armata Franċiża u rnexxielu jegħleb l-arroganza u l-intimidazzjoni ta' Napuljun. SIR GEORGE BORG temm id-diskors tiegħu billi stqarr is-sodisfazzjon u l-ferħ tiegħu li matul iż-żmien imqalleb tat-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija, il-poplu Malti ingħaqad u għamel ħiltu kollha biex bi spirtu tassew qalbieni u b'rieda ta' l-azzar, huwa afferma għal darb'oħra l-fidi tiegħu fil-protezzjoni Ngliża li għalih, f'dawk iċ-ċirkostanzi ta' tiġrib kbir, kienet garanzija meħtieġa biex pajjiżna jkompli jgawdi u jibqa' jgħożż il-ħelsien minn kull jasar ta' l-għadu.

L-INGRESS TA' L-ARĊISQOF MIKIEL GONZI, 1944

Okkażjoni memorabbli u storika li fiha SIR GEORGE BORG ħa sehem attiv kienet dik ta' l-Ingress Solenni fil-Katidral ta' l-Imdina ta' Monsinjur Mikiel Gonzi bħala l-Arċisqof il-ġdid ta'

Malta li kien sar nhar it-Tnejn, 22 ta' Mejju, 1944. Infatti, minbarra li huwa kien wieħed mit-tmien firmatarji ta' l-Att tal-Pussess ta' l-Arċisqof Mikiel Gonzi li kien sar fil-Katidral ta' l-Imdina nhar il-Ħadd, 30 t'April, 1944, SIR GEORGE BORG kien ukoll wieħed mill-mistednin distinti li attendew għall-pranzu uffiċjali li kien sar fil-Palazz ta' l-Arċisqof fl-Imdina wara li ntemmet il-funzjoni reliġjuża fil-Katidral.

Għall-ġieħ l-istorja ngħidu li s-seba' firmatarji l-oħrajn f'din iċ-ċirkostanza storika kienu Dr. Luigi Galea, l-Avukat tal-Kuruna, in-nobbli Markiż Paolo Nicola Apap Bologna, l-Imħallef Professur Edgar Ganado, Sir Philip Pullicino, il-Markiż John Scicluna, l-Imħallef Robert Ganado, u l-Professur Albert Victor Bernard, il-Kap tad-Dipartiment tas-Sanita'.

Skond drawwa qadima, l-Arċisqof jidħol fl-Imdina riekeb fuq debba bajda taħt baldakkin. F'din l-okkażjoni, d-debba li fuqha rikeb l-Arċisqof Gonzi kienet miżmuma bir-riedni f'idejn SIR GEORGE BORG u l-Markiż John Scicluna. Il-baldakkin ġie merfugħ minn tmien membri tan-Nobbiltà Maltija: Il-Baruni Testaferrata Abela, il-Baruni De Piro D'Amico, il-Konti Chapelle Paleologo, il-Baruni Trapani Galea, il-Konti Sant Fournier, il-Markiż Apap Bologna, il-Baruni Borg Carabott u l-Markiż Formosa Gauci.

Mill-Knisja Agostinjana ta' San Mark, l-Arċisqof tmexxa għal fuq is-Saqqajja u minn hemm daħal l-Imdina, għadda minn taħt Ark Trijonfali armat apposta u minn hemm, mar dritt għall-Ingress Solenni tiegħu fil-Katidral.

Quddiem l-Arċisqof, mexa l-Kanċillier Monsinjur Enrico Bonnici, riekeb fuq żiemel, bis-salib arċiveskovili. Iż-żiemel kien immexxi mis-sur Edgar G. Montanaro, Segretarju tal-Kumitat organizzattiv tal-Festi u n-nobbli Severino Manduca. Fil-korteo, ħadu sehem il-Kapitlu tal-Katidral, il-Kapitlu tal-Kolleġġjata ta' Sant'Elena ta' Birkirkara, il-Kapitli tal-Kolleġġjati l-oħrajn kollha ta' Malta, il-Kulleġġ tal-Kappillani u l-ordnijiet Reliġjużi kollha ta' Malta.

PRIM IMĦALLEF U PRESIDENT TAL-QORTI TA'L-APPELL

Wara r-riżenja ta' Sir Arturo Mercieca, l-Imħallef Anzjan il-Professur Edgar Ganado ġie maħtur bħala Aġent Prim Imħallef sakemm fl-1 ta' Jannar, 1941, l-Avukat Dr. GEORGE BORG ġie maħtur Prim Imħallef u President tal-Qorti ta' l-Appell tal-Maestà Tiegħu r-Re. Huwa ħa l-ġurament ta' lealtà u ta' l-uffiċju tiegħu fil-Palazz tal-Gvernatur quddiem il-membri tal-Kumitat Eżekuttiv presjedut mill-Eċċellenza Tiegħu l-Gvernatur Sir William Dobbie. L-aħbar tal-ħatra ta' l-Avukat DR. GEORGE BORG bħala Prim Imħallef u President tal-Qorti ta' l-Appell kienet ġiet imxandra fil-ħarġa ta' "The Times" ta' Londra tal-31 ta' Diċembru, 1940.

Hawnhekk, huwa mportanti li ngħidu li fil-5 t'Awissu, 1939, kienu ġew ippubblikati r-"Regolamenti ta' l-1939 għal Malta dwar id-Difiża" (*Malta Defence Regulations*, 1939). Dawn attwalment kienu miżura ta' emerġenza għal żmien il-gwerra sabiex l-awtoritajiet joffru aktar sigurtà u ħarsien xieraq lis-soċjeta' ta' dawn il-Gżejjer fi żmien meta l-għadu kien qiegħed iħejji biex jaħbat għal pajjiżna.

Wieħed mill-passi ta'emerġenza li ttieħdu skond dawn ir-Regolamenti kien jirrigwarda l-Qrati, fis-sens li s-sistema tal-ġuri ġiet għall-mument sospiża u għaldaqstant, il-Kunsill tal-Gvern kien għadda liġijiet biex każi ta'offiżi kontra dawn ir-Regolamenti u atti kriminali oħrajn jibdew jinstemgħu quddiem Qorti magħmula minn tlett Imħallfin. Il-kompożizzjoni tal-Qorti bi tlett Imħallfin kienet........

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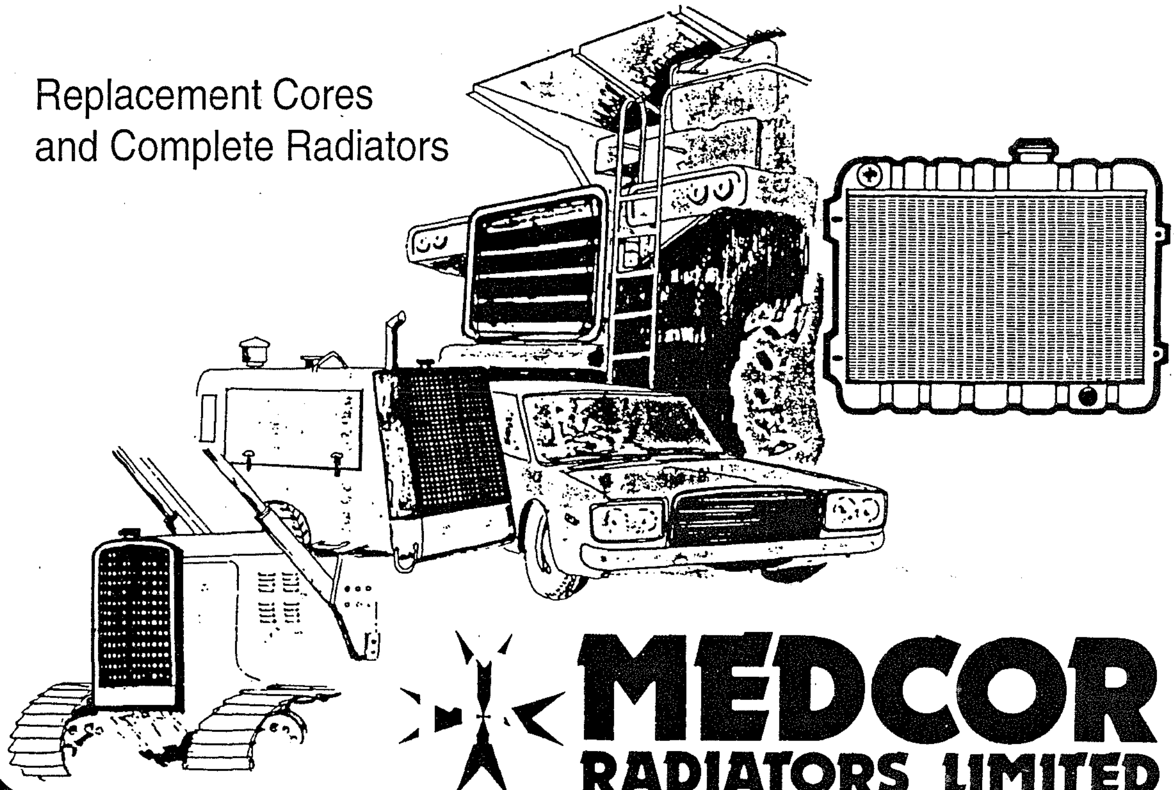

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L-Emendi kif proposta mill-Kunsill ta' l-Għaqda hija din: Artiklu 7 jiġi jinqara hekk: Dawk il-Pensjonanti li għalqu l-65 sena għandhom ukoll iħallsu l-kontribuzzjoni ta' L.M.I. (Lira) fis-sena.

RAPPORT AMMINISTRATTIV

Is-Sur Louis Muscat is-Segretarju ressaq dan ir-rapport tiegħu, huwa qal li l-laqgħat tal-Kunsill saru regolari kull xahar u li l-attendenza tal-membri dejjem kienet tajba. Kif ġie iffurmat il-Kunsill il-ġdid iltaqgħa ma' problema billi l-Uffiċju tal-Police Association li konna niltaqgħu fih kellu jsir xogħol strutturali fih biex jiġi użat bħala uffiċċju ieħor. Dan kien it-tieni kas li kellna noħorġu minn fejn konna qed niltaqgħu u mmexxu x-xogħol tal-Għaqda, dan kien ifisser li kellna noħorġu l-għamara tal-uffiċċju tagħna fejn sibna li qiegħda fl-*store* tal-Quarter Master, u sal-lum għada hemm. Li ma kienitx id-determinazzjoni tagħna stajna tlaqna kollox. B'arranġamenti mall-Kummissarju u s-Sur Alfred Abela (Supretindent tat-Traffiku, l-lum Assistent Kummissarju) offrilna li niltaqgħu fil-Kamra tal-Konferenzi tat-Traffiku, fejn għandna niltaqgħu sissa.

Kummissjoni Entertainment, din reġgħet ġiet imwaqqfa mill-Kunsill, u qeda torganizza attivitajiet bħal ma jafu numru sabieħ ta' membri li ħadu sehem f'dak li organiżżat. Aħna nħeġġu lill-membri biex jieħdu parti f'dak li torganiżża din il-Kummissjoni.

Fost ix-xogħol li wettaq il-Kunsill matul is-sena li għaddiet kellna l-każi ta' għajnuna lill-membri sħabna b'xi problemi ma' dipartimenti tal-Gvern u Korporazzjonijiet.

Għamilna diversi attentati biex l-Għaqda takkwista dar bħala Club u Uffiċju tagħha, għal dan il-għan dejjem sibna l-għajnuna tas-Sur Ġorġ Grech il-Kummissarju, sissa xejn.

F'dak li jirrigwarda l-Magazine "Il-Pulizija" dejjem tgħajna l-għajnuna tagħna lil PC.Martin Ellul li hu responsabbli għal ħarġa tiegħu.

Good Conduct and Service Medal, dwar dawn il-midalji ma ħassejniex ġusta li għax xi ħadd ma għamiliex il-preżentazzjoni tagħhom dment li membri kienu għadhom iservu fil-Korp kif titlob il-Legal Notice, meta ġew ippreżentati baqaw b'xejn għax kien laħqu rtiraw wara hemm minn kellu 30 servizz. Din mhiex ġustizzja. Fuq dan is-suġġett konna ntqajna qabel l-elezzjoni ma' l-Onor. Dr. E. Fenech Adami Kastilja meta kien għadu Prim Ministru. Fl-istess żmien kellna laqgħa ma' Dr.Michael Farrugia, il-lum Ministru, kemm dwar il-midalji u dwar il-pensjoni.

Laqgħa oħra fit-tul saret ma' Dr.Alfred Sant Kap tal-Partit Laburista qabel l-Elezzjoni ta' Ottubru 1996, fejn spjegajnilu fit-tul dwar il-problema tal-pensjoni tal-pulizija fejn wieħed jista jitlef id-dritt tal-pensjoni tal-pulizija jekk hu jkun għamel xogħol ieħor wara li jkun spiċċa mill-korp u dan ikun bi ħlas inqas mill-pensjoni tal-pulizija peress li din tiġi stabbilita fuq l-aħħar tliet snin tax-xogħol tiegħu. L-Għaqda qed titlob li wieħed ikollu dritt li jgħażel fuq liema pensjoni jirtira mix-xogħol.

Wara l-elezzjoni kellna laqgħa ma' L-Onor.Joe Mizzi Ministru fl-Uffiċju tal-Prim Ministru dwar l-istess suġġetti, ma l-Onor. Ministru tas-Sigurta Soċjali Prof.Edwin Grech, u ma' Prof.Louis Buhagiar Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Anzjani, dawn il-laqgħat kienu kollha fuq is-suġġett tal-pensjonijiet tal-pulizija, u problemi oħra. Għamilna laqgħa wkoll ma 'l-Ex-Supretendent Angelo Farrugia M. P. li l-lum bħala Membru Parliamentari Dr.Farrugia tagħna l-għajnuna tiegħu u wara li qabel mat-talbiet tagħna għamel mistoqsija Parliamentari u fuq is-suggetti li semmejna.

Ktibna wkoll lill-Onor. Prim Ministru Dr.Alfred Sant fejn fraħnielu għall-ħatra tiegħu bħala Prim Ministru ta' Malta u fakkarnieh fuq il-laqgħa li kellna miegħu dwar diversi suġġetti li jolqtu lill-Pulizija Pensjonanti.

Qed nistennew appuntament ma' l-Onor.Ministru s-Sur Freddie Portelli dwar il-possibilità ta' lokal bħala club tal-Pulizija kif kellna barra Putirjal.

Is-Segretarju semma wkoll il-laqgħa li ta' kull sena l-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech u s-Sinjura tiegħu jgħamlu lill-Pulizija Pensjonanti u Nisa tagħhom fl-Ewwel Ħadd tas-Sena Ġdida fejn irringrazzja lilu u lill-Korp għal ospitalità li juru lejn dawk prezenti. Din il-laqgħa kull sena tibda b'quddiesa minn P.Raniero Zammit Direttur Spiritwali tal-Korp, u l-attendenza kull ma tmur dejjem qed tikber.

Attivita li se nibqgħu niftakru hija l-laqgħa li għamilna għall-pulizija pensjonanti Għawdxin wara arrangamenti mall-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech u Supretendent Paul Sammut li hu inkarigat minn Għawdex li kienet ta' suċċess u li din fethet it-triq għall-laqgħat oħra aktar il-quddiem. L-Għaqda tagħna tirringrazzja lil Għaqdiet kollha tal-Pensjonanti għall-istedin fil-laqgħat speċjali tagħhomu għal kull Seminar li jorganizzaw. Is-Sur Muscat għalaq ir-rapport tiegħu billi rringrazzja lill-President tal-Għaqda tagħna s-Sur J.M.Azzopardi, lill-Kunsill u l-membri tal-Għaqda għal koperazzjoni tagħhom fix-xogħol tiegħu.

RAPPORT FINANZJARJU

Is-Sur Louis Vella s-Segretarju għall-Finanzi ressaq ir-rapport tiegħu dwar il-Finanzi tal-Għaqda, huwa qal li bi pjaċir il-membri qed jiżdiedu, però lmenta li membri antiki jitraskuraw milli jħallsu l-kontribuzzjoni tagħhom. Il-membri jridu japprezzaw li l-ispejjeż tal-Posta mhumiex żgħar speċjalment biex jintbagħt il-Magazine "Il-Pulizija" u kull ċirkulari tal-Għaqda.

Is-Sur Vella qara d-dettalji tar-rapport tiegħu dwar il-finanzi, huwa qal li l-għaqda ma daħal ebda finanzi minn sorsi oħra u jridu jkunu l-membri li jissapportjaw l-għaqda. Hu kompla jgħid li dik li m'għandniex lokal ta' uffiċċju tal-għaqda tellef il-kuntat bejn il-membri. Aħna dejjem qed nisperraw li fl-aħħar l-attentati tagħna jirnexxu. Importanti li dan il-post irid ikun il-Belt jekk hu possibli biex ikun faċli għall-membri li jattendu.

Ir-Rapport Amministrattiv u dak tal-Finanzi ġew approvati mill-Membri preżenti.

EMENDA TA' L-ISTATUT ARTIKLU 7.

Is-Segretarju tkellem dwar l-Emenda għall-Istatut Artiklu 7, fejn qal li meta twaqqfet l-Għaqda fl-1980 dan l-Artiklu kien jeżenta lill-membri milli jħallsu l-kontribuzzjoni tagħhom jekk jkunu għalqu 65 sena w dan kien sar peress li l-posta kienet aktar irħisa u l-magazine kien jiġi ħafna irħas. Għal daqstant illum napprezzaw li meta membru joħroġ Lira fis-sena mhiex xi piż kbir li aħna l-pensjonanti ma nistawx nikkontribwixxu. Il-Membri preżenti approvaw din l-Emenda, u b'hekk il-kontribuzzjoni ta' Lira issa titħallas minn kull membru.

AFFARIIIET OHRA

F'Laqgħa mall-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech ippropona l-ideja ta' "Day Centre" għal Pulizija Anzjani, u jekk ikun possibli titmexxa minnhom stess. Dan ikun possibli speċjalmemt jekk nakkwistaw il-lokal li nixtiequ u li jkun f'post ċentrali bħal Belt.

Kien hemm laqgħa oħra mall-Prof.Louis Buhagiar Segretarju għall-Anzjani ġo l-Isptar ta' San Vincenz li għaliha kienu preżenti l-President Joseph M.Azzopardi, Vincent P.Zahra Vici-President u s-Segretaju Louis Muscat. F'Din il-laqgħa l-Prof.Buhagiar talab lill-Għaqda tistax tgħati l-għajnuna tagħha f'Survey li se jgħamel F'St.Vincent de Paul hospital fuq numru ta' pazjenti. L-Għaqda wieġbet li lesta biex tiġbor membri tagħha biex jgħinu f'dan is-survey.

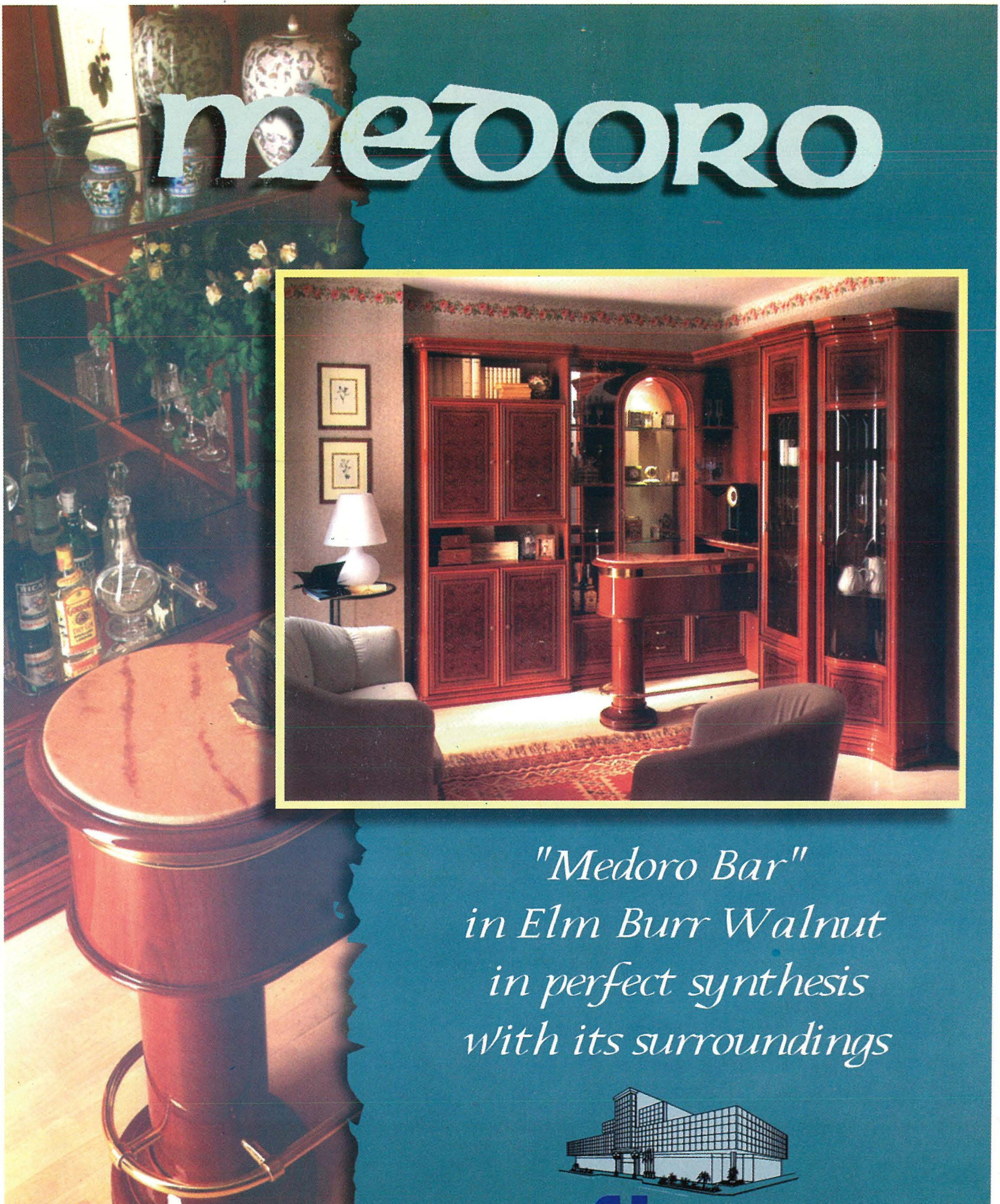
MUTUAL HELP

L-Għaqda tagħna permess tal-Membri tagħha tkelmet waqt il-laqgħa ġenerali tagħha dwar din l-għajnuna lir-romol tal-Pulizija li jmutu, fejn il-ħlas li konna nsibuh tat-tmintax irbigħa (2/6) l-lum 25c. għal kull żewġ pulizija li jmutu u li jiġi LM.3 fis-sena, fejn ilu żmien ma jiġi rivedut, għandu jiġi mistħarreġ f'laqgħat ma dawk kollha konċernati fil-Korp. Il-laqgħa pproponit li ħlas għandu jkun ta' 25c għal kull pulizija li jmut flok għal kull tnejn, b'hekk jibda jitħallas 50c.

GHELUQ MILL-PRESIDENT

Is-Sur Joseph M.Azzopardi fid-diskors ta' l-għeluq irringrazzja lill-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech għall-għajnuna li dejjem ta' lill-Għaqda, lis-Sur Alfred Abela Assistent Kummissarju li għamel għad-dispożizzjoni tal-għaqda s-Sala tal-Konferenzi tat-Traffiku fejn qed jiltaqgħa l-Kunsill. Is-Sur Azzopardi lmenta li n-numru ta' membri kellhom ikunu aktar, bħal ma jkunu fl-Ewwel Ħadd tas-sena biex b'hekk wieħed ikun qed jipparteċipa aktar dirett fit-tmexxija tal-għaqda. Huwa tkellem ukoll dwar il-problema tal-penzjonanti kif spjega s-Segretarju fir-rapport tiegħu, kif ukoll fuq il-problema ta' Uffiċċju jew Club tal-Għaqda biex ix-xogħol u l-kuntatt mall-Membri ikun aktar ta' spiss.

Il-President għalaq id-diskors tiegħu billi ħeġġeġ lil dawk preżenti biex meta jiltaqgħu ma' sħabhom għandhom dejjem jispjegawlhom li l-interess fl-għaqda għandu jkun billi jattendu kull laqgħa u attivita li torganiżża l-għaqda.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