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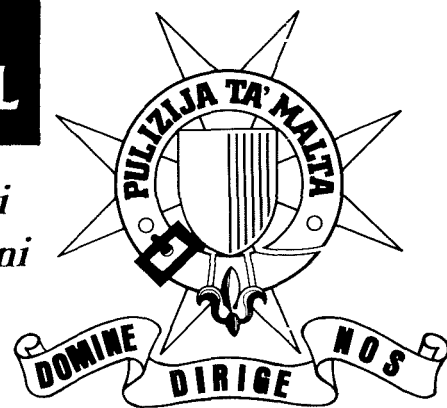
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għoġobhom jagħtuna u nheggu lil qarreja
biex jagħmlu użu minnhom.

EDITORJAL

L-*Investigazzjoni* u l-*partecipazzjoni*



Minghajr l-informazzjoni, hija diffiċli ferm, jekk mhux impossibli li tinvestiga każ sew. Bla dubju, l-iżvilupp tal-kultura tal-koperazzjoni bejn il-pulizija u l-pubbliku trid tibqa tiġi żviluppata, bħal ma diġa bdejna, billi qeghdin nintroduċu b'mod volontarju l-kuncett tan-Neighbourhood Watch. Imma, fl-istess hin, l-koperazzjoni ta' bejnietna l-pulizija, trid tkun waħda solidali għall-aħħar. Jien personali ma nara l-ebda differenza ta' xejn bejn il-pulizija li jinvestiga biss u allura stazzjonat f'xi waħda mit-taqsimiet tas-C.I.D. u l-pulizija bl-uniformi li wkoll jkollu x'jaqsam ftit jew wisq ma xi investigazzjoni. Allura meta wiehed jew l-iehor flimkien jinvestigaw xi reat, it-tnejn FLIMKIEN għandhom ikollhom is-sodisfazzjon meta jsolvuh, li jressqu lill-imputat jew imputati flimkien quddiem il-qorti. Hija kerha u kontra kull etika, li wiehed jew l-iehor jaqla lill xi hadd l-barra biex jidher hu. Anke tinhass biss hija diġa kerha, aħseb u ara!!

Ma nara xejn hażin wisq aktar li każ li l-informazzjoni dwaru ġiet mill-pubbliku għal għand id-distrett u l-każ jiġi u jitkompla bil-partecipazzjoni tal-pulizija investigattiva. Iktar partecipazzjoni serja, iktar sa jkun hemm riżultati. Imma naraha imbagħad ferm negattiv li wara dan kollu xi hadd avventuruz hu min hu, jagħmel xi gambetta lill-sieħbu/kollega biex jidher aktar. Id-dehra tagħna, hija il-Korp kollu u mhux parti, mela, ejjew nifhmu lil xulxin aħjar, ngħidu grazzi tal-koperazzjoni tal-pubbliku, aktar partecipazzjoni bejnietna fl-investigazzjoni, imma nżommu wkoll bejnietna l-irġulija bejn is-shab, biex b'hekk inżommu l-moral għoli ta' kull membru fil-Korp minghajr ebda distinzjoni.

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Fil-harga li għaddiet, sew sew f'dik ta' Diċembru 1993, membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija stess għoġbu jagħmel xi riflessjonijiet/kritika kostruttiva u xtaq xi tweġibiet. L-ewwel nett nixtieq u niehu gost hafna nara li qed ikun hemm rispons tajjeb għall-magazine u hija xi haġa li l-Assoċjazzjoni tinkoraggixxi. Nitlob li aktar qarreja jipparteċipaw aktar billi jiktbu u juru l-fehma tagħhom. Il-magazine huwa l-uniku lehen ufficċjali li għandha l-pulizija.

Nixtieq nibda biex nirrispondi t-tieni mistoqsija tal-habib tiegħi Martin Pace meta staqsa jekk kontx prezenti għall kull laqgħa li kellha l-assoċjazzjoni, fir-rigward tar-riforma li thabbret.

Bhal ma jaf kulhadd, it-tahdidiet mal-awtoritajiet damu għaddejjin diversi snin, sa kemm finalment thabbret ir-riforma. Matul dawn is-snin, inbidlu diversi kunitati u jien inzerajt qieghed f'din l-assoċjazzjoni meta din thabbret. Nghid ukoll li jien attendejt għal kull laqgħa li minn żmien għal żmien giet organizzata speċjalment fi żmien meta jiena kont segretarju u kemm fis-snin ta' qabel meta kont għadni membru. Kien l-abbli president li matul is-snin baqgħa l-istess u matul dawn is-snin kollha. Dwar it-tieni mistoqsija, Martin Pace staqsa għaliex domt xagħrejn sabiex finalment nipp blika partijiet żgħar mir-riforma. Huwa minnħu li domt, pero dan huwa

devot għall-fatt li l-magazine jiġi stampat kwazi kull xagħrejn u meta thabbret ir-riforma kienet għada kemm giet ippubblikata l-edizzjoni Numru 5 u kellna nistennew l-edizzjoni ta' wara biex nippubblikaw it-tagħrif. L-Assoċjazzjoni ma għandha xejn x'taqsam mal-pubblikazzjoni tal-magazine. Il-magazine għandu Board awtonomu u għall min ma jafx l-assoċjazzjoni għandha pagna waħda biss u żgur li ma tistax tippubblika l-materjal kollu fiha. Kien għall hekk ukoll li fit-taz-żmien wara li thabbret ir-riforma nharġet ċirkolari għal-pulizija kollha biex tispjega, alavolja nharġet bl-Ingliż u x'aktarx li hawdet bosta mhuh.

L-ELEZZJONIJET FIL-KORP

Fil-gingħat li għaddeu, inharġet iċ-ċirkolari biex il-membri tal-Korp jiġu avżati li waslu l-elezzjonijiet għad-diversi hatriet tal-Assoċjazzjoni, kif ukoll hatriet f'bordijiet differenti, fosthom hemm il-kunitat ta' I-isports, Welfare, il-Bord tal-Magazine, eċc. F'dawn l-elezzjonijiet nisperaw li naraw uċuħ godda u żgħar b'hegga u dinamizmu jofru servizz tagħhom għall-gid ta' kulhadd. Hemm bżonn li nbiddlu din il-mentalita' li kulhadd jistenna l-bajtra taqa' f'halqu u li jagħmel haddiehor għalih, imbagħad wara kollox jispicċa jikkritika anke dak it-tajjeb li jkun sar.

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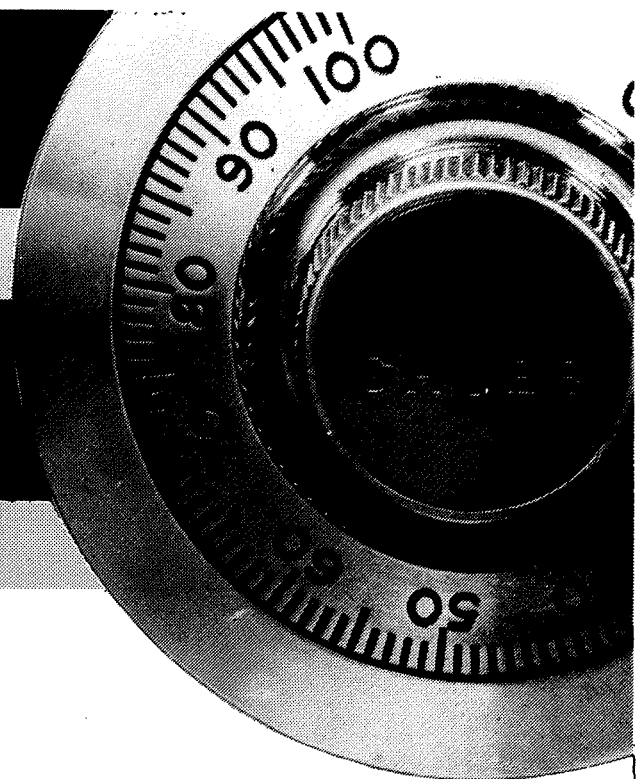
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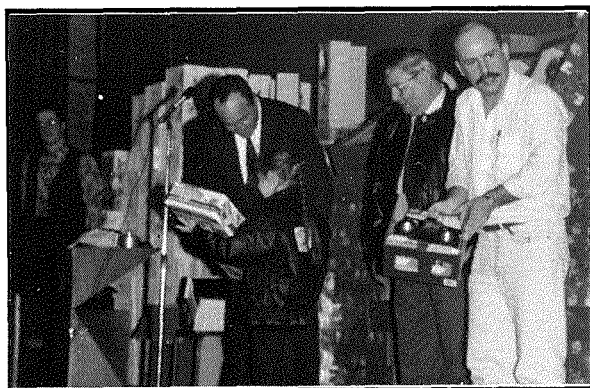
Il-Party tat-Tfal

Bhall snin ohra l-Kumitati ta' l-Entertainment u ta' l-isports tal-Korp organizzaw diversi attivitajiet soċjali u sportivi għall-membri tiegħu.

Il-Kumitat ta' l-Entertainment organizza diversi attivitajiet fosthom il-party tat-Tfal li sar fil-21 ta' Diċembru, 1993 ġewwa l-Hollywood Hall fil-Hamrun. Għal dan il-party attendew madwar 600 tifel u tifla ta' bejn il-5 u 12 il-sena mid-1982 li kienu elegibbli. Madwar 500 tifel u tifla ta' eta minn 2 sa 4 snin ġabru r-rigali tagħhom mill-Kwartieri tal-Pulizija.



Annalise Ellul u Christmas Girls waqt il-party tat-tfal.



Il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija jipprezenta r-rigali lil waħda mit-tfal li attendew għall-party.

Il-Ballu tal-Pulizija

Attivita' ohra għall dawn iż-żminijiet kienet il-Ballu tradizzjonali tal-Pulizija li sar nhar il-Ħadd 26 ta' Diċembru 1993. Madwar 350 ruh attendew ġewwa l-Ballroom tal-Phoenicia Hotel fejn zifnu għall-mużika provduta minn Paul Giordemaina u Two Tone Disco.



Paul Giordemaina u l-group tiegħu waqt il-Ballu



Il-Kummissarju s-Sur G. Grech flimkien ma' xi membri tal-Korp waqt il-Ballu tal-Pulizija.

Dinner Dance tal-Jerma Palace Hotel

L-aħħar attivita' saret fis-26 ta' Diċembru, 1993 fejn sar Dinner Dance għall-membri tal-Korp u familjari tagħhom, ġewwa l-Jerma Palace Hotel. Madwar 320 ruh attendew u imlew is-sala ta' l-ikel li għal darba ohra dan id-Dinner kien suċċess.

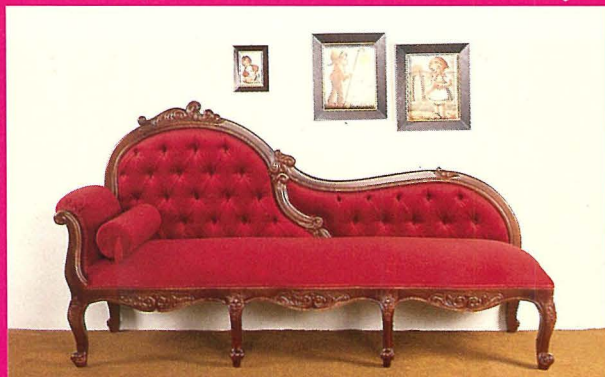
Sports

Sparatura fuq il-Plattini

Il-Kumitat sportiv ukoll ha hsieb jorganizza xi attivitajiet għall membri tal-Korp.

Fost oħrajn kien hemm sparatura fuq il-plattini li saret nhar il-Ħadd 19 ta' Diċembru, 1993. 38 kompetitur hadu sehem u intrebhet mill-ispettur P. Calleja. Fit-tieni post ġew Pc 1318 L. Buttigieg u fit-tielet ġie PC 512 M. Ellul. Ta' min wiehed isemmi li din kienet it-tielet sparatura organizzata għal din is-sena u ġiet sponsorjata mill-Vogue Printers ta' Hal-Qormi li għan-nom ta' kulhadd niringrazzjawhom.

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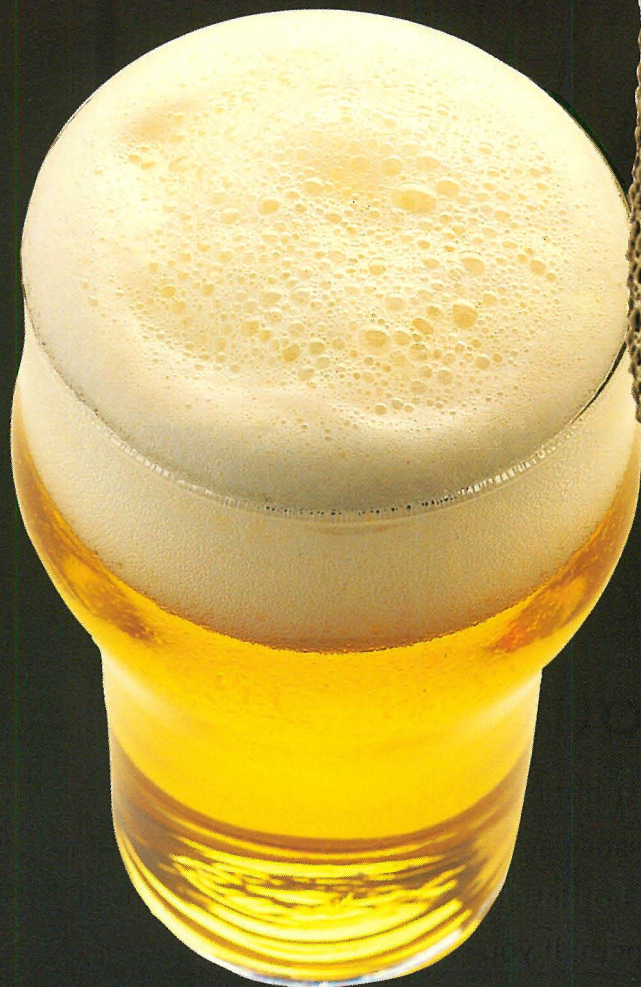
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Din it-taqsima hija magħrufa bħala 'L-Pulizija tal-Ambjent'. Għalkemm nistgħu ngħidu li mis-sena l-isfel dak kollu li jiġri b'xi mod jew iehor jaffettwa l-ambjent tagħna lkoll, pero' diversi oqsma ohra fejn din it-taqsima, firxett hidmietha minn żmien għall-iehor, fost dan ta' min isemmi:

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- b. protezzjoni tal-ghasafar,
- c. projbizzjoni ta' sparar minn diversi postijiet fosthom mix-xtut tal-baħar,
- d. sparar minn fuq vetturi bil-mutur (projbit),
- e. ġarr ta' liċenzja (obbigatorju),
- f. projbizzjoni ta' ġarr ta' armi li jkunu ikkargati,
- g. regolamenti dwar l-insib tal-ghasafar,
- h. protezzjoni ta' bejtiet tal-ghasafar,
- i. għemil kiefer fuq ghasafar u projbizzjoni qbid (tehid) ta' ghasafar bl-użu ta' dawl artifiċjali u "mist-net", etc.
- j. liċenzji għal tassidermija (balzmar),
- k. ċomb ipprojbit,
- l. 'patrolling' ta' santwarji riservati bħall-gonna tal-Buskett u l-Palazz ta' Verdala, Manoel Island, l-Ghadira, is-Simar, Kennedy Grove fis-Salini etc.

Ġew imressqa diversi persuni quddiem il-Qorti għal ksur ta' dawn ir-regolamenti. Kwantita ta' armi, apparat tal-insib u ghasafar ġew kkonfiskati mill-pulizija. Ta' min ifakkar illi mill-1 ta' Jannar 1994 bdew isehhu regolamenti godda dwar kaċċa u nsib.

TRAKKIJIET MIKXUFA

Wahda mir-regolamenti tat-traffiku No. 113 tal-M.V.R. fl-imsemmi sezzjoni 18 (1) (a) Kap 10 tesigi li meta jkun hemm materjal li jkun qieghed jingarr fuq vetturi kbar (bħal truckijiet) dawn għandhom ikun marbuta u mogħttija sewwa b'mod li ma jistax jaqa' materjal minnhom fit-triq.

Saru u għadhom isiru diversi rondi biex jinqata dan l-abbuż, tressqu diversi każi mas-'seduta tat-traffiku' u tista' tghid li l-Maġistrat sedenti dejjem kien sever ma dawk li naqqsu li josservaw dawn ir-regolamenti. Il-frott ta' din il-hidma hi-li illum, ftit, għadek issib nies irresponsabbli, li ma jagħttux il-vetturi tagħhom.

TFIEH TA' HMIEĠ/SKART

Aspetti iehor importanti, din is-sezzjoni issib kultant xogħol iebes x'taġħmel, mhux minħabba n-natura tax-xogħol tagħha, imma minħabba n-nuqqas ta' koperazzjoni tal-pubbliku u l-ammont ta' hin li trid biex tipprowa taqbad lil xi hadd jehles mill-iskart (hmieġ/żibel) tiegħu, u jarmi barra fejn ġie ġie! Jekk iddur dawra ma' Malta bħal f'xi xagħri, widien u toroq għadek sikwiet issib gżuz ta' skart u hmieġ li l-poplu jarmi barra minn dahru!

Dan, barra milli jkerrah l-ambjent tagħna, jista' jkun ukoll kawża ta' mard serju kemm lis-saħħa tal-bniedem u kemm fost l-animali. Dan wasal biex jiżdid il-"patrolling" f'dawk l-inħawi l-aktar vulnerabbli għal dan l-abbuż. Għalkemm jista' jingħid bla tlaqliq ta' xejn li l-ġlieda kontra dan l-abbuż hija iebsa pero' xi ftit suċċessi u progress din is-sezzjoni u irnexxielha twettaq. Ta' min isemmi li l-ksur ta' uħud minn dawn ir-regolamenti (Kap. 206) Add dwar iż-żibel u skart fost hwejjeġ ohra jitlob konfiska tal-vettura li biha jkun sar ir-reat, jiġi wkoll imponuti multi, u barra minn hekk il-prosekuzzjoni titlob is-sospensjoni tal-liċenzja tas-sewqan.

ĠBIR ILLEGALI TA' SWILL

Problema ohra li għandha x'taqsam u li fuqha ktibna aktar il-fuq huwa l-ġbir din id-darba, ta' skart ta' ikel (swill) minn diversi postijiet li jservu l-ikel, minn persuni li m'għandhomx liċenzi għal dan ix-xogħol. Fost id-diversi kundizzjonijiet biex wiehed imexxi lukandi, "guest houses" u ristoranti, hemm li l-ġbir tal-iskart irid isir minn kuntrattur privat u ma jistax isir użu minn "scammell" li jipprovdi d-di-partiment tas-saħħa għall-ġbir ta' skart domestiku.

Kienu diversi nies li tressqu l-Qorti kemm sidien tal-istabilimenti, kif ukoll individwi privati li jiġbru l-iswill. Dan l-Avviż Legali 125/1993 regolamenti fuq Kontroll ta' swill jipprovdi pieni horox festhom il-konfiska tal-vettura kif ukoll multi bejn Lm250 u Lm1,000. Dan l-abbuż nistgħu li jwassal għal abbuż iehor aktar gravi li huwa dan li ġej;

TROBBIJA ILLEGALI TA' MAJJALI

It-trobbija illegali tal-majjali (A.L. 86/1980 Ordinanza dwar it-tħaris tal-mard Kapitolu 36). Wara investigazzjonijiet dwar ġbir ta' "swill" għalkemm rari wassalna għal sejbiet ta' rzizet li fihom ikun



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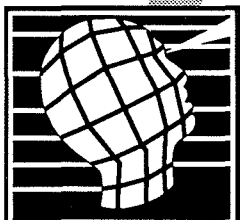


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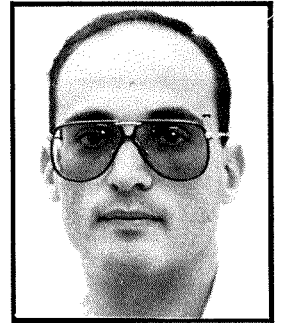
ANKE DIN FL-INTERESS TIEGHEK - minn PS 59 David Saliba

Minn żmien għal żmien ahna l-pulizija noħroġu dan il-magazine fejn suppost ngħarfu lil membri kollha b'dak kollu li jkun qed jiġri madwarna u li hu ta' interess għal kulhadd u nġenerali. Ninsab ċert, b'kemm minn dak li nisma' u kemm minn dak li qed jingħad li l-magazine qed jerġa jikseb ċertu popolarita kemm mal-membri tal-korp, kif ukoll ma' diversi qarrejja 'l hawn u 'l hemm.

Niehu gost hafna meta ċertu membri tal-korp stess javviċinawni u jgħiduli bin-nuqqasijiet li jkollhom fit-taqsimi li jkunu, għax b'hekk inkun nista nikteb xi żewġ kelmiet. Żgur li mhux kolloxx sejjer harir u għalhekk nikritikaw b'mod konstruttiv. Il-kritika li tidher minn żmien għal żmien u li behsibni nikteb minn żmien għal iehor żgur li mhux immirata lejn xi hadd personali, u hadd ma' għandu jiehu għalih. Fl-edizzjonijiet li diġa ħarġu s-sena l-oħra, kont ikkritikajt diversi oqsma w għamilt xi suggerimenti. Nahseb li issa wasal iż-żmien sabiex nibda u ndur dawra madwarna biex naraw fejn sejrjn tajjeb u ħazin, fost id-dipartimenti tagħna stess.

IL-VETTURI TAL-PULIZIJA

Fl-ewwel edizzjoni ta' din is-sena xtaqt insenmi problema li ilha magħna għal bosta snin. Il-vetturi tal-pulizija. Bla dubju ta' xejn is-sena l-oħra il-korp ha nifs qawwi meta ġew introdotti l-karozzi l-ġodda tat-tip Skoda. Dawn tqassmu f'diversi distretti, u għalkemm fl-opinjoni tiegħi, dawn il-karozzi mhumie x ta' xi strapazz hafna, għinu biex żdiedet l-effiċjenza tal-pulizija. B'vettura, il-pulizija tista tkun fuq il-post ta' xi incident, jew tar-reat aktar malajar. Il-karozzi huma saqajna. Konna ilna snin twal ingergru biex id-distretti jkollhom trasport adekwat u xieraq, u sa fl-ahħar wasal. Sal-lum iżda għad hemm diffet kbir, dak fejn jirrigwardja l-petrol. Il-kwoti tal-petrol għandhom jerġgħu jiġu riveduti sabiex verament jirriflettu d-domanda tax-xogħol. Qed jiġri li wara tlett ijiem jibdedw il-messagġi biex jintgħalab aktar petrol, għax ikun diġa spiċċa. Problema żgħira li żgur tista tigi rrangata, faċilment. Madankollu, mhux l-istess jista jingħad għall-karozzi tat-taqsimi tal-



Forensika, jew tat-taqsimi tas-sigurtà, u wisq anqas tad-Dipartiment tal-Investigazzjoni Kriminal. Dawn it-tlett dipartimenti kbar fihom infushom huma tant u tant importanti, għadhom bil-problema ta' nuqqas ta' trasport. Il-Forensika per eżempju għandhom van wiehed biss li huwa kbir iżżejjed u ċertament mhux addatat għax-xogħol tagħhom. Vettura waħda biss li trid iservi l-membri kollha?

Hemm karozzi oħra li dalwaqt jaqgħu biċċiet bis-sadid u li żgur titlob lil hanin Alla biex tasal qawwi u shih minn post għall-ieħor. Jekk int, stazzjonat fit-taqsimi tas-sigurtà nahseb mhux allowance biss għandhekk ikollok, bħal ma' għandhom iżda anke injettazzjoni kontra t-"Tetnus". Hemm ċertu karozzi li huma kkundannati mil-mekaniks tagħna stess, saħansitra jagħmlulek kuraġġ hekk kif tkun ser toħroġ mill-garaxx tal-pulizija stess, "Suq bil-mod" mhux għax hemm il-biżà li xi hadd iwegġa biss iżda anke li twegġa lil haddieħor, u xi nġhidu għal karozzi tad-D.I.K. li uħud minnhom trid tgħid l-att ta' l-Indiema hekk kif tidhol fihom.

Ara jekk jistgħax ikun li fis-sena 1994 fil-ġlieda kontinwa kontra l-kriminalità, t'għamilx użu minn dawn il-karozzi.

IT-TBERIK TAL-ISKODA L-ĠODDA

Għadni niftakar, meta ġew imbierka u mqassma fid-distretti, lis-Skoda, naqra fil-gazzetti lokali li dan kien l-ewwel pass biex il-pulizija tkabbar l-effiċjenza. Kont qrajt ukoll li l-mass media ma kienitx ser tigi mistiedna għat-tberik tal-karozzi tad-D.I.K. meta dawn jiġu.

Dak iż-żmien kulhadd kien ha xi ftit tan-nifs, għax għidna mela dalwaqt ser jaslu l-karozzi ġodda, biex qal hekk il-Kummissarju. Iżda bħal ma jaf kulhadd, sal-lum għaddiet kwazi sena, u sa issa għadna bil-karozzi antiki, dawk minnhom li servew sal-lum. Kwazi kollha kemm huma

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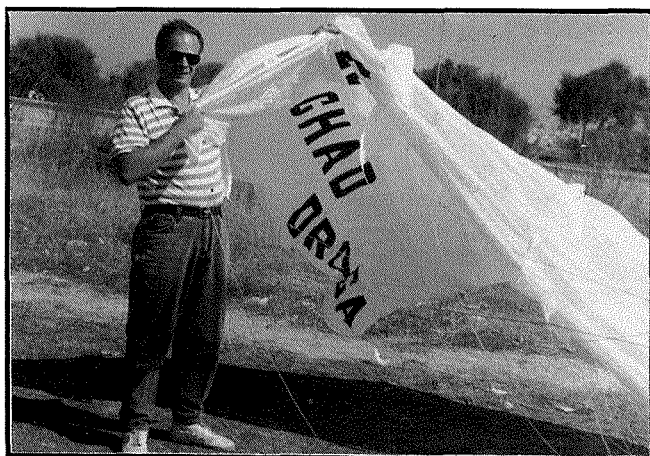


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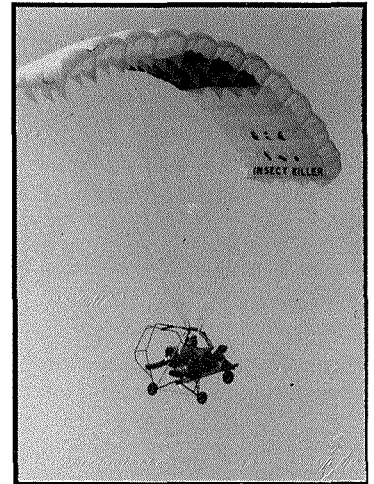
PULIZIJA JIBNI AJRUPLAN U JTIR BIH - minn PS 1200 Mario Pandolfino

Kullmin dan l-aħħar żar l-Air Show ta' Malta jew il-Police Hobbies Exhibition, seta jara ajruplan differenti min oħrajn.

Dan huwa ta' tip Microflight Aircraft u gie mibni mis-Surgent Mario Pandolfino li huwa stazzjonat fl-ghassa ta' Hal-Luqa. Dan l-ajruplan jissejjah Powered Parachute li jikkonsisti fi frame fuq tlett roti, seat għall-pilota u magna bi skrun fuq wara. Wara għandu parachute kbir li huwa f'forma rektangolari. Mario irnexxielu jibni dan l-ajruplan min fuq ritratti u video tapes li huwa stess irċieva minn barra meta xtaq ikun jaf aktar fuq dan is-suġġett. Dan it-tip ta' ajruplan l-ewwel li gie ivvintat kien min Amerikan, Steve Lynider, li kien pilota w engineer kbir. Dan huwa differenti minn ajruplan oħra għax fejn ajruplan normali issib li għandu il-gwienah dejjem fuqu w rigidi dan minflok għandu parachute kbir rektangolari li jitla fuq il-frame ta' l-ajruplan meta jistartja il-magna u jimxi 'l quddiem. Dan il-gwejnah jibqa fuq l-ajruplan sakemm dan jerga jinzel fuq l-art. Il-vantaġġi huma hafna għax dan il-gwejnah jistgħu jitkebbew u jintefa għax xkora u jitpoġġa fuq is-seat, b'hekk huwa ma jieħux spazju sabiex hafna u ma jistax jidhol f'dik li tissejjah (spin) jew (stall) kif jista jigi lill-ajruplani oħra b'konsegwenza li jikkraxxja. Vantaġġ iehor huwa li billi għandu żewġ kontrolli biss, dik tad-direzzjoni u sabiex iżid u tnaqqas il-power throttle, faċli hafna li titgħallmu għax kull ma trid hija struzzjoni ta' erba siegħat biss. Meta Mario iddeċieda li jibni dan it-tip ta' ajruplan studja dawn il-fatturi kollha w ra li meta jlesti dan l-ajruplan jkun jista wkoll ittajru. Huwa issieheb ma żewġt organizzazzjonijiet Ingliżi, dik tal-B.M.A.A. il-British Microlight Aircraft Ass. u l-B.P.P.A., il-British Powered Parachute



Association, sabiex seta jkun jaf aktar fuq dik li tissejjah il-Home Built Aircraft li tikkonsisti billi dak li jkun, jibni l-ajruplan għewwa id-dar jew il-garage tiegħu. Huwa beda jfittex il-materjal u sab kollox minn hawn Malta minbarra l-parachute w l-iskrun.

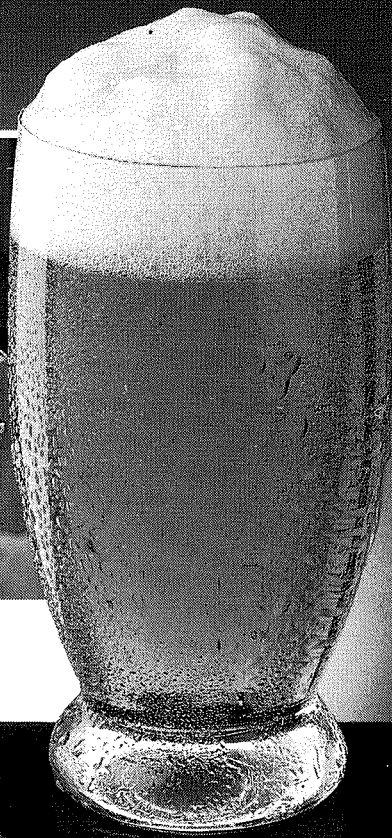
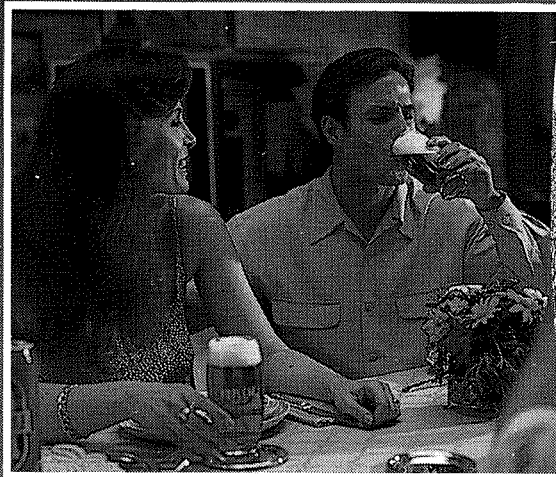


Dan jibni dan l-ajruplan kwazi tmintax il-xahar. Sab l-għajjnuna ta' bosta Sponsors u anke xi Ministeri, fosthom tal-Kultura w Żagħżagħ, tal-Finanzi u oħrajn. Fost il-materjal li huwa mibni bih dan l-ajruplan hemm box section ta' l-aluminium u Stainless Steel Tubing u Fittings. Meta kien għoddu lesta il-proġett Mario beda jfittex biex jara min sejjer jiċċekkja w jtajjar l-ajruplan għall-ewwel darba dik li tissejjah "Test Flight" u sab lill-president ta' B.P.P.A., is-Sur Bob Walters. li malli sar jaf li kien qiegħed jinbena dan it-tip ta' ajruplan offra li jigi Malta sabiex jiċċekkja huwa stess.

Mario kien fortunat f'din il-biċċa għax il-proġett tiegħu kien sejjer jigi Test Flown minn persuna esperta f'dan il-qasam, għax dan kien jiċċekkja ajruplan simili fl-Ingilterra u barra minn hekk huwa wkoll imnizzel fil-Guinness Book of Records, fejn dan għandu ir-rekord ta' l-itwal qabza bil-paraxut meta qabeż minn ajruplan minn, fuq l-Ingilterra u Illandja fi Franza. Bob Walters wasal Malta f'Jannar ta' l-1992 u fil-5 ta' Jannar il-gurnata tal-Hadd, Bob flin:kien ma Mario u xi hbieb oħra marru Hal-Far biex jigi mtajjar l-ewwel darba l-ajruplan. Wara xi ftit li Bob qagħad jifli l-ajruplan minn fuq s'isfel, intrabatt fuq is-seat, startja il-magna u l-ajruplan beda miexi il-quddiem. Wara girja żgħira l-ajruplan, tela l-fuq u beda jtir fost il-ferħ ta' daww prezenti, l-aktar ta' Mario.

Bob qagħad idur xi ftit f'għoli ta' xi 500 pied u wara li niżel reġa ha rankatura oħra u għamel titjira oħra. Meta Bob gie mistoqsi minn Mario kif sab l-ajruplan huwa bi tbissima qal li sabu li

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qeghdin jittrabbu għas-simna, barra li l-imsemmija jkun bla permess tad-Dipartiment tal-Agricoltura u dak tas-Saħħa, l-prodott (majjal) ma jkun xejn ta' kwalita' u hafna mard ikun qieghed jigrì f'demm dawn il-bhejjem.

Bil-koperazzjoni tad-dipartimenti tal-Agricoltura (veterinarju) saru diversi żjajar fuq dawn l-irziezet biex jinqered dan l-abbuż perikoluż li jista' jwassal lil pajjiżna għal firxa oħra ta' mard fil-merħliet tal-bhejjem. Huwa ta' hsara li pajjiżna jerga jitniżżel fuq il-mappet tal-W.H.O. li f'Malta hemm il-periklu ta' mard, jekk dawk li huma irresponsabli ma jìgux imrażżna. Rekord ta' "318" majjal instabu frazzett wiehed bla permess f'Haż-Żebbuġ!!

INDUSTRIJA TAL-BINI

L-A.L.E. hi u bil-koperazzjoni tal-Awtorita' tal-Ippjanar hemm il-ħsieb li jkun hemm kuntatt kontinwu bejn iż-żewġ partijiet dwar l-infurzar u l-ħarsien tar-regolamenti rigward l-industrija tal-bini. L-osservanza ta' dawn ir-regolamenti jnaqqas l-periklu kemm tal-ħaddien li jahdmu f'dan il-qasam u kemm il-protezzjoni ta' ċittadin minn incidenti traġiċi li jistgħu jissarraff' f'ħajja umana ħaġa li hija imprezzabli. Waqt din il-hidma, l-pulizija tal-A.L.E. tara wkoll li tħaffir ta' trinekk fit-toroq ikun mħares kemm bil-permess tal-pulizija kif ukoll b'polza ta' assikurazzjoni. Din trid ukoll li jkun hemm twaqqif ta' barrikati u sinjali biżżejjed ta' traffiku li jindikaw li hemm xogħol jew periklu. Toroq magħluqa b'makkinarju kbir bħal "cranes" "gaffes" etc irid ikollhom il-permess tal-Pulizija.

PATROL FIX-XTUT MALTIN

Matul is-sajftal-1993, bl-ghajjnuna tal-"Isclub Team", tal-"S.A.G." saru diversi rondi fuq il-baħar u madwar il-gżejjer Maltin kontra s-sewqan żejjed ta' "speed boat" u għal-ħarsien tar-regolamenti dwar l-istess "speed boat" u "skijar" fuq il-baħar - A.L. 19/1985 Kapitulu 13.

Tista' tgħid li dan ix-xogħol halla l-membri tal-A.L.E. impenjati matul il-"weekends" kollha tas-sajf. Dan ix-xogħol sar minnu nniġsu l-aktar minn fuq il-baħar bl-assistenza u l-kontroll ta' dak li qieghed isir minn fuq l-art. Madwar sebghin (70) persuna tressqu quddiem il-Qorti talli saqu vetturi tal-baħar b'veloċita ta' aktar minn għaxar (10) knots fis-siegħa minn xi post sa 300 metru mix-xtajta bir-ramel jew 200 metru minn xi parti oħra tax-xtajta. Saru "patrolling" mill-gżira ta' Kemmuna meta xi partijiet mill-bajjiet jew magħluqa għall-inġenji tal-baħar. Ta' sodisfazzjon għall-membri tal-A.L.E. kien li matul is-sajf 1993 ma kienx irrapurtati incidenti fatali jew serji. Bl-ghajjnuna tal-Awtorita' Marittima hemm il-ħsieb li għas-sajf 1993 ma kienx irrapurtati incidenti fatali jew serji. Bl-ghajjnuna tal-Awtorita' Marittima hemm il-ħsieb li għas-sajf li ġej din is-sezzjoni ser tiġi imsaħħa b'aktar apparat, għajjnuna u koperazzjoni shiħa biex il-hidma tat-tnejn flimkien, tiżdied is-

sigurta ta'-ghawwiema u ta' dawn l-isportivi li jeżerċitaw xi "sport" simili bħal "sub-aqua", "canoeing", "windsurfing". B'hekk ix-xtut tagħna ikunu aktar imħarsa minn periklu.

VETTURI ABBANDUNATI FIT TOROQ TAGHNA

Din is-sezzjoni tiegħu ħsieb u tilqa' r-rapporti dwar vetturi u kull makkinarju iehor li nies mhux magħrufa jilqgħu fit-toroq u li jkunu ta' inkonvenjent għall-pubbliku. Ghalkemm hafna drabi ma jkollniex apparat jew makkinarju biex dawn il-vetturi speċjalment, dawk kbar bħall-"trakkijiet" jitneħħew, naraw kif nagħmlu biex jitneħħew, ġieli anke bl-ghajjnuna tat-taqsim tal-"garage" u s-Segretarjat għall-Ambjent. Dawn il-vetturi li jìggu miġbura, ma jkollhomx liċenzja u l-biċċa l-kbira ma jkunu tajbin għalxejn. Dawn wara li jìgi miġbura jittiehdu fil-"compound tal-pulizija" f'St. Andrew's fejn minn hemm huma jingabru u wara li jkun hemm ammont sostanzjali ta' dawn il-vetturi, dawn joħorgu "b'tender" u jìgu mibjugħa skond l-avviż legali No. 30 tal-1991.

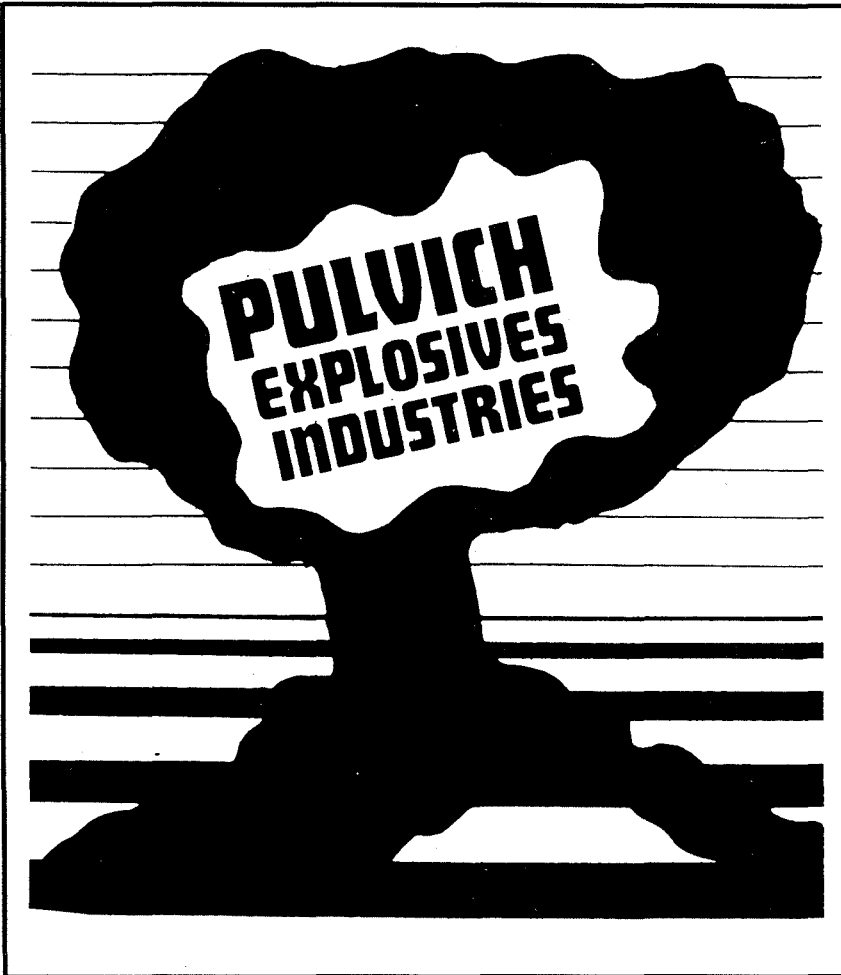
Ta' min isemmi wkoll li għal min ikun irid jiehu lura l-vettura tiegħu, hemm multa ta' Lm45 u Lm20 għal kull ġimgha li tagħmel il-"compound tal-Pulizija". Hemm il-ħsieb biex din is-sena isir sforz qawwi biex jitneħħew hafna mill-vetturi li baqa'. Ikun ta' għajjnuna għal din it-taqsim, jekk il-Pulizija tad-Distrett qabel ma jitolbuna biex inehħu dawn il-vetturi, jippruvaw isibu is-sidien tagħhom biex jitneħħa dan l-inkonvenjent.

AMMINISTRAZZJONI A.L.E.

L-Administrative Law Enforcement taqa taħt ir-responsabilita diretta tal-Assistent Kummissarju tal-Pulizija "Policy & Planning" li fil-preżent hu s-Sur Joseph Psaila. L-Ispettur Anzjan Peter Cordina imexxi x-xogħol effettiv bl-ghajjnuna tal-1st S.M. V.F. Spiteri, l-istaff fil-preżent huwa magħmul minn P.S. 772 Agius, P.S. 1431 D'Amico, W.P.S. 45 Bartolo, P.C. 24 Pace, P.C. 296 Lia, P.C. 559 Mulvaney, P.C. 615 Ellul u W.P.C. 7 Camilleri. Membri li taw sehem fl-A.L.E., fil-passat kienu: A.C. Paul Attard, Spettur Anzjan J.M. Abela, Spettur A. Zammit, Spettur E. Camilleri, Spettur S. Zammit, P.S. 1145 Mizzi, P.S. 521 Cassar, P.S. 532 Zammit, P.S. 542 Grech, P.C. 38 Zahra, P.C. 429 Schembri, P.C. 179 Pace, P.C. 1514 Camilleri.

KOPERAZZJONI

Dan ix-xogħol f'din it-taqsim ja' kollaborazzjoni shiħa mas-Segretarjat tal-Ambjent partikolarment mill-Ispetturi. L-A.L.E. issib ukoll koperazzjoni fil-hidma tagħha minn membri oħra tal-korp tal-Pulizija fosthom il-"Mobile Section", għajjnuna li dejjem hija apprezzata. Dawn huma ftit riflessjonijiet, li jirrigwarda l-hidma ċentrali tal-A.L.E. fi hdan il-Korp, hidma li xi ftit jew wisq taġti s-sehem tagħha għal gid u l-bon ordni tas-soċjeta!



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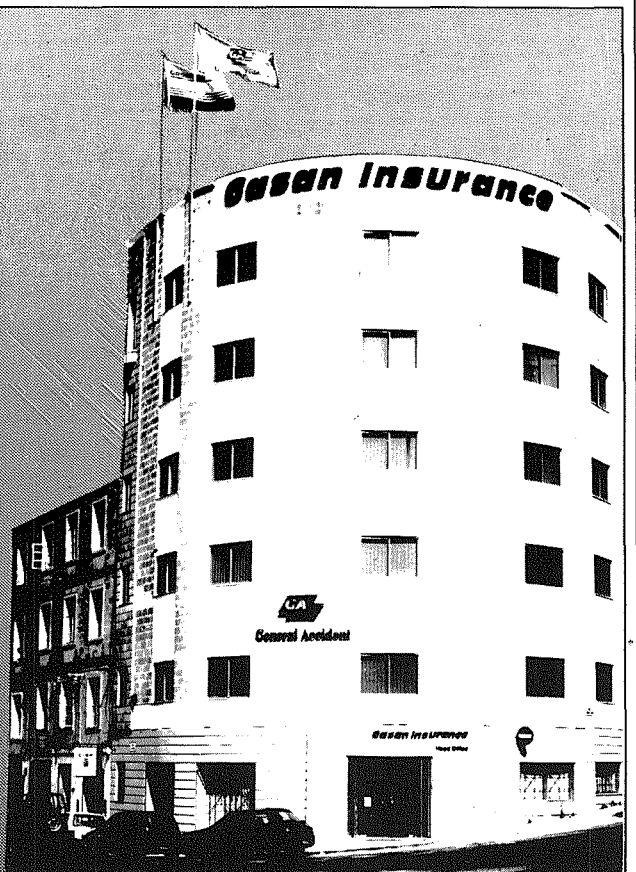


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spicċaw. Dan l-aħħar sirt nak li kien hemm tender biex jingiebu l-karozzi ta' mudell wiehed biss bħa; ma konna qabel. Forsi biex il-kriminalità jgħarfuna li aħna pulizija. Kien hemm żmien meta id-D.I.K. kellhom il-Jetta, dawn spicċaw u ġew l-Opel Ascona u issa dawn spicċaw ukoll. Issa x'aktarx li ser jerga jirrepeti l-istess żball għax jergħu jinxtraw kwantita ta' karozzi ta' l-istess mudell. Ma tantx jieħdu wisq żmien qabel dawn jindraw ukoll. Hemm il-ħtieġa li l-karozzi jkunu differenti. Ma dana kollu biex tkompli mal-gwaj li qegħdin fih, sirt naf ukoll li din it-tender spicċat jew twaqfet u tender oħra għada ma hargitx. Tista' taħsbu meta ser jaslu l-godda. Tad-D.I.K. jieħdu paċenzja.

LANDROVER FUQ IL-KOPERTINA

Fuq il-kopertina qed naraw il-landrover tal-S.A.G. li tagħmlilna unur li vettura minn Malta qed tiġi ippubblikata f'magazine internazzjonali. Hasra li f'dak iż-żmien ma kellniex il-Pajero għax kieku kollna nkunu aktar kburin.

IL-KAROZZI TAL-MOBILE

Biex inkompli ftit immaqdar il-karozzi tal-pulizija, żgur li ma tistax ma' ssemmix il-karozzi tal-mobile. Dawn il-karozzi li d-dehra tagħhom hija tant sabiħa, mhux daqstant hija felici għal dawk is-sewwieqa li ta' kuljum ikollhom isuqu dawn il-karozzi. Karozzi li servew u qdew verament tajjeb ix-xogħol tal-pulizija, li tista tghid ma waqfu xejn, 24 siegħa kuljum. Żgur li wasal iż-żmien biex jinbidlu wkoll. Tismagħhom jahdmu biss tkun taf x'jien ngħid. Qishom diesel.

IL-GARAXX TAL-PULIZIJA? GARAXX JEW BIR TAS-SKIEKEN?

Jekk fil-qasam tat-trasport fil-pulizija għandna problema żgur li kulhadd jaqbel li l-akbar problema tinsab fil-garaxx tal-pulizija u fit-tmexxija tiegħu. Idejalment l-iskop kien li ma jkunx hemm hafna pulizija stazzjonati l-garaxx u jagħmlu xogħol mhux ta' pulizija iżda aktar bħala mekaniks. Xogħol il-pulizija huwa fuq barra, fl-għasses u fuq il-beat. Veru dan, iżda ma

naħsibx li kienet xi ideja tant brillanti li jkollna erba' jew nofs tużżana, fuq il-karozzi tal-pulizija, għas-spejjes tal-pulizija stess, għax jekk ma jagħmlux xogħol sew minn ser ibagħti? Izda fil-fatt hekk hu! Tniżżel il-karozza tas-servizz għal xi hsarat żgħar biex tispicċa idum hemm granet shaħ, l-ewwel ma jgħidulek "għamillha job card u tlaqgħa hemm imbagħad naraw". Tispicċa biex jgħaddu erbat ijiem u terġa tittawwal għal karozza u ma jkun sar xejn jew tispicċa wara erbat ijiem iddahħal l-istess karozza għall-istess haġa. Il-garaxx sar ċimiterju tal-karozzi tal-pulizija, b'aktar vetturi hemm milli barra fit-triq. U xi ngħidu għal kundizzjonijiet tal-karozzi ta' ċertu taqsimiet. Ironikament, inharku nies għax il-vetturi tagħhom bla dawl, meta għandna karozzi tagħna stess bla dawl, numri ma jidru, fanali miksura, bla-bumpers, jekk mhux b'xi bagol ta' karozza li jinqafel bl-ispaġġ. Sadid u daqqiet u tant nuqqasijiet oħra, żgħar li huma ta' "eye sore".

Ta' spiss jiġri li ċertu spare parts jinbidlu billi jinqalgħu minn karozzi skrapjati, parts oħra jkunu għad irridu jinxtraw u, iddum ġimgha shiħa tistenna parts jinxtraw, jekk ma' jgħidulekx ukoll li trid tistenna sax-xahar ta' wara għax flus ma jkunx hemm biex jinxtraw.

Sa ftit żmien ilu l-garaxx kien qed jitmexxa b'maġġur li żgur kellu esperjenza twila ferm fil-karozzi, illum għandna spettur ukoll, pero l-affarijiet ma tantx tjeibu. Hemm bżonn li l-garaxx ikollu nies b'esperjenza mill-management sal-mekaniks. Hemm bżonn ukoll aktar dixxiplina fit-tmexxija tal-garaxx, u b'aktar serjeta u effiċjenza.

Inhoss li għandi insemmi wkoll in-nuqqas ta' responsabbilita' ta' éertu xufiera. Tara karozzi mahmuġa u traskurati u żgur li ma jagħmlux enn il-korp tal-pulizija.

L-isforz irid isir minn kulhadd mill-kbira saż-żgħir.

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kien stabbli hafna u jhabbatha ma ajruplani inglizi u kien ha pjaçir hafna jtajru. Meta Bob Walters kien lura l-Ingilterra huwa baghat lil Mario rapport shih tat-test flight igib il-licenzja ta' pilota sabiex jkun jista jtajru huwa stess, ghalhekk ibbukja Flying Course go Wales fl-Ingilterra fejn kienu jaghtu tahrig ta' titjir li jwassal lil wiehed biex igib il-licenzja ta' dan it-tip ta' ajruplan. Il-kors kien dam gimgha. Mario mar u l-instructor Peter Muscat beda biex fisser il-kontrolli ta' l-ajruplan li jixbhu lill-ajruplan li bena Mario u wara xi siegha qal lil Mario sabiex jitla fuq is-seat tal-ajruplan u qallu biex jistartja u jitla bih.

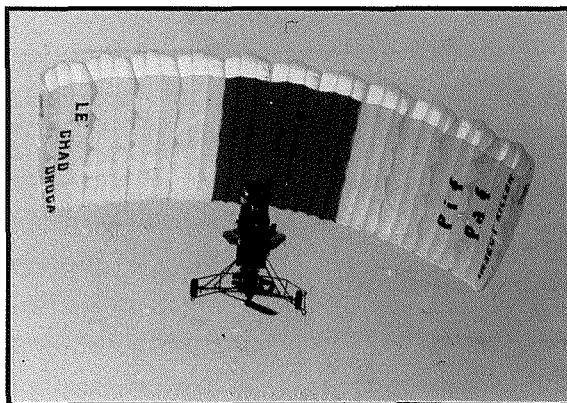
Peter qal lill-Mario li kien sejjer izomm kuntatt mieghu permezz tar-radju. Wara girja Mario sab ruhu qed jittajjar għall-ewwel darba f'hajtu. Dan il-kors li kif ghidna idum gimgha jikkonsisti f'hames sigħat titjir ta' Level Flight, 25 Touch and Goes, Circuit Flying u fl-ahhar Engine Cut Outs fejn wara li titla xi 2500 pied, l-instructor li dejjem ikun fuq l-art jghidlek sabiex titfi il-magna u tinzel bil-magna mitfija permess li tigglajdja. Barra minn hekk jkollok dik li tissejjah Ground School fejn wiehed jitghallem il-Meteorology, Navigation, Human Performance Limitations, Air Law u Airframe Mechanics. Dawn wara jkollok ezami fuq kull sugġett u jekk tghaddi minnhom tiehu il-licenzja ta' pilota għal fuq kull sugġett u jekk tghaddi minnhom tiehu il-licenzja ta' pilota għal fuq dak it-tip ta' ajruplan.

Mario irnexxielu jghaddi minn dawn l-ezamijiet u jgib il-licenzja ta' pilota, lura Malta beda jipprepara biex itajjar l-ajruplan tieghu. Dam għanlu gewwa Ta' Qali fid-29 ta' Settembru 1992 u it-titjira kienet suċċess. Mario hawn kien ferhan hafna ghax irnexxielu jilhaq l-iskop li jtajjar l-ajruplan li huwa kien bena. L-attivitã giet innotata minn News Media u dawn xandru din l-istorja kemm fuq il-gazzetti kif ukoll fuq it-television lokali. L-istorja waslet anke barra u il-B.M.A.A. magazine ippublika din l-istorja għall-membri tieghu li jlahhqu madwar 4000m imexerrdin mad-dinja.

Mario irçieva xi ittri u anke gew membri Inglizi sabiex jaraw l-ajruplan tieghu.

Kellu wkoll kuntatti minn membri gewwa l-Amerika u l-Italja. Hawn Malta, Mario gibed l-

attenzjoni ta' hafna individwi, fosthom ex-Pulizija, Henry Rota li talab lil Mario biex itih xi struzzjonijiet fuq l-ajruplan u wara talbu biex itajru huwa stess. Hekk għamel gewwa Ta' Qali u Henry tant impressjona ruhu li xtara wiehed lest minn barra u beda jtajru wkoll gewwa Ghawdex. Taljan li jinsab jahdem hawn Malta wkoll beda jittajjar b'ajruplan microlight. Mario gabar lil min kien interessat fuq dan is-sugġett u twaqfiet l-Aviation Sports Association ta' Malta li għanda xi 40 membru. Dan l-ahhar din l-



għaqda organizzat kors tal-parachute jumping u dahlu għalih 24 persuna. Dan il-kors li dam gimghat gew instructors mill-Olanda u kien suċċess. L-ajruplan ta' Mario gie esebit f'ghadd ta' esebizzjonijiet fosthom il-Police Hobbies Exhibition, Sport and Leisure Exhibition fin-Naxxaru dan l-ahhar fl-Air Show li sar gewwa Hal Luqa. Ix-xewqa

ta' Mario issa hija li flimkien ma shabu tal-club li għandhom l-ajruplan jagħmlu dik li tissejjah Titjira Maratona minn Malta għal Ghawdex u lura. Dik tkun tista issir sabiex jingabru fondi għal skop ta' karità. Mario jispera li din ix-xewqa jaqtagħha u jittama li tkun suċċess. Mario haseb ukoll biex jghin l-awtoritajiet fil-ġlieda kontra id-droga f'mod originali billi stampa fuq il-wing ta' l-ajruplan "Le Ghad Droga" kbira biex tidher meta jkun qiegħed itir. Dan ir-ritratt ser jidher fil-kopertina tal-harga li jmiss. Kull min jixtieq aktar tagħrif dwar dan il-hobby jista' jikkontatja lil Mario jew l-għassa ta' Hal Luqa jew id-dar fuq in-numru 681173 u jigi mghoti l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa fuq dan is-sugġett.

A COURTESY VISIT BY JUDGE MR. V. BORG COSTANZI LL.D.

On the 30th November, 1993, Mr. Justice Victor Borg Costanzi LL.D. paid a courtesy visit on the Commissioner of Police Mr. George Grech at the Police General Headquarters prior to his retirement from the Bench. Judge V. Borg Costanzi LL.D. is very well known amongst Police Officers since he served for a long time at the Attorney's General Office which he eventually headed before being raised to the Bench. We wish him a long retirement age.

GHAQDA PULIZIJA PENSJONANTI

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Gheżież Pensjonanti,

Nahseb li ma ghandniex ghalfejn nghidilkom dwar is-suċċess ta' l-istedina annwali mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, is-Sur George Grech, li nżammet fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija, Floriana, l-Ħadd, 9 ta' Jannar. Dawk il-membri u n-nisa tagħhom li attendew setgħu jhossu nostalgija ta' żmien meta kienu jservu fil-Korp. Preżenti kien hemm pensjonanti mill-età ta' 55 sena sa 84 sena. Kulhadd isib x'jirakkonta. U kien preċiżament f'wahda minn dawn id-diskussjonijiet li harġet l-ideja li għandu jsir sforz biex isiru attivitajiet simili. Għal dan il-għan hu hsieb tal-Ghaqda li jitwaqqaf 'Ladies Circle' sabiex tinxtered iktar l-Ghaqda fost hutna l-pensjonanti b'parteċipazzjoni ta' membri tal-Korp, in-nisa tagħhom, eċċ. Izda qabel xejn għandha tohroġ ċirkulari ndirizzata lil dawk li m'humiex membri sabiex jtkabbar in-numru tal-membri. Nagħmel appell biex dawk kollha li jixtiequ jiehdu sehem fil-kumitat organizzattiv tal-'Ladies Circle' jinformat lill-Assistent Segretarju John B. Azzopardi fuq telefon numru 333276 li huwa l-ko-ordinatur. Barra li b'dan il-mezz insaħħu l-fondi tal-Ghaqda, nkunu nistgħu ngħinu aktar kollegi. Forsi, din is-sena, flok is-sitta minn nies li nżuru għal żmien tal-Milied, inkunu nisgħu nżuru u nferrħu iktar pulizija pensjonanti, barra xi għajnuniet li l-Ghaqda tagħmel minn żmien għal żmien.

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Kitba: A.J. Saliba

Ex-Surp. Louis M. Micallef

Bejn il-Milied u l-Ewwel Jum ta' din is-sena, il-President u l-Viċi President tal-Ghaqda, is-Sur Joe M. Borg, għamlu żjara ta' kortesija lil ex-Suprintendent Louis M. Micallef fid-dar tiegħu tas-Sliema. Kemm jien u kemm is-Sur Borg konna kollegi tiegħu fis-sittin meta huwa kien imexxi id-Dipartiment ta' l-Investigazzjoni Kriminali (C.I.D.). Is-sur Gig, kif kważi jafu kulhadd, huwa fl-istess hin għandu sens ta' umorizmu li, kif għalmitna l-esperjenza meta hdimna taht tmexxija tiegħu, l-ebda biċċa xogħol, tkun kbira kemm tkun kbira, ma kont taraha goffa u ta' qtigh il-qalb. Is-Sur Gig huwa rinomat għal kif jirakkonta xi grajja milli għadda minnha matul is-37 sena servizz li għamel fil-Korptal-Pulizija. Billi l-ispazju hu limitat, aħna staqsejna lis-Sur Gig biex jgħidilna fuq fuq kif svolgiet il-karriera tiegħu fil-Korp.



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Louis M. Micallef twieled fil-Belt Valletta fil-25 ta' Marzu, 1911, u daħal fil-Pulizija bħala Kuntistabbli Nru. 217 fl-20 ta' Ottubru, 1934, fiż-żmien il-Kummissarju Salvu Grech. Sab ruħu fil-Weapons Office, ġewwa d-Depot ta' Triq Merkanti, l-Belt, fejn jiftakar li l-licenzja għall-kaċċa kienet tiswa Lm1 u sold bolla. Dak iż-żmien kien hemm żewġ Deputy Commissioners, is-Sinjuri Inglott u Axisa. Dan ta' l-aħħar irnexxielu jiehdu miegħu fl-Aliens Office fejn tant kien jiehdu nteress li anke kien jibqa' jaħdem wara l-4 p.m. Infatti beda jitharreġ, mhux ufficjalment, fil-ġbid tar-ritratti u fl-istudju tal-marki tas-swaba.-

ACTING SARGEANT

Meta bdiet il-Gwerra d-Dipartiment tiegħu telgħa Fleur de Lys u hađu dar kbir biswit il-Police War Headquarters. Hemmhekk sar Acting Surgeant (unpaid) u beda jieħu ħsieb il-membri tal-Korp li kienu jġu stazzjonati hemm. Wara li ħa sehem f'ħafna każi ta' "shadowing" (isus wara xi bniedem li jkun issuspettat), kemm ta' nies barranin kif ukoll dawk lokali - dan minħabba l-gwerra u l-konsegwenzi li ġibed magħha - kif ukoll fl-evakwazzjoni ta' nies li tilfu darhom bil-gwerra, huwa sar Surgent tal-fiss hekk kif in-numru ta' Surgenti żdied sostenzjalment. Il-korp imbagħad reġa' lura lejn il-Belt fejn kien għadu joqgħod bil-familja. Wara ħafna żmien kien mar joqgħod il-Furjana.

JILHAQ SPETTUR

Fl-1949 sar eżami intern u s-Sur Gig ġie l-ewwel għal Spettur. Hu ħa żewġ "stars" mal-ewwel fuq spallej u ħadem, ftit ir-Rabat u l-iktar il-Furjana u l-Belt Valletta. Meta fl-1955 ħarġet ċirkulari biex iħajjru xi fizzaġali sabiex jattendu kors f'Wakefield, ġewwa Yorkshire, l-Ingilterra, dwar Fingerprints u Fotografija, huwa ġie magħżul billi ġa kellu xi ftit ta' l-esperjenza. Dam tlett xhur u nofs jistudja, għadda u meta ġie lura Malta sab ruħunkarigat li jaġġornar rekords kollha tal-Fingerprints. Huwa semma kif hu kien jiklassifikom u li kien hu li ta' bidu għat-tagħlim ta' din il-professjoni lil mikbi Surgent (325) John Cutajar. Is-Sur Gig attenda wkoll

kors fil-Police Metropolitan School ta' Hendon u fl-1962 kien wieħed mill-ewwel Spetturi li ħadem fil-"Y" Division, illum il-Malta Drydocks. Wara, s-Sur V. de Gray, Kummissarju, għamlu s-Segretarju Personali tiegħu.

IL-5 TA' APRIL 1963

Kienet Jum id-Duluri, rrakonta s-Sur Gig, meta f'xi n-12.30p.m., ħa l-aħbar li sar nannu għall-ewwel darba. F'xis-6.30 p.m. baġat għalih il-Kummissarju de Gray u nformah li kien ser ilaħqu Superintendent. F'din il-kariga ġdida ħadem kemm f'Bormla u kemm Raħal il-Ġdid (dak iż-żmien kienu l-Eastern u Southern Districts). Ma kienx ikun l-ewwel darba li kien ilaħhaq xi żewġ Distretti oħra f'jum wieħed. Dejjem kont trid tagħraf timxi mal-eżiġenzi tas-servizz u dan kien jagħmlu mingħajr tlaqliq u xejn garr. Fl-1966 ġie msejjah biex jieħu t-tmexxija tas-C.I.D. f'idejh fejn dam sa nofs Ġunju tal-1971. Spiċċa l-aħħar ftit xhur, preċizament f'Settembru ta' l-istess sena, fid-Distrett tal-Hamrun (Central District).

FAMILJA KBIRA

Is-Sur Gig u martu Ines kellhom erba' subien u erba' bniet. B'kollox għandhom 13 nepotijiet u dawn terġa' għandhom żewġt ibniet u tifel li tagħhom is-Sinjuri Micallef huma bużnanniet. Qabel ma ħallejnihom xtaqnilhom ħajja aktar twila mimlija ġid u hena.

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The principal problems of this system are its cost in terms of manpower and the need for flexibility. It takes considerable ingenuity to be able to gear the needs at that time. Inadequate planning can result in police patrolling empty streets in which they are serving no useful purpose; it is possible to provide flexibility by using mobile crime-patrols in unvulnerable areas during those times when foot patrols are not effective.

The primary object of an efficient police is the prevention of crime; the next that of detection and punishment of offenders if crime is committed. To these ends, all the efforts of police must be directed. The protection of life and property, the preservation of public tranquility and the absence of crime will alone prove whether those efforts have been successful and whether the objects for which the police were appointed have been attained. It will be clear that any package designed to tackle the problems outlined above must be a combination of many different approaches. Firstly, the extremes can be eliminated.

For police to decide that the interests of harmony are best served by "going soft" on criminals is a complete abdication of their responsibility and betrayal of the trust of the majority of the community, of whatever age and background; it is unacceptable. Equally, to go to the other extreme and attempt to cure the crime problem by heavy handed exercise of massive resources is, in the long run, counter-productive, ignores the heart of the matter, inflames the situation and is excessively wasteful of effort. It would be comparable with leaving a fevered man out in the snow; the fever might be reduced but, in the long run, it would do the patient more harm than good.

It has long been argued that one of the essential ingredients to successfully policing an area is to ensure that there are adequate uniformed police officers to effectively prevent crime. This is something that members of the public and their representatives are frequently urging on the police, presents the problem of how to achieve the end result without causing alarm, suspicion and hostility among the community with extra officers. All too often any increase in the police presence on the streets will be mis-represented as an arm of occupation intent on harassing the local population. Therefore, far from reducing crime and reassuring the public this move results in greater tension and heightened anxiety.

In order to increase the number of officers in the area without causing alarm, it is necessary to reassure the public that this is being done by local officers who will be patrolling their streets regularly and who will have the right attitude - officers who will be there long enough to get to know the local community and get known by them.

It is essential that the officers who are to police an area

must be sensitive to the problems and people in the area; they must be diligent, patient, hard-working and of the right attitude towards the public - in many ways it would be advantageous if they were superhuman but, until we get some of those, we must ensure that the men who come are well trained and carefully selected.

For this reason, the training programme for our officers has been enhanced and the element that we call "Policing Skills" has been increased, with a view to ensure that officers project the right attitude to the public, for that, and that way only, will we elicit the right attitude in return.

The projection of the right attitude by members of the force is absolutely essential to policing in any way we can expect to see a reduction in tension, so creating an atmosphere where not only violence towards the police is rejected but the public feel that they can work with the police to reduce crime, for this goal cannot be achieved unless the community and their police work together. This co-operation is essential for it is impossible for the police to operate in some kind of vacuum. Crime must be tackled as any active evil in society which all members of that society have some part to play in eliminating. It has earlier on been said, that it is essential that the officers who are to police an area must be sensitive to the problems and people in the area. How can a police officer achieve this sensitive sense of existing problems? Surely this cannot be done overnight. Neither by sitting in a parked vehicle. In order to really familiarise oneself with the problems pertaining to a particular area, ready to listen to the various complaints he receives or becomes aware of, and try to analyse the cause of the problem or problems.

No one can get to the crunch of a problem unless he has really understood the problem and is sure that he knows all about it. Only then one must try and find the best way out in the interest of justice and to appease all parties involved.

The police on the beat, be on foot-patrol, mobile - patrol, traffic - control etc. must first and foremost acquaint themselves with the locality entrusted to them. It is imperative that the topography of the place is well known or if new to the area one should endeavour to learn about it as much as possible in the least possible time. Places highly vulnerable to burglaries, such as banks, stores, factories etc. These have to be noted in order to avoid undue delay should emergencies arise and so that these are duly patrolled and surveilled especially during the silent hours.

The police on the beat should keep a sharp look for known criminals, drug pushers, burglars, pick-pocketers, fraudsters, gamblers etc. Although it is not always possible for police on the beat to dog the foot steps of criminals, it is essential that the movements of these people and their associates be noted together with their movements. This information is later on recorded and although prima facie it may appear innocuous, in the long run it can prove in solving serious crimes.



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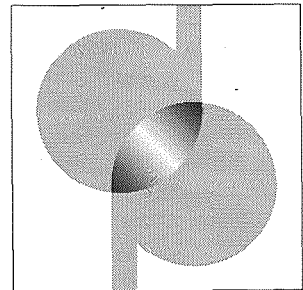
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Ghall-ahhar ta' Settembru 1985 kont mort Dublin l-Irlanda biex niehu t-tahriġ bhala terapista. Bhala parti mit-tahriġ li ghamilt kelli nqatta' sitt gimghat f'St. Martha's Therapeutic Community" fejn kien hemm tlieta u sittin ex-drogat, irgiel u nisa, jirrijabilitaw lillhom nfishom.

Hemm jien kont meqjus bhala wiehed minnhom, norqod, niekol u nghix maghom, u nigi trattat daqs li jiena wkoll kont ex-drogat. Peress li kienu jafu li jiena kont ex-pulizija ghall-ewwel bdew jaghmluli l-programm diffiċli u ma kienux jafdawni.

Fit-tieni gimgha talbuni naghmlilhom seminar fuq ix-xoghol tal-pulizija. Flok li kellimthom fuq ix-xoghol tal-pulizija, kellimthom fuq il-pulizija bhala persuna, missier u membru ta' familja. Kellimthom fuq kif meta s-socjeta' tkun qed tgawdi f'xi festi l-pulizija ikun xoghol, meta s-socjeta' tkun riegda ghas-shana tas-sodda u d-dar, il-pulizija ikun barra ghall-kesha biex jiprotegi 'l-istess socjeta' u kif meta fil-Milied u festi ohra l-familji jkunu qed jifirhu flimkien, il-familja tal-pulizija tkun qed ticcelebra bin-nuqqas tieghu. Jekk ikun hemm xi di'zastu fil-pajjiz il-pulizija ma jkunx jista' jiprotegi 'l-familja tieghu ghax forsi ikun 'il boghod minnhom fuq ix-xoghol. Ir-residenti ghax hekk jissejhu ex-drogati li jkunu qed jaghmlu programm) qatt ma harsu lejn il-pulizija bhala persuna umana, missier ta' familja, li qed jaghmel xoghu bhala persuna ohra. Dejjem harsu lejha bhala numru, robot li dejjem lest biex jikkastiga u jaqtà l-irjus ta' min jigi taht idejh. Forsi din l-ideja haduha minn xi ftit pulizija li gieli juru aggressivita' fix-xoghol taghhom.

Ghidtilhom li kont innutajt fil-ftit taz-żmien li kont maghhom li meta jkunu qed jaraw xi film pulizjesk fuq it-t.v. it-tendenza taghhom kienet li jzommu mal-pulizija u mhux mal-kriminali.

Haġa li ghalkemm kienu jaghmluha qatt ma hassewhom konxji taghha.

Min dak inhar l-affarijiet inbidlu u bdew jafdawni - sirna hbieb.

Billi tghix maghhom u tidhol fil-programm daqs li kiekie inti tkun abbużajt id-drogi, mhux biss issir taf minn x'hiex jghaddu waqt il-programm u tibda tifhimhom, izda tibda tinduna li inti wkoll ghandek xi tbidel u x'tirrangà fil-karattru tieghek. Tibda tinduna li ċerti difetti li jkollhom huma jkunu fik ukoll u bis-sahha tal-programm tkun tista' tahdem fuqek innifsek, u tikber.

Bdejt insir naf aktar min hu d-"drug addict" mhux mill-problema soċjali tieghu izda mill-attitni u l-imgieba tieghu. Ma rridx li b'hekk nigġustifikah ghall-atti kriminali li forsi seta' wettaq. Jekk nikkastigawh ghar-reati li jaghmel minghajr ma nippruvaw nirreabilitawh qatt ma naslu biex nghinuh u b'hekk is-socjeta' ma tigwardanja xejn anzi titwicka bil-piz ta' aktar kriminalita'.

Jekk inharsu lejn id-"drug addict" bhala persuna bi problema naslu biex nghinuh biex jinbidel f'cittadin eżemplari. Hafna jghidu li "a drug addict is always a drug addict" (kifnghidu bil-Malti "il-hanzir taqtaghlu

denbu hanzir jibqa". Din mhux bilfors tghodd ghal kulhadd u ċ-ċans huwa li l-maġġoranza taghhom jinbidlu.

Ghalhekk mad-dinja kollha insibu Komunitajiet Terapertici biex jghinu lil kull min ikun irid johrog mill-problema tad-droga.

Hafna jistaqsu, "imma ghaliex wiehed irid joghdos fil-fond qabel jirrealizza li jrid jaghmel xi haġa?" Ghaliex irid jispiċċa l-habs jew jidhol l-isptar?"

Kwalunkwe vizzju jidhol fil-bniedem bil-mod izda biex il-bniedem jirrealizza u jaċċetta li ghandu problema u li gie mahkum mill-vizzju hija diffiċli. Niehdu t-tippip tat-tabakk u x-xorb alkoħoliku. Kulhadd jaf li dawn jaghmlu l-hsara izda hafna huma dawk li jidhlu ghal dawn il-vizzjijiet u fl-istess hin biex wiehed johrog minnhom hija diffiċli. Il-bniedem igib hafna skuži biex jigġustifika l-azzjonijiet tieghu. Forsi meta wiehed jigi dahru mall-hajt jahsibha mod iehor, u jahseb biex jaqtà l-vizzju. Izda meta ċ-ċirkostanzi jerggħu jaqilbu ghall-ahjar il-bniedem malajr jinsa minn xiex ikun għadda u jergà jidhol fil-vizzju li kellu, xi drabi aktar bil-qawwi.

Ghalhekk il-Caritas tissaporti lid-drogat jigi u jmur kemm hemm bżonn u rari taghlaqlu l-bieb ghaliex temmen li biex bniedem johrog mill-vizzju li jkollu ma hiex faċli, izda xi drabi jirrealizza li ghandu bżonn jaghmel xi haġa bis-serjeta', meta joghdos waħda u sew. Meta xi "drug addict" jispiċċa l-habs jew aghar jispiċċa sitt piedi taht it-trab, tisma' ċerti nies xi kultant mhux biss nies komuni izda nies ta' ċertu pożizzjoni jghidu, "hlisna minn iehor, tort tieghu".

Dawn in-nies jghidu hekk ghax qatt forsi ma ppruvaw jifmhu x'wassal lil dak iż-żagħżuġh biex jiehu d-drogi, u kienu pronti jikkundannaw. Forsi huma stess ghandhom xi vizzju aċċettat mis-socjeta' moderna, u materjalista.

Kif ghidt qabel il-bniedem dejjem igib xi skuża biex jigġustifika l-azzjonijiet hżiena tieghu. Meta jidhol f'xi križi dejjem irid jitfa' t-tort fuq haddiehor, u l-istess jaghmel id-"drug addict". Ghalkemm fil-programm tar-rijabilitazzjoni ma ntuhx il-ghala li juża din l-iskuża billi nghidulu, "fl-ahhar mill-ahhar it-tort huwa dejjem tieghek", ma niskludux li l-familja u/jew is-socjeta' ma tilghabx parti fid-deċizzjonijiet hżiena li jkun ha d-"drug addict". Meta kont l-Irlanda kont iltqajt ma' żagħżuġh li dan dejjem kien jghid li kien dahal fil-vizzju tad-droga minhabba missieru. Missieru kien sakranazz mill-kbar u bniedem vjolenti. Kull meta kien jidhol id-dar f'sakra ma jarax art kien jinfexx isawwat lill-mara u t-tmint itfal li kellu. Waqt li kien jirrakonta dan id-"drug addict" urieni l-marki tas-swat li kellu f'wiċċu u fuq dahru li kienu xhieda ta' dak li kien għadda minnu meta kien żghir. Meta qalli hekk kont pront u ghidtlu, "Mela fil-familja kontu tmien drug addicts". "Le", qalli, "jiena biss qbadt il-vizzju, huti kollha telghu sew bis-sahha tat-trobbija ta' ommna".

Malajr induna fgax ghidtlu. Dan iż-żagħżuġh tefà t-tort tal-vizzju tieghu minhabba s-sitwazzjoni li kien

trabba fiha. Kien isib skuża tajba li jwahaħhal f'missieru u b'hekk inaqqs it-tort minn fuq spallejh.

Forsi min kien jaf lil dan iż-żagħżugh, u l-istorja tiegħu ma kienx jikkundannah iżda jithassru u jikkompatih. Min-naħa l-oħra la ħutu trabbew fl-iestess kundizzjonijiet, għaliex ma waqgħux fl-iestess vizzju? Il-waqgħa fil-vizzju tad-drogi, u l-problemi l-oħra li daħal fihom m'ħumiex tort tal-missier, iżda dak kollu li ġara waqt it-trobbija ta' dan iż-żagħżugh ikkontribwixxa fil-ħajja li għażel jgħix.

F'Malta nsibu numru konsiderevoli ta' żgħażaġħ li trabbew f'kundizzjonijiet simili, trabbew miħħuda mill-missier jew l-omm, jew mit-tnejn, u trabbew minn ħaddieħor f'familja mingħajr imħhabba u għaldaqstant ma jafux x'inhi mħhabba u fittxew din l-imħhabba f'xi ħaġa artifiċjali bħal m'hi d-droga.

M'iniex ngħid li ż-żgħażaġħ kollha li waqgħu fil-vizzju, jew il-maġġoranza tagħhom ġejjin minn familji mfarrka. Ħafna huma dawk li ġejjin minn familja normali.

Mela xi jġieghel lil dawn iż-żgħażaġħ li trabbew f'familja normali u forsi trabbew f'imħhabba u għożża li jmorru għad-droga. F'familja normali tista' ssib fsied żejjed, sikkatura żejda, kritika, imħhabba mohbija, protezzjoni żejda, preferenzi bejn l-aħwa, nuqqas ta' responsabbiltà fost it-tfal u possessività mill-ġenituri. Kemm żgħażaġħ anke fi tfulithom ġew sfruttati u abbużati minn persuni u awtorità. Dawn id-difetti fit-trobbija, l-aġir tas-soċjetà u anke difetti oħra naturali li jkollu l-bniedem iħallu marka fil-karattru tiegħu, li mod jew ieħor irid jħrabhom.

Meta persuna tidhol fiż-żmien ta' l-adoleszenza biex turi li qed tikber u wkoll biex thoss li qed tikber tibda tagħmel affarijiet li jagħmlu l-kbar. Fost affarijiet oħra artifiċjali li l-persuna timita lill-kbar hemm it-tipjip tat-tabakk u x-xorb ta' alkohol, l-ewwel tip ta' droga. Il-persuna tibda tesperimenta t-tipjip u x-xorb bil-mohbi sakemm meta toħroġ fil-beraħ il-vizzju jkun forsi ġa daħal, speċjalment jekk in-nikotina tat-tabakk u l-alkohol ikunu tawh sodisfazzjoni u forsi għenuh jħrab xi problema li kien jiffaċċja.

Ngħid għaliġa meta kont f'din il-fażi u kont bħal ħbiebi inpejjepp xi sigaretti u nixrob xi flixkun birra, qatt ma tawni sodisfazzjon - bis-sigarett dejjem xraqt u l-birra kont inħosha morra ħafna, u għalhekk ma tajthomx importanza.

L-istess id-droga. Żagħżugh jibda jpejjepp il-ħaxixa, jew aħjar il-Canabis Sativa, jew għax ikun kurjuż dwar l-effett tagħha, jew biex jesperimenta, bħala avventura, jew għalkemm ikun beżgħan mill-effetti tagħha, jippruvaha biex ma jidhirx ikrah jew anqas minn šhabu. Mhux kull min jesperimenta d-droga meta jkunu għadu żgħir jispicċa bil-vizzju iżda dejjem huwa perikoluż għax kif wieħed jista' jinqabad fil-vizzju tat-tipjip tat-tabakk u xorb alkoholiku jista' jidhol fil-vizzju tad-droga, speċjalment li l-effett tal-ħaxixa, jew aħjar l-effett tal-kimika tagħha, it-"Tetraġħdrocannabinol" (THC) fuq il-mohħ tal-bniedem huwa aktar qawwi.

Meta wieħed jibda jpejjepp il-ħaxixa jiġġustifika din l-azzjoni billi jgħid li l-ħaxixa ma tagħmilx ħsara, u li meta jrid jieqaf, u qatt ma hu se jispicċa "junky". Hekk ukoll jiġġustifikaw lilhom infushom dawk li qabdu l-vizzju tat-tipjip tat-tabakk u min jixrob l-alkohol bla rażan.

L-effett tal-ħaxixa fuq il-mohħ jgħin biex il-persuna

tbiddel il-burdata u ssibha komda biex taħrab minn ċerta inferjorità li forsi fkun inħolqot minn xi difetti naturali jew oħrajn li setgħu ġew iffirmati fil-karattru ta' l-istess persuna. Għalhekk iż-żagħżugh jibda jħares lejn il-ħaxixa bħala xi ħaġa ta' fejda u mhux ta' qerda u b'hekk jibda jpejjepp kull meta jhoss il-bżonn tagħha, iżda bil-mod il-mod iżid sakemm jibda jpejjepp regolari tant li l-ħaxixa ssir parti minnu.

F'ħafna każi l-ġisem tal-bniedem jidra l-effetti tal-ħaxixa u għalhekk il-"buzz" li kien jiehu fil-bidu jibda jonqos. Biex jergà jsib dak il-"buzz" ta' qabel, id-"drug addict" waqt li jpejjepp il-ħaxixa, jixrob xorb alkoholiku, il-biċċa l-kbira nbid jew jieħdu pilloli mediċinali li jixtru mill-idejn jew jieħduhom mill-ħażna li jkollhom in-nanniet.

It-tipjip tal-ħaxixa ġieli johlq ċerta monotonija, insigurta u paranojja, u għalhekk id-drogat ifittex droga oħra biex jergà jibda jhossu "high". Meta l-bniedem jasal f'dan l-istat ikun ġa tilef ħafna mill-valuri, prestiġju u stima personali tiegħu, u holoq tensjoni fil-familja tiegħu.

Minn hawn tkun aktar faċli biex wieħed jaqleb mill-ħaxixa għall-eroina. Malli wieħed jibda juħa l-eroina jibda billi "jiċċejsja" jew ipejjeppha. Rari jibda jfaqqagħha fil-vina mill-ewwel. Hawn il-problemi fiżiċi, soċjali u finanzjarji jibdeu jizdiedu u b'hekk tidhol ukoll il-kriminalità. Biex wieħed iżomm vizzju ta' l-eroina irid ħafna flus u la ma jiġux bix-xogħol, iridu jiġu mis-serq, jew mill-bejgħ ta' drogi. Meta l-vizzju jidhol 'il ġewwa u l-persuna allura ssir "junky" tkun trid mal-Lm100 kuljum.

Dan l-artiklu forsi jagħti impressjoni li l-ġuvintur biss jabbużaw id-droga. Fil-fatt it-tfajliet ukoll jabbużaw id-drogi iżda r-rata tat-tfajliet hija ferm anqas. F'Malta bħal barra r-rata hija ta' madwar ħamsa fil-mija.

Hija normali li persuna tibda bil-ħaxixa (qabel ikun hemm it-tabakk u l-alkohol) u pilloli mediċinali, u minn hemm tghaddi għall-eroina fil-waqt li fl-istess ħin jesperimenta LSD, Cocain, Extasy u forsi Crack. Rari tiltaqà ma' persuna li tibda mill-ewwel bil-eroina. Il-biċċa l-kbira ta' dawk li jibdeu mill-ewwel fuq l-eroina huma t-tfajliet. Ir-raġuni hija li jibdeu jinnamraw ma' xi ġuvnott li meta jsiru jafu li hu ddrogat l-imħhabba tkun daħlet sewwa u ma jtilquhx għax jithassru. Il-Malti jgħid li jekk tagħmilha mazzopp fi żmien sena ssir zopp bħalu. Kemm iddum din it-tfajla tara lin-namrat juħa l-eroina, fl-aħħar taqà biex tippruvaha u tinqabad fil-vizzju. Meta l-vizzju jidhol 'il ġewwa jispicċa dak il-"buzz" u kull pjaċir li kienu jieħdu fil-bidu. Il-vizzju jispicċa f'kalvarju fejn il-bniedem jgħix biss għad-droga għax mingħajrha ma jhossux normali, jiġi fi stat li biha u mingħajrha dejjem iddisprat iżda biex jinfatam minnha jhossu mpossibbli.

Mhux id-drogat biss ikun għaddej minn ħafna problemi u tensjoni, miegħu jsofru l-familja tiegħu. Dawk ukoll jaqsmu miegħu l-imrar tal-vizzju, u wkoll iqisu lilhom infushom li daħlu fi sqaq dejjaq li minnu qatt ma jistgħu johorġu.

Il-familja titfarrak u tkun trid l-għajnuna biex tiġi fuq saqajha u għall-familja l-Caritas taħsen ukoll bi programm apposta għaliha, fejn barra jieħdu s-sapport meħtieġ minn laqgħat ma' familji oħra, jitgħallmu kif jgħinu lill-membri drogat tal-familja tagħhom bit-tama li dan jinbidel minn drogat għal ċittadin normali.

THEFTS IN HOTELS AND THEIR SECURITY

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Having myself the pleasure of meeting quite frequently leading hotels and their managers during organized seminars on Neighbourhood watch for the North (where after all most big hotels are found) and also that having been responsible for this Northern District for these last two years where I investigated a lot of crime and safety measures connected to hotels, I thought it fit to suggest the following hints:

THEFTS

Although thefts from hotel rooms have in this last year in Malta decreased, yet I have realised that losses occur no matter how careful the 'hotels' are when it comes to hiring practices, and it's often difficult to determine whether thefts are by employed opportunist on the work of respectable, yet despicable guests. Some of the reported 'thefts' by guests, could also not be included as insurance fraud.

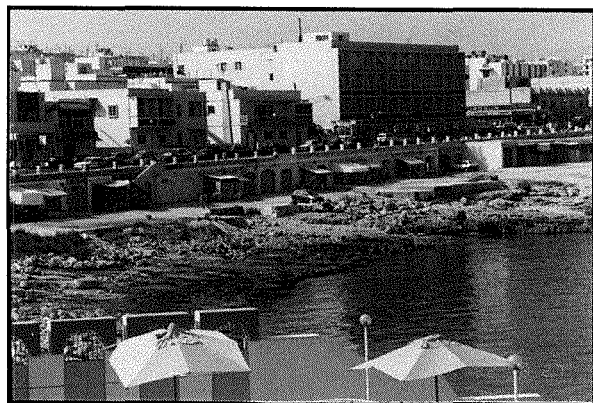
As far as the hotel employees are concerned, thefts by these same should also not be excluded. The hoteliers should keep in mind that before hiring or employing a new employee, they should always seek the reason(s) for the termination of their previous employment. Unfortunately, when the applicant/employee was in the previous employment suspected of illegal activities, such as theft or drug abuse, and then never prosecuted, than the former employer is legally unable to share with you such info., though the hoteliers should in any opinion, be able to offer a definite NO when asked: "Would you re-employ Mr. Farrugia?". If indeed the previous employer would not re-employ Mr. Farrugia, you (new employer) might (and probably should) let that influence your final decision.

EXAMPLES OF ABUSE BY EMPLOYEES OF HOTELS

A strict control programme should be introduced in every hotel especially in big hotels. Unattended and properly stored goods especially food and beverages products, liquor etc, find their way out of your hotel at your expense. Tom Alt, a corporate Vice President and director of security for Sheraton Hotels, rightly recommends "well monitored employee entrances where security personnel carefully check in and check out all packages" I personally find it an imperative to prevent your very own employee thefts! It is always worth-it to invest on these programmes of crime prevention in your own hotel, for after all it always pays.

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Also white collar crimes in the hotels may range from



simply providing complementary accommodations for friends to the most serious complex computer crime involving false purchase orders, receivable forms, invoices, and payments - dummy corporations, if you like.

So to guard against computer crimes, a certain leading chain of hotels, introduced a system, where it allows no person to handle all levels of computer programming. In fact the programmer never operates the computer, thereby limiting the danger of any self serving access. Another prevention included the transferrals of programmers and operators of the computers used to different ones and also sometime, the hoteliers should call on computer experts to help prevent internal manipulation of and outside access.

CARDS AND TRAVELLERS CHEQUES

The hotel employees especially those at the desk should be properly trained in the ever increase of credit cards. The cashier should be a trained in credit card transactions. For example, clearly, if the amount of charge exceeds the floor limit provided by the card company authorisation must be requested to ensure guaranteed payment. It should also not be forgotten, that the signature on the charge slip must be checked against the signature on the card.

Travellers cheques are still to some extent largely used as a payment system and acceptance procedures should inevitably be brought to the attention of the cashier. One of the acceptance requirements is that travellers must be countersigned in their presence.

THEFTS AND CIVIL LIABILITIES

Certain thefts also could have easily be eliminated if not due to sheer negligence. Thefts of guest property can easily be avoided, as most cases involved money and valuable objects that can be placed in the hotel safe. One has to note here also that under the Maltese civil code, the hotel-keeper could incur substantial liability. According to section 1039 of Chap. 13, a hotel keeper shall be liable up to an amount not exceeding seventy liri for any damage to or destruction or loss of property brought to the hotel by any guest. However the liability of a hotel keeper shall be unlimited when he has refused to receive the deposit of property which he is bound or when even such damage destruction or loss of property has been caused, voluntarily or through negligence or lack of skill even in a slight degree, by him or by a person in his employment or by any persons for whose actions he is responsible" more over the same law provides that the hotel keeper shall be bound to receive for safe custody securities, money and valuable articles.

I believe that if these basic pointers are carefully taken into consideration, then although reported crime in hotels cannot be made to disappear, yet it can be made to be contained. This means after all the better service, more profits to insurance companies and a healthier environment cleaner from the 'crime'.

MERSEYSIDE PUBLICATIONS ON POLICE VEHICLES



FIAT DUCATO
Transportation of Police Dogs

MERSEYSIDE POLICE PUBLICATION ON WORLD POLICE VEHICLES

In a special publication of 1993 by the Merseyside Police Authority and supported by the Vauxhall Motors Ltd. on the Police Vehicles of the World, two photographs of the vehicles used by the Malta Police Force were included in this professionally presented publication. This collection includes only 42 photographs from a cross section of all Forces around the world and range from vehicles, boats and even aircraft used to maintain Law and order throughout the world.

MALTA POLICE

The Maltese vehicles chosen were the rescue land rover used by the S.A.G. in rescue operations and searches, and the FIAT Ducato van used by the Dog Section in the transportation of Police Dogs. Interesting to note is that this publication includes a warning under each country discussed for every photograph published which serve as a crime prevention. Under the Malta heading, the following important warnings have been put:

1. If you want to get your shopping home don't leave it in the car alone.
2. Be careful not careless.

COVER OF PUBLICATION

The cover of this publication has the photographs of two police vehicles and a police helicopter in a background of fire and some grunery. The three photographs chosen, presumably as the best of the 42 for their reproduction in the very cover of this publication, include the Malta Police S.A.G. landrover used for rescue and operations and searches. The other two include the Vauxhall Sebaton 3.CL.T. used by the Merseyside Police for Traffic Patrol duty and Incident response, and the Aerospatiale 'Squirrel' helicopter used by the Austrian Police as general traffic patrol duty, for rescue operations and occasionally in drugs surveillance operations.

MALTA'S NAME

Certainly, this publication which by now is already in the hands of many fellow officers and citizens around the world, besides putting the MALTA POLICE name in a prominent place, should serve also for Malta's good name abroad. It is obviously a very good advert to Malta, the Police Force and the Maltese people.

The Editor



LAND ROVER
Rescue Operations and Searches

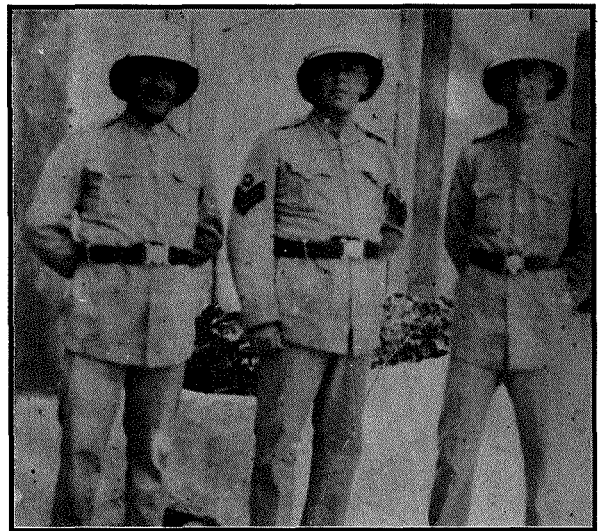
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Meta fis-26 ta' Ottubru 1530 l-Ordni tal-Kavallieri ta' San Ġwann wasal Malta, il-kavallieri għażlu li jingabru għewwa l-Birgu billi l-Imdina kienet il-bogħod hafna mill-Port il-Kbir. F'dak iż-żmien il-Birgu billi l-Imdina kienet il-bogħod hafna mill-Port il-Kbir. F'dak iż-żmien il-Birgu kien għadu bla swar u miftuħ għal kull attakk, u tista' tgħid li l-uniku post li kien xi ftit iffortifikat kien il-Kastell Sant'Anġlu. Bla telf ta' żmien huma bdew isewwju u jibnu palazzi u djar biex jilqgħu fihom lill-kavallieri u lin-nies Griegi li kienu għew magħhom minn Rodi. Huma bdew idawwru bis-swar u bil-fossijiet dawk l-inhawi kollha tal-Birgu li jharsu lejn Bormla, il-Kalkara u spicċaw sa hdejn il-Kastell Sant'Anġlu li jhars lejn il-bokka tal-Port il-Kbir.

Matul il-medda ta' dawn is-swar huma bnew tlett fortizzi ta' qawwa kbira. L-ewwel wiehed fost dawn it-tlieta huwa il-Forti ta' San Ġwann li qiegħed kif tidhol mill-bieb ewlieni tal-Birgu. It-torri għoli tiegħu li jissejjah kavallier kien bħala għassies tad-dahla ta' din il-belt. Aktar il-gewwa nsibu l-Forti ta' San Ġakbu, li kien miżmum mill-Kavallieri ta' Aragona u li bil-kanuni tiegħu kien iħares lejn l-inhawi tal-Hawli u tal-Kalkara. L-aħħar iżda mhux l-anqas huwa l-Forti ta' Kastilja li kien ikopri l-Bajja tal-Kalkara. Dan hu l-aktar post għażiż għall-istorja ta' Malta, għax fuqu laqgħa l-aktar attakki horox ta' żmien l-Assedju l-Kbir. Eżatt wara l-Forti ta' San Ġakbu nsibu l-Armerija li probabbilment il-Kavallieri bnewha f'dan il-post biex f'każ ta' gwerra kienet tkun fil-qrib biex tissupplixxi bl-armi lis-soldati li jkunu stazzjonati fuq dawn is-swar. Fil-fatt dawn is-swar għaddew mill-prova tan-nar, il-għaliex fl-Assedju tal-1565 irresistew bil-qawwa kollha l-attakki feroċi tat-Torok, u b'hekk inkurunaw lil din il-Belt glortjuża bl-isem ta' "Citta VITTORIOSA".

Jekk wiehed kellu jżur din il-Belt antika jinduna li biex tidhol fiha kont trid tgħaddi minn tlett bibien wara xulxin, liema bibien għadhom iżommu dak ix-xebħ u għamla tal-qedem. Għalhekk bħala storja huma ta' fejda liema bħala, u niddubita jekk fid-dinja kollha hawnx belt oħra li biex kont tidhol fiha kont trid tgħaddi



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minn tlett bibien b'sigurta' stretta bħal ma kienu dawn. Iżda mal-milja taż-żmien għew imċarrta s-swar u saru toroq fuq pontijiet tal-ġebel li jagħtu għall-Bormla.

Il-bieb ewlieni tal-Birgu hu magħruf bħala "Porte Maggiore", dan il-bieb hu protett minn żewġ bibien oħra, "Porte D'Aragona" jew kif isejhulu fi żmien l-Inglizi "Advanced Gate" u t-tielet wiehed iġib l-isem ta' "Couvre Porte". Dawn it-tlett bibien fl-antik kollha kellhom foss u pont quddiemhom.

L-ewwel bieb li niltaqgħu miegħu ahna u deklin min-naħa ta' Bormla huwa "Advanced Gate" li fuq il-faċċata tiegħu hemm skolpita fil-ġebel skultura li turi armi u għodod tal-gwerra li kienu jintużaw fdik l-epoka. Hemm ukoll minquxa fil-ġebel id-data ta' meta sar dan il-bieb b'ittri Rumani; 1727. Il-bieb originali tal-injam mastizz li bih kienet tingħalaq din il-mina għadu mwahhal f'postu sal-lum. Jingħad li d-disinn ta' din l-iskultura kienet mehuda minn fuq waħda mill-arazzi li hemm fil-palazz tal-Granmastri.

Matul il-lejl dan il-bieb kien jinżamm magħluq, iżda f'xi każ ta' bżonn kienu joħorġu 'l barra mis-sur billi jgħaddu minn passaġġ sigriet li hemm fis-sur u li jizbokka 'l barra fil-foss. Kif tidhol minn dan il-bieb issib wesgħa kbira li madwarha hemm bini antik b'żewġ sulari nkorporat fl-istess bini tas-sur. Dan il-post hu magħruf bħala il-"POSTA TA' ARAGONA". Biex tmur fis-sular ta' fuq titla' minn taraġ miftuħ, mahdum bil-ġebel taż-żonqor. F'dan is-sular kienu jgħixu



"Couvre Porte"

s-suldati jew membri tal-Pulizija. Fuq is-sur li hu il-bejt ta' dan il-bini hemm trunċieri u żewġ posti tal-kanuni li jharsu lejn in-naħa ta' l-Isla u Bormla. Dan l-aħħar f'dawn iż-żewġ postijiet poġġew żewġ kanuni tal-hadid li fuqhom hemm l-arma ta' Venezja, iljun bis-sejff fidu. Fis-sular t'isfel hemm kmamar u mħażen li f'dak iż-żmien kienu jintużaw bħala stalel, ufficini, imħażen lu kien hemm ukoll ċelel fejn iżommu xi nies kalzrati. Fin-nofs ta' din l-ispeċi ta' bitha hemm ġiebjja li tintela bl-ilma tax-xita li tinzel minn fuq pont tal-ġebel u ssib it-tieni bieb "COUVRE PORTE" kelma li bil-Malti tfisser bieb għall-mistkenn, il-ġhalix jaħbi għal kollox il-bieb ewlieni mill-ġhajnejn tal-ghadu. Fuq dan il-bieb insibu d-data MDCCXX111 (1723). Jidher illi l-arma tal-ġebel li kien hemm fuq dan il-bieb kif ukoll dik li kien hemm fuq il-bieb ewlieni kienu nqalghu minn posthom fi żmien l-imblokk tal-Francizi. Dan il-bieb qiegħed fuq foss il-ġmiel tiegħu, foss wiesgħa u għammieq li jdawwar is-swar mill-Birgu sal-Kalkara. Dan il-foss hu magħruf min-nies ta' dawk l-inħawi bħala l-foss il-kbir.

It-tielet bieb huwa propju il-bieb ewlieni tal-Birgu "PORTA MAGGIORE". Quddiem dan il-bieb hemm il-posta ta' Franza li tikkonsisti f'bini nkorporat fis-swar, fejn hemm imħażen li fihom kienu jzommu l-munizzjon tal-gwerra. Hemm tarag baxx tal-ġebel tal-franka li minnu titla' fuq

is-sur fejn hemm trunċiera u żewġ lamberzuni fejn riċentament poġġew fihom żewġ kanuni tal-hadid antiki jharsu lejn l-Isla.

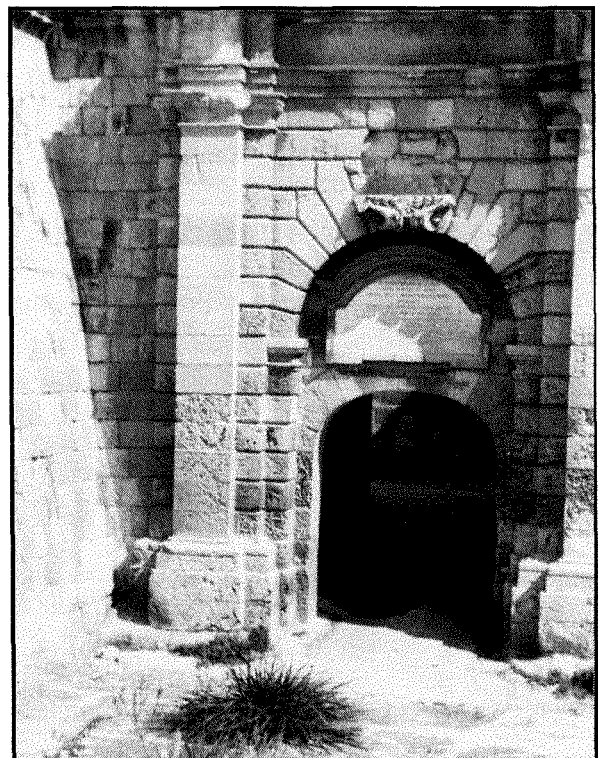
Minbarra dawn il-bibien li qed insemmi wiehed kien jista' jidhol f'din il-belt permezz ta' passagġi sigrieti li jeżistu taħt l-art minn barra is-swar. Dawn is-sotterani huma mibnija bit-troll u b'sengħa kbira, u minhabba l-fatt li dawn qegħdin taħt l-art baqgħu f'kundizzjoni tajba ħafna. Fuq ill-gwarniċun ta' Porte Maggiore tinsab kitba bil-Latin li bil-Malti tgħid hekk:

"INT JA MULEJ, HARISTNĠ FIL-JUM TAT-TAQBID"

Ta' din il-belt tar-religjon Gerosolmitana l-ewwel refuġju u għamara, Fis-sena 1565 inħabbta mill-kbir eżerċitu Turk. U bil-ġhajjnuna t'Alla għad-difiza li għamlet ftahret bl-isem ta' "VITTORIOSA."

is-swar bin-nirien tal-ghadu mharrbta u bit-tul taż-żmien ukoll maħduma, żmien is-saltna tal-Vigilantissmu GRAN MASTRU D. ANTON MANOEL De VILHENA twaqqfu mill-ġdid u żdiedu fis-sena 1727

Kif jidher minn din l-iskrizzjoni l-Gran Mastru DeVilhena fl-1727 kien ha hsieb iwaqqaf mill-ġdid u zied xi bini f'dan il-monument storiku.



Porta Maggiore

Hekk ukoll għamel Sir Herry Luke meta xi ftit taż-żmien qabel it-tieni gwerra dinjija fuq l-insistenza tal-Kanoniku Dun Gianmari Farrugia li kien studjuż ta' l-istorja tal-Birgu kien ha hsieb biex irrestawra l-iskultura li hemm fuq dawn il-bibien. Jidher ċar li din l-iskultura issa reġa' għandha bżonn dawra sewwa.

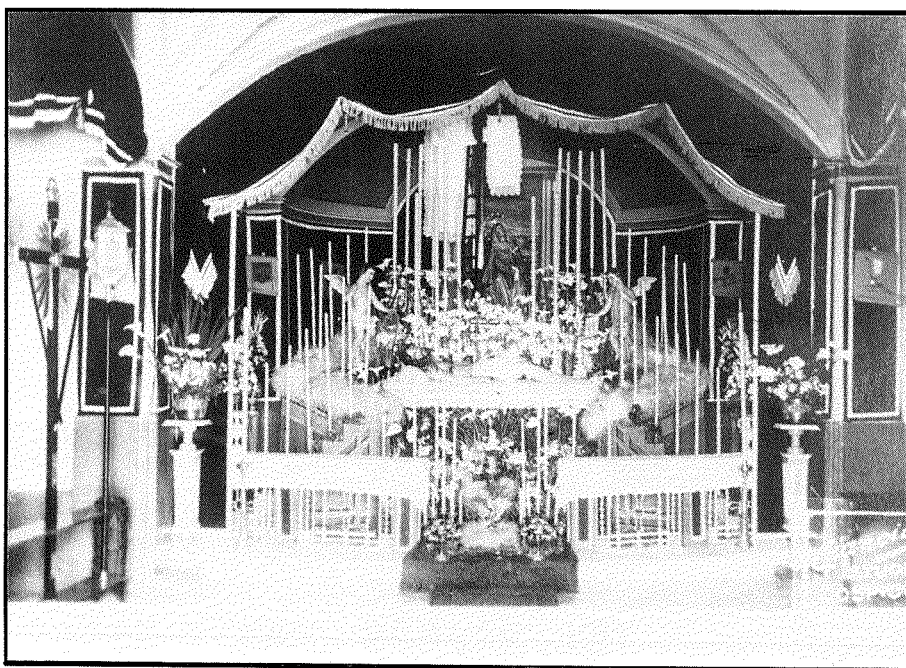
Fuq in-naħa ta' ġewwa ta' dawn il-mini hemm niċċ bi xbiehat sagri b'xi fanal dejjem jixgħel quddiemhom, biex min jidhul jew johroġ minn din il-belt jgħid xi talba żgħira. Taht il-mina ta' Porta Maggiore hemm irhama mall-hajt b'kitba bit-Taljan li skond kif qrajt jien tgħid xi haġa hekk:

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 FRA FERDINANDO MATTEI."

Fil-bidu dawn il-bibien kienu f'idejn il-Kavallieri li kienu jzommu kontroll fuq id-dhul u l-hruġ minn din il-belt. Meta mbagħad f'Malta ġew l-Ingliżi dan il-post waqa' f'idejn il-militar u kien immanjat mis-soldati. Wara xi żmien kienu nehhew is-soldati u flokhom ġabu l-Għassa tal-Pulizija biex il-membri ta' dan il-korp setgħu jindukraw dawn l-inhawi. F'dawn il-kwartieri l-Pulizija kellhom kollox miżmum sewwa, kien hemm ufficini, dormitorji, ċelel fejn iżommu l-arrestati. Kien hemm ukoll kappella l-gm̄iel tagħha. F'din il-kappella kien hemm statwa tad-duluri, li fil-preżent tinstab fil-kappella tad-Depot tal-Pulizija l-Furjana. F'din l-Għassa kien hemm ukoll

xelter imħaffer fil-blat, li kellu bokka li tidhul għaliha mill-Għassa stess u kellu bokka oħra fil-Foss il-kbir. Fi żmien il-gwerra dan ix-xelter kien ir-refuġju ta' hafna nies li kienu jiehdu kenn waqt l-attakki mill-ajru. Niftakar li meta kien sar l-attakk qawwi fuq l-aircraftcarrier H.M.S. "ILLUSTRIOUS" Jien li kont għadni tifel ta' xi 12 il-sena, kont f'dan ix-xelter mall-familja tiegħi. Dan kien wieħed mill-attakki horox tal-Germaniżi, il-bombi bdew jaqgħu fil-viċin hafna. ma kull splużżjoni bdew deħlin fix-xelter sriep tan-nar u rih shun tal-blast. F'daqqa waħda nhossu splużżjoni qawwija hafna li donnu l-blast ried jinqasam, ix-xelter imtela b'riħa ta' porvli mħallat mat-trab tal-bini mwaqqa. Kif spicċa dan l-attakk u hrigna barra, sibna li l-Għassa kienet qalgħet "direct hit". Dak inhar il-Cottenera u t-Tarzna saru herba, u hlief bini mwaqqa' u nies imwerwrin jġru 'l hawn u 'l hinn ma' kontx tara.

Meta kienu nehhew l-Għassa tal-Pulizija minn hawn u hađuha lejn is-suq ta' Bormla, il-post kien sar żdingat u l-vandali kienu għamlu herba shiha minnu. B'xorti tajba dan il-post issa qiegħed f'idejn is-sezzjoni tal-ambjent tad-Dipartiment ta' l-Edukazzjoni fejn fih qed isir xogħol ta' tiswija u restawr. Prosit għal dawn il-haddiema li veru qed jagħmlu xogħol tajjeb. Fil-preżent dan il-post qed ikun iffrekwentat mit-turisti kif ukoll mill-Maltin.



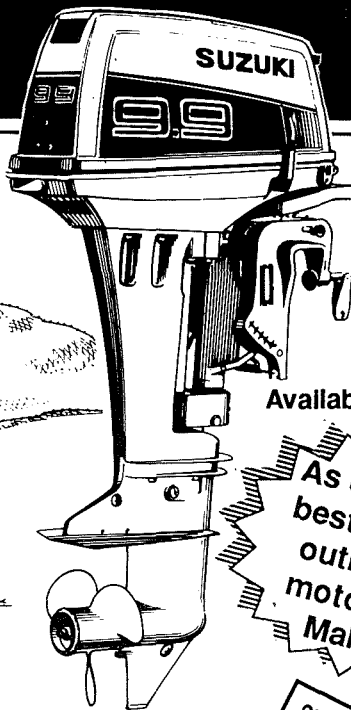
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RIOTS OF THE 7TH & 8TH JUNE PART II

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Following the reported extracts of the original reports carried out by the Commission appointed to inquire into the events of the 7th June and 8th June 1919, and which events for the 7th June were published in this magazine in the November/December 1993 issue, the following extracts are the original reports for the 8th June 1919. Although those riots have commonly been known as the "Sette Giugno" riots, yet there were also riots the following day on the 8th June. These extracts were prepared for this publication by the Commandant Police Academy, Mr. A. Mifsud Tommasi.

EVENTS OF THE 8TH JUNE 1919

At 9.25am the Acting Governor gave orders for 300 men of the Royal Malta Artillery to be brought from Verdala to Lascaris Barracks. At 10.25am orders were given for 100 marines and seamen to land at the Custom house and for another party of 200 to stand by on H.M.S. Egmont. At 10.55am all available men of the Malta Composite Battalion were ordered to the Castille. At 11.05am a party of one officer and 25 other ranks of the Malta Composite Battalion were ordered to the Palace, and at 11.30am 100 seamen were sent to Sliema. Captain A. Agius with a detachment of two non-commissioned officers and 26 men of the King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia relieved a party of the Malta Composite Battalion at the Main Guard.

Maltese flags were hoisted half mast - some of them wrapped in crape - notices and posters were put up in Valletta and at several other places for 'national mourning'; wreaths were placed in the middle of the Palace square and in Strada Forni where two men had fallen down dead and wounded and large crowds began again to collect in Valletta. Until 9.30 no disturbance took place. All of a sudden a soldier of the Malta Composite Battalion was assaulted in Strada Teatro at the corner of Strada Streeta, and was knocked down and left unconscious. At the door of the Chronicle office, a policeman had been posted to take care of the premises. As the police constable ran up to rescue the soldier from the crowd, a party, principally composed of boys, entered the premises of the Daily Malta Chronicle and commenced breaking and stealing whatever movable property had been spared on the previous day. The police constable, with the assistance of some civilians, tried to carry the soldier to the Government Dispensary but the party was again attacked by the mob. The soldier was eventually rescued by the police. The mob then set fire to the Chronicle office.

A deputation composed of Dr. F. Sciberras, Dr. Enrico Mizzi and other gentlemen were received at the Palace by the Officer Administering the Government who intimated to them that as persons claim to have some influence with the people, they should use their influence to prevent the collection of crowds and further disturbances.

Major General Hunter Blair added that should the

police prove unable to maintain order he would be obliged to use all the force at his disposal, and that in the event of Military being called out he would not be responsible for the consequences. The deputation promised to do their utmost to calm the people, adding that their task would be facilitated if His Excellency could see his way to promise a full enquiry into the events of the preceding day, and that no person concerned in the events would be allowed to leave the island until the Enquiry had been completed. General Hubter promised that this would be done, and this would be done, and at the request of the deputation repeated the promise to the crowd from the balcony of the Palace, where upon the deputation assured His Excellency that there would be no further disturbances.

Before withdrawing the deputation requested that should it unfortunately be necessary to use military Forces, Local troops alone be utilised, as less likely to irritate the crowds. General Hunter Blair said that he was quite prepared to do this.

The Lieutenant Governor in the afternoon asked the Contino Caruana Gatto, Monsignor Depiro and Dr. Serafino Vella to help him as interpreters if the necessary arose to address the crowds and prevent any further disturbances.

At about 4.30pm, a crowd collected in front of the Main Guard and the men of the guard were asked to give up their arms by one of the crowd who was making seditious speech. The officer in Command succeeded in quieting the people and in inducing them to move on.

The crowd then aimed for the Union Club. From evidence, collected by us shows that coopers were thrown by the crowd at the officers who were standing on the door steps and in the balcony. One or two threw back the coopers at a lad who was responsible for throwing the greater part of the cooper. A rumour spread at the time that coopers were being thrown by the officers, and the crowd proceeded to break the windows of the club. Engineer Commander Bodell R.N. who was trying to get into the club was injured. A party of marines who were called by telephone by some officers at the club came up without orders, but the party was soon withdrawn at the request of a police Inspector.

This crowd went to join the people that were collecting in front of Colonel Francia's house. It was common talk in the town that the millers would be attacked, and at 11.30am Colonel Francia had telephoned to the Castille asking for protection. He was told to apply first to the Police. Colonel Francia applied to the Police and again to the Military Authorities. By that time Lieutenant-Governor expressed a desire to go address the crowd but he was dissuaded by Contino Caruana Gatto, Monsignor Depiro and Dr. Serafino Vella who positively refused to accompany him and volunteered to address the crowd themselves. Those gentlemen found that the crowd was composed of the worst characters at large. They attempted to address

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Hawn mal-170,000 vettura rreġistrat u lliċenzjati f'pajjiżna. Possibbli nistgħu nibqgħu nżidu meta nafu li t-toroq tagħna huma limitati? Xi haġa trid issir u naħseb illi kienet ideja tajba li nintroduċu l'hekk imsejjah MOT, jew aħjar eżami tal-vettura.

Sirna nafu illi ser jiġi ntrodott l-MOT għall-ewwel darba fuq vetturi kummerċjali u wara nispera fuq il-vetturi kollha nklużi dawk privati. B'dan il-mod inkunu nistgħu nwarbu min-nofs dawk il-vetturi li huma ta' periklu għal haddiehor. B'hekk ukoll innaqqsu mil-volum ta' vetturi li hawn jiġru fit-toroq u nħallu biss dawk f'kundizzjonijiet perfetta. Ma hiniex ngħid illi bilfors irridu jkunu karożzi antiki. Anzi hawn vetturi antiki li huma f'kundizzjoni ferm aħjar oħrajn li huma moderni.

Haġa oħra li tista' ssir biex jitnaqqas il-volum ta' vetturi hija li jitjeb is-servizz tat-trasport pubbliku biex b'hekk il-poplu jithajjar jużah u juża l-vettura privata mill-anqas. Hemm x'jirraġa fit-trasport pubbliku u naf ukoll illi l-Awtorita' tat-Trasport Pubbliku qed tagħmel minn kollox biex ittejbu. Ma hiex problema ta' hlas għax kulhadd jaf illi l-hlas f'pajjiżi oħra. Hija l-kundizzjoni tal-vetturi jew aħjar, kif inhuma magħrufa mis-sidien, it-trakkijiet. U kultant ikun haqqhom li tghidilhom trakkijiet għax hemm minnhom li m'humiex addatati għal gar tannies. Il-poplu jrid jifhem ukoll illi ma jistax jibqa' jippretendi li kull erba' passi jsib 'Bus Stop'. Hemm bżonn jitgħallem jimxi f'it, li fuq kollox il-mixi huwa ta' gid għas-saħħa. Pero' hawn ma nixtieqx nidhol f'suġġett ieħor, jiġifieri it-Trasport Pubbliku. Forsi fuq dan is-suġġett nitkellem darb'oħra fuq.

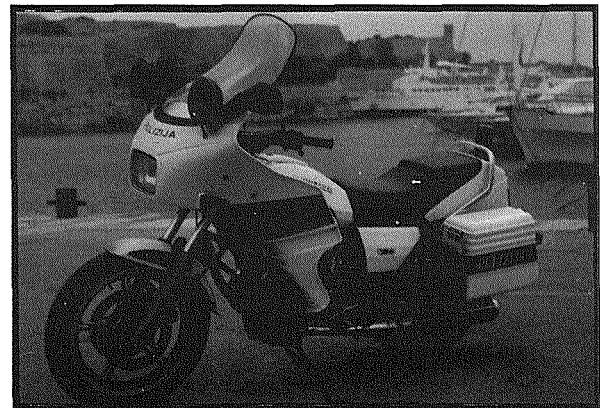
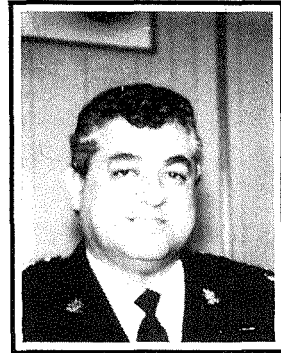
Hemm mod ieħor kif jista' jitnaqqas in-numru ta' vetturi mit-toroq tagħna. Kieku l-hlas tal-liċenzja tal-muturi titnaqqas, u meta ngħid titnaqqas infisser titnaqqas konsiderevoli, ngħidu aħna l-liċenzja ssir Lm2 fis-sena, il-poplu jithajjar jixtri u juża mutur minflok karożza. Dan inaqqas żgur in-numru ta' karożzi matul il-Gimgha. Barra li jitnaqqas in-numru, jitnaqqas ukoll il-hela ta' petrol u diesel kif ukoll

jiżjed l-ispazju għall-ipparkjar. F'pajjiżi kbar hemm l-użu enormi tar-roti iżda hawn Malta biżżejjed issir aktar l-użu tal-muturi.

Fl-aħharnett għandhom ikunu l-Pulizija

speċjalment dawk tat-traffiku li jaraw illi vetturi hżiena għandhom jitwarbu, u jgħinu f'dan ir-rigward. Nista' ngħid illi dan l-aħhar żdied in-numru ta' Pulizija tat-traffiku peress li nxtraw muturi godda. Naturalment qatt ma huwa biżżejjed iżda ż-żieda ta' Pulizija tat-traffiku fit-toroq tagħna dejjem tghin biex tinżamm l-ordni, jitnaqqas l-abbużi u jeliminaw kemm jista' jkun l-inċidenti tat-traffiku.

Jiena ċert li hemm modi oħrajn biex jitnaqqas il-volum ta' vetturi mit-toroq tagħna iżda naħseb illi jekk nibdew bli semmejt inkunu diga għamilna pass ta' ggant biex insolvu din il-problema. Ma ninsewx illi jekk b'dak kollu li nagħmlu nsalvaw haġja waħda ta' bniedem inkunu lhaqqna l-ghan ewlieni tagħna. Nawgura lil kullhadd sewqan galbu, prudenti u mingħajr inċidenti.



Wieħed mill-muturi l-godda li għandha t-taqsimat tat-traffiku tal-Pulizija

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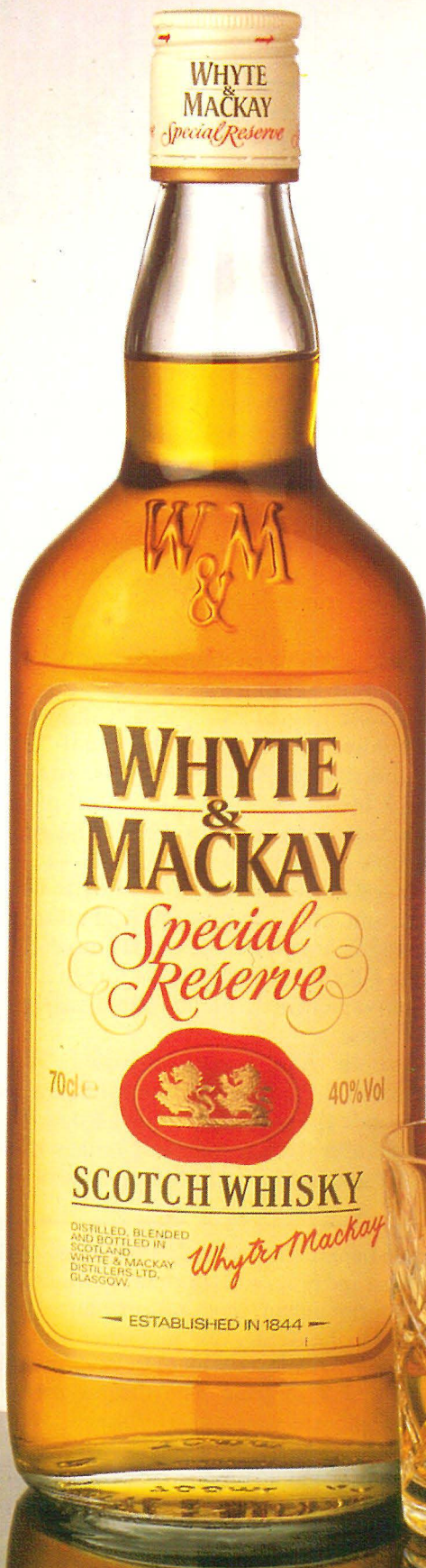
the crowd but they were shut down and had to give up their task. At 6pm notice was received at the Castille that Colonel Francia's house was being attacked. One hundred men of the R.M.A. were ordered to be ready to move. At 6.20pm fifty men of the R.M.A. were ordered to the Castille and on the Union Club. At 7.10pm, one hundred and fifty men were ordered to Colonel Francia's house.

It appears that at the outset fifty men under the Command of Major De Domenico accompanied by the Acting Staff Captain Sant Manduca went to Colonel Francia's house; apparently these fifty men were part of the one hundred ordered at 6pm to be ready to move, the other fifty men having men having

been sent to the Union Club. On their arrival on the scene, Major De Domenico and his men were cheered by the crowd. The orders given to the Staff Captain to convey to the Officer Commanding detachment R.M.A. were to proceed to Colonel Francia's house and to take such action as might be necessary. The O.C. detachment took no action whatsoever. Another detachment too strong came up under the command of Major W. Dumbar Vella. This officer states that he received orders to guard the house to prevent anybody from going in, and to arrest the people that might come out. Whatever the orders given may have been this second detachment also took no action to prevent the looting of the house. In the meantime furniture was being thrown out of the window. The troops got mixed up with the crowd and eventually found

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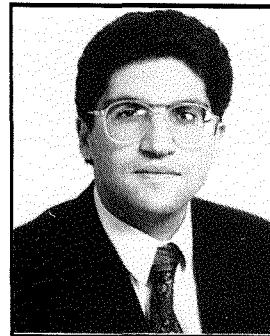
Il-Bank Ċentral huwa attiv u mportanti hafna fin-negozju tal-bonds tal-gvern iżda ma jilgħab ebda parti fin-negozju tal-ishma tal-kumpaniji. Il-Bank Ċentrali iżomm għandu bonds tal-gvern biex minnhom ikun jista' jbiegħ lil dawg l-investituri li jriduhom. Barra min hekk il-Bank Ċentrali hu dejjem lest li jixtri mingħand investituri bonds li dawn iridu jbiegħu.

Għalhekk, normalment, stockbroker, fisem l-investitur, jista' kemm ibiegħ u kemm jixtri kwalunkwe bonds tal-gvern li jrid.

Ir-raba partecipant fuq il-Borsa huwa r-rapresentant tal-Borsa u dan l-uffiċċjal għandu r-responsabbiltà li jara li n-negozju jsir b'mod regolat, ġust u effiċċjenti. Jekk ikun hemm xi nċertezza jew ikun hemm bżonn ta' xi nterpretazzjoni tar-regoli, dan l-uffiċċjal huwa l-imħallef.

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Biex investitur jixtri jew ibiegħ xi titolu dan għandu jmur għand stockbroker u jagħtih struzzjonijiet: fisem min irid jixtri/ibiegħu, liema titolu jrid jixtri/jbiegħ u, jekk irid, jista' wkoll jagħmel limitu fuq il-prezz.



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Qabel ma stockbroker ibiegħ xi titolu fisem klijent tiegħu, l-istockbroker mhux biss irid ikun awtorizzat u jkollu struzzjonijiet ċari mingħand dan il-klijent iżda l-istockbroker irid ukoll jaċċerta ruħu li t-titoli li l-klijent irid ibiegħ huma rreġistrati fisem il-klijenti u li ma hemm l-ebda mpediment għal bejgħ tagħhom. Dan l-istockbroker jagħmlu billi jivverifika l-investment mar-Registru Ċentrali li iżomm il-Borsa.

Huwa s'intendi illegali li xi hadd ibiegħ l-istess titloli permess ta' aktar minn stockbroker wiehed. La darba il-bejgħ jew ix-xiri jkun sar, l-istockbroker jibgħat lill-klijent "Contract Note" li hija evidenza tat-transazzjoni. Din il-"Contract Note" toħrogha il-Borsa stess u fiha jkun hemm it-titoli li biegh jew xtara il-klijent, il-prezz, u l-kummissjoni ta' l-istockbroker li hija stabbilita mill-Borsa ta' Malta.

Jekk investitur biegh jew xtara bonds tal-gvern ikun hemm ukoll aġġustament għall-imghaxx. Dan l-aġġustament isir biex, għall-investitur, ma tagħmel l-ebda differenza meta jbiegħ jew jixtri, irrespettivament meta l-aħħar li thallsu l-imghaxx tas-sitt xhur.

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themselves near the railway station.

At 7.30pm one hundred and forty marines and seamen were sent to Colones Francia's house and ordered to clear Strada Reale. Captain Trewby R.N. instructed the men not to fire on any account without orders. In a few minutes Colonel Francia's house was cleared and so was Strada Reale. A naval party patrolled the streets of Valletta and no further disturbances occurred on that day.

As stated above it was common talk that the mills would be attacked, the police at Hamrun however did not expect that the attack would take place on that night. At about 8.30pm a crowd composed of the

worst elements collected opposite the Parish Church at Hamrun and proceeded to attack Farrugia's house. The Superintendent sent information of this by telephone to the Acting Commissioner who at about 9.30pm sent a reinforcement of Police, consisting of 20 men and 3 sergeant who did not arrive. The Military Authorities were also informed of the Event at 9.30pm, and at 10.00pm orders were given to the Officer Commanding Royal Air Force at Calafrana to send two lorries with machine gun to protect the Lieutenant Governor's house at Hamrun. As the lorries were passing near Farrugia's mill the rioters dispersed, but they again returned after the lorries had proceeded on their way to the lieutenant-Governor's house.

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Zjara fl-Ingilterra mit-tim tal-Football tal-Pulizija

Bejn il-11 ta' Novembru, 1993, u t-18 ta' Novembru, 1993, it-tim tal-Pulizija Maltija ghamel zjara ta' kortezija fl-Ingilterra fuq stedina magħmula mill-Metropolitan Police football team. Għall-din l-okkażżjoni t-team tal-Pulizija Maltija kien alloggġat f'Gilmour Section House, f'Kenninghton, Londra. Din s-Section House tippovdi servizz u akkomodazzjoni lil membri tal-Pulizija, Dwana u Traffic Wardens u hija mamra bis-servizz kollha bħal Restaurant, Gymnasium, T.V. room, Games room b'żewġ billiard tables u servizzi oħra.

Il-kontingent tat-team tal-Pulizija Maltija kien jikkonsisti mis-Supretendent Joseph Brincat, l-Ispettur Ronald Cilia u P.S. 621 P. Calleja mill-Kumitat Sports, mill-membri l-oħra tat-tim u coach P.C. 601 F. Zammit. Il-kontingent Malti telaq minn Malta fit-8.30am. tal-11 ta' Novembru, 1993, fuq titjira tal-Air Malta. Mal-wasla tiegħu fl-airport ta' Gatwick f'Londra t-team tal-Pulizija Maltija sab lid-direġenti mill-Metropolitan Police jilqgħu lill-kontingent Malti. Mill-ajruport il-kontingent telaq lejn Gilmour Section House b'coach tal-Pulizija Ingliza. Mal-wasla fis-Section House il-membri kollha tal-kontingent ġew mogħtija kamra individwali kull wiehed li kienet mamra b'sodda bl-ghamara, fitted carpets u central heating.

Wara li kulhadd issetilja fil-kamra rispettiva tiegħu bdiet l-avventura tal-kontingenti fl-Ingilterra.

Il-qofol taż-żjara fl-Ingilterra kienu ż-żewġ loġhbiet football li t-team tal-Pulizija Maltija kellu ma żewġ timijiet tal-Pulizija fl-Ingilterra. L-ewwel loġhba intlagħbet f'Imber Court, Esher Surrey, Home ground tal-Metropolitan Police nhar it-tnejn 15 ta' Novembru, 1993, fis-7.30pm. taħt il-flood lights. Din il-loġhba kienet kontra it-tim qawwi tal-Metropolitan Police li jiehu sehem fil-league tat-tieni Diviżjoni fid-Diadora League fl-Ingilterra. L-iskor finali ta' din il-loġhba kien ta' 3-0 favur it-tim tal-Metropolitan Police. It-tieni loġhba kienet kontra it-tim ta' Surrey Police u ntlabet fil-Home ground f'Surrey Police H.Q. Mount Browne. Din il-loġhba intlagħbet nhar l-erbgha 17 ta' Novembru, 1993, fit-3p.m. u lis-score finali kien ta' 6-0 favur it-tim tas-Surrey Police. Wara ż-żewġ loġhbiet il-kontingent Malti ġie mistieden għal reception fejn saru xi diskorsi ta' l-okkażżjoni mid-



Ir-rappreżentanti tat-tim Malti flimkien ma' l-uffiċjali tal-Metropolitan Police waqt ir-riċeviment wara l-aqgħa.

dirigenti taż-żewġ nahat kif ukoll kull membru u uffiċjal ġie mogħti rigal ta' l-okkażżjoni.

Għal kronika nixtieq ngħid li l-players li hadu sehem f'dawn iż-żewġ loġhbiet kienu: PS. 509 J.

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Barra minn dawn iż-żewġ loġhbiet il-kontingent Malti kien mistieden biex jara loġhba football tal-ewwel diviżjoni Ingliza bejn Charlton u Notts County fil-ground ta' Charlton 'The Valley'. L-iskor finali ta' din il-loġhba kien ta' 5-1 favur it-team ta' Charlton.



Il-bqija taż-żjara fl-Ingilterra il-kontingent Malti kellu hin liberu fejn setgħa jmur fejn kien jinteressah u bħal kull Malti li jmur l-Ingilterra il-parti l-kbira tal-hin liberu kien li jżur diversi hwienet biex jagħmel ix-xiri. Kien hemm ukoll minn mar iżur lil xi qraba f'diversi lokalitajiet fl-Ingilterra kif ukoll żar xi postijiet ta' nteress fl-Ingilterra bħal 'West End', Buckingham Palace, Oxford Street, iz-Zoo Westminster Cathedral, Picadilly Circus, Il-Ben Ben Tower u postijiet oħra ta' nteress.

Fl-aħħar nett nixtieq nispiċċa billi ngħid li din iż-żjara fl-Ingilterra kienet suċċess kbir għal membri kollha tal-Korp tal-Pulizija għaliex b'hekk il-Pulizija Maltija kellha opportunità li taqsam l-esperjenzi tagħha ma kollegi oħra fl-Ingilterra u zjarat bħal dawn iservu biex il-Korp tal-Pulizija jibni aktar relazzjonijiet ta' hbiberija ma' shabna fpajjizi oħra.

Kelma ta' ringrazzjament tmur ukoll għal Commander Bob Marsh tal-Metropolitan Police, li kien il-koordinatur li ha hsieb din iż-żjara, lil Detective Superintendent Brian Carroll tas-Surrey Police, li ha hsieb iż-żjara tal-kontingent f'Surrey Police H.Q. lil lis-Sponsors kollha li bl-ghajjnuna tagħhom din iż-żjara setgħet issehh u fl-aħħar u mhux l-inqas lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija is-Sur George Grech li bl-approvazzjoni tiegħu din iż-żjara setgħet issir realta. Grazzi lil kulhadd.

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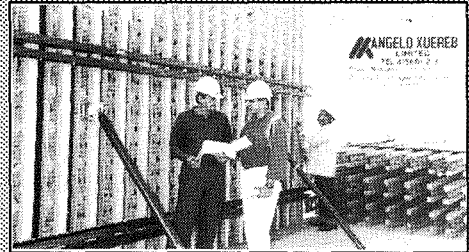
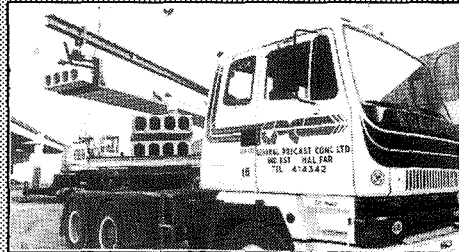


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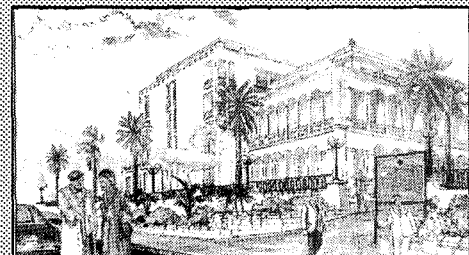
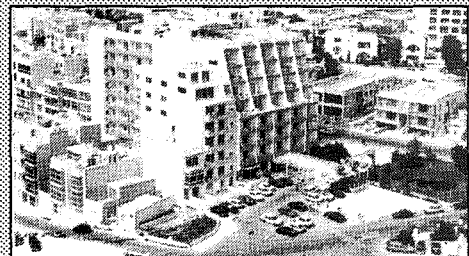
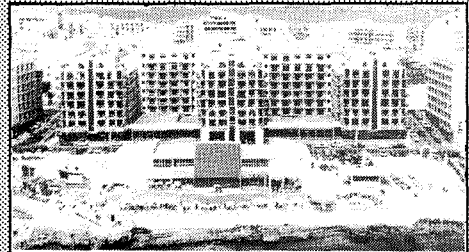
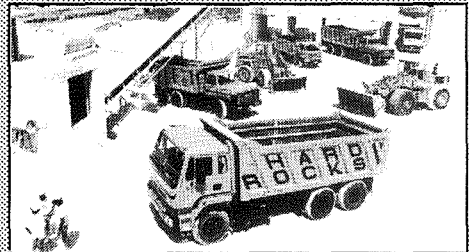
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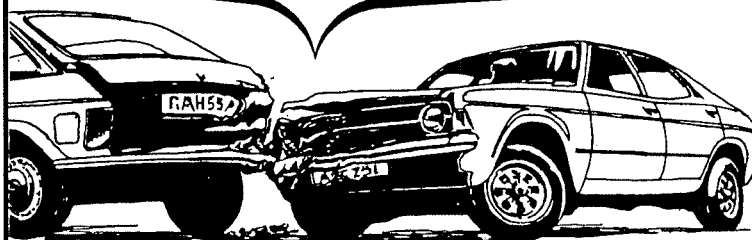
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L-ewwel partita li kellna dan l-istagun fil-kampjonat tal-football gvern u parastatali kienet dik kontra t-team tal-Bank of Valletta.

Din il-partita intlaghbet nhar 24 ta' Novembru 1993 fil-ground tas-Sigġiewi fit-3.30pm.

Il-formazzjoni tat-team tal-pulizija kienet kif ġej: E. Mulvaney, N. Bartolo, S. Millo, R. Grech, J. Lentini, S. Mallia, J. Borg, D. Bugeja, J. Azzopardi, T. Bajjada, T. Attard Res. K. Amato, R. Aquilina, D. Debattista, A. Lia, E. Agius. C. Pace, J. Cremona u G. Caruana.

Il-partita kienet tista tghid iddominat mit-team taghna għall-hinijiet twal iżda konna neqsin fil-konkluzjonijiet. Fl-ghoxrin minuta tal-ewwel taqsima J. Lentini gheleb in-nassa tal-offside baqa diehel wahda fil-kaxxa l-kbira. Izda falla il-mira għal ftit. Kontra ix-xejra tal-logħob l-avversarji taghna marru fil-vantagg meta minn corner mogħti minn fuq ix-xellug ingħalqet taħwida quddiem il-lasti u in-numru tmienja tagħhom spara xutt mit-tarf tal-kaxxa iż-żghira u l-ballun spicča fir-rokna tax-xibka. Ta' min jghid li l-istess player li poġġa l-B.O.V. deher imiss il-ballun b'idejh iżda ir-referee halla il-logħob għaddej.

Fit-tieni taqsima il-logħob kompli fuq l-istess andament iżda fil-bidu tagħha ksibna il-goal tad-draw. K. Amato li kien għadu diehel flok T. Attard ikkontrolla l-ballun fuq il-linja u tefa cross fil-baxx, il-ballun ġie għand J. Azzopardi li b'first timer ma' ta' l-ebda ċans lill-goalkeeper avversarju.

Aktar tard matul il-partita it-team taghna kompli jiddomina u anke tlfna żewġ ċansijiet oħra. Għalhekk il-partita ntemmet bl-iskor ta' 1-1 u nistgħu nġhidu li kien punt mitluf aktar minn punt mirbuħ.

It-tieni logħba in konnessjoni mal-kampjonat tat-tieni diviżjoni tal-football tal-gvern u parastatali it-team taghna kien imissu jilgħab fil-konfront tal-Min. Agrikoltura u Sajd. Din il-partita intlaghbet fil-ground tas-Sigġiewi fis-7 ta' Diċembru 1993 fit-3.30pm.

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Din il-partita intemmet f'rebħa għat-tim taghna bl-iskor sabih ta' 6-2. L-oppoist ta' dak li ġara fil-logħba ta' qabel din it-tim taghna sarraf id-dominju tal-partita f'ħafna goals. Fl-ewwel taqsima P. Zammit tista tghid harbat id-difiża avversarja billi skorja tlett goals tnejn minnhom b'azzjonijiet personali u l-ieħor f'azzjoni korali



Il-formazzjoni tat-tim tal-Pulizija qabel wahda mill-logħbiet tiegħu.

maħduma bejn J. Lentini T. Bajjada u konkluzi minn l-istess P. Zammit. It-taqsima għalqet tista tghid bl-isbah goal tal-partita meta f'azzjoni oħra maħduma bejn diversi players J. Borg dahal għal-Cross min il-lemin ta' P. Zammit u ikkonkluda b'akkrobazija.

Fit-tieni taqsima il-coach F. Zammit bidel żewġ players T. Bajjada u J. Borg u minflokhom dahhal lil R. Aquilina u G. Caruana. L-andament tal-partita tista tghid baqa' l-istess u P. Zammit u J. Azzopardi ziedu żewġ goals oħra. Bejn dawn iż-żewġ goals C. Cilia is-Centre Forward tat-team avversarju għamel l-iskor iktar rispettabbli.

It-tielet konfront fil-kampjonat tat-tieni diviżjoni tal-football tal-gvern u parastatali kien kontra id-dipartiment tal-Customs. Din il-partita saret nhar 16 ta' Diċembru 1993 fit-3.30 pm. fil-ground tal-Floriana.

Il-formazzjoni tat-team tal-pulizija kienet kif ġej: E. Mulvaney, R. Aquilina, S. Millo, S. Grech, P. Vella, J. Lentini, J. Cremona, S. Mallia, J. Azzopardi, T. Bajjada, P. Zammit, Res. T. Attard, V. Aquilina, C. Pace u A. Lia.

It-team taghna tilef din il-partita bl-iskor ta' 1-0. Fl-ewwel taqsima l-iskor ta' 0-0 u ż-żewġ naħat għalkemm ma holqux ħafna ċansijiet ta' skors. Dan minħabba li d-difiża taż-żewġ naħat iddominaw lill-attakkanti rispettivi.

Fit-tieni taqsima it-team taghna hareġ fuq l-attakk iżda kif ġara fl-ewwel logħba tal-kampjonat it-team avversarju f'kontra attakk veloci P. Attard gheleb in-nassa tal-offside dahal gol-kaxxa iż-żghira u b'xutt fil-baxx gheleb lil goalkeeper Mulvaney.

F'attentat biex niksbu il-goal tad-draw hloqna diversi ċansijiet iżda il-goalkeeper avversarju wettaq żewġ bravuri kbar fuq P. Zammit. L-anniversarji taghna f'din it-taqsima kellhom iċ-ċansijiet tagħhom ukoll u kellhom żewġ blalen li habtulhom mal-lasti.

Għalkemm wiehed ma jistax jistrieħ fuq l-ebda skuża f'din il-partita it-team taghna kellu jagħmel użu mingħajr tlett players li huma titolari minħabba li kellhom impenji oħra fuq il-post tax-xogħol.

I LEFT MALTA A POOR CHRISTIAN AND RETURNED A WEALTHY ONE

by Insp. R.G. Zammit

In February 1993 a little advertisement in one of the local newspapers read "Voluntary workers required to carry out work in Algeria". I realised that this was the right moment as I felt that my long-time wish was to become reality. Without loosing more time I phoned up the group leader, Ian Azzopardi who accepted me with joy. He also welcomed the idea that I was trying to bring over with me some of my colleagues.

A few days later, one of my colleagues seargent Alex Barbieri entered my office I told him about my plans and asked him whether he would like to join the group. He promised to join me and support me in this venture - something which he did till the very last minute. Later on PC366 Michael Mallia joined the group and was later joined by his fiancée and her mother, PC 1478 Julian Grima and also PC Christopher Debono. Thus we were 5 members of the police force who made it and two other members who could not make it due to unfortunate personal problems at the last minute.

During May and June we all started to attend preparatory meetings which were of utmost importance as they prepared us for what we were of utmost importance as they prepared us for what we were going to face in our experience in Algeria. The group was varied and wealthy in the richness and diversity of the characters forming it with ages ranging from 17 to 65! Of special mention is a particular man, short in shape, a jester but serious and responsible in his duties, great in character and wealthy in love towards his fellow-creatures - Fr. Leonard Falzon whom I would to thank publicly.

A few days prior to our departure, all the group members met for the last time where each group member was burdened with his/her share of the donations of food, medicines and tools we were going to hand over in Algeria. We adjourned for 8am on Wednesday 14th July at the Malta International Airport.

In Tunis we were welcomed by an energetic kind-hearted nun, Sr. Concetta Dimech FMM who, during both short stays of the group in Tunis via Malta and via Algeria, made her best to see to all the needs of the group.

It was about 16.00hrs when we left Tunis and landed in Algeria at about 17.30 hrs. Here one could quickly notice the great difference between Tunis and Algeria - both in the way of living as also in the political stability of the country. Once again we were welcomed by another Maltese nun, the dynamic and restless Sr. Yvonne Gera with whose help we succeeded in clearing from the customs.

After a half-hour trip we reached the Maison

Diocesan where we had to stay. Here we were welcomed by Fr. Pierre Lafitte, Sister Joe, Sister Claire and Sister Denise who were to become our daily companions during our stay in Algeria. During the fortnight we spent in Algeria, many were the visits the group made to different places of interest. These visits were mostly arranged in small groups. Once, my wife and I, together with some other group members. Once my wife and I, together with some other group members, were invited to a Muslim family. This family was made up of 10 persons and their only living quarters were 2 rooms. Despite their poverty, sufferings and illnesses in the family they still did their best to welcome us warmly and prepared for us supper which must have cost the family a fortune!

Life at the Maison Diocesan was simple, beautiful and full of joy. Time was running out fast to return to Malta but although very tired and miles away from our families we did not wish to leave each other and especially the new friends we had made.

I did not go to Algeria to leave any of my marks on this lovely country but I am sure that all the members of the group will throughout their entire life carry with them vivid and clear memories of the love and hope we lived, the jokes we shared and of the sincere prayers we invoked in our sweet and peaceful moments of prayer. This experience has enriched us all!

I end by thanking each and every member of the group, especially Ian for whowing faith in me, to my colleagues at work and to the Commissioner of Police who encouraged us to undergo this experience and also for supporting us financially. Last but not least a big thank you to my two sons, Daniel aged 13 and Roderick aged 9, who at the beginning of their school holidays encouraged us to join the group for this experience which I shall treasure in my heart for years and years to come.

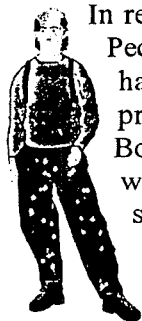


Insp. R. Zammit together with the Maltese group during the visit.

BODYMAPPING

by PC 512 M. Ellul

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In response to high levels of street robbery, Peckham Division of the Metropolitan Police has developed a strategic approach to its prevention and detection.

Bodymapping is a computerised system which produces a visual representation of suspects' appearance based on a detailed description of the clothing they were wearing at the time of the offence. Its aim is to improve detection of offenders,

by supplementing the traditional written description with a colour picture of the suspect. As such, it can be used in any witnessed crime where there is a good description.

After an incident is reported, the victim or witness is taken to the Bodymapping equipment as soon as possible, while recollection is still vivid. The system operator and witness go through the description, and together build up a picture of the suspect's appearance on the computer screen. Bodymaps are not expected to provide a



perfect likeness of the suspect (faces are left blank). However, they have been very effective in improving the comprehensiveness of description, and in promoting recall of detail. Furthermore, the exercise also provides another welcome point of contact for the victim, whilst in the police station. Once complete copies of the Bodymap are distributed to the officer handling the case, local intelligence officers

and in any areas the suspect is believed likely to frequent, and to the witness, as well as storing a copy in a central file.

In addition to providing an invaluable tool in specific crimes, bodymapping can be used by the division to keep a general record of what suspects wear. Bodymaps can be used to match up clothing at the time of arrest, and new bodymaps can be created directly of clothing obtained from detainees. This enables a visual dossier to be built up on known suspects, which can be distributed to relevant areas at any time. Bodymapping is still in its initial stages at Peckham; the system went live on 1st March 1993. In the first eight weeks of operation in this division, 18 Bodymaps have been completed and there have been 5 arrests, in two of these cases as a direct result of the bodymap, and in the other three, this information has played a vital role.

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL K.O. COMPETITION 1993

Fixtures and results of this year's competition

6.12.93

Fire Brigade 4 Civil Prisons 7

Qormi 2 PD 4 Paola 4PD 1

9.12.93

Valetta 1PD 2 Hamrun 7PD 9

B'Kara 8PD 6 Zejtun 5PD 1

10.12.93

Sliema 6PD 1 S.A.G. 3

Data/GHQ 5 Mosta 9PD 1

14.12.93

Forensic/CID 2 Dog Section 7

Gozo 10PD 6 Cospicua 4PD 1

Quarter Finals - 17.12.93

S.A.G. 2 Civil Prisons 0

Data/GHQ 3 Hamrun 7 PD 0

20.12.93

B'Kara 8 PD 7 Qormi 2 PD 0

Gozo 10PD W/O on Dog Section

Semi Finals - 21.12.93 (with extra time)

Data GHQ 2 S.A.G. 3

Gozo 10PD 1 B'Kara 8PD 6

FINAL - 23.12.93 (with extra time)

S.A.G. 2 B'Kara 8PD 3

Congratulations goes to B'Kara 8PD for winning the 1993 edition of the Police Christmas K.O. Competition, the trophies were presented to the B'Kara team by Magistrate Denis Montebello LL.D. and Magistrate D. Silvio Meli LL.D. in the presence of Supt. Dr. A Farrugia LL.D. and C. Galea, and Ins. C. Micallef and D. Gatt.

The Police Sports Committee would like to thank the Commissioner of Police Mr. G. Grech for giving all the facilities and to the referees of the games Mr. E. Borg and Mr. A Barberi.

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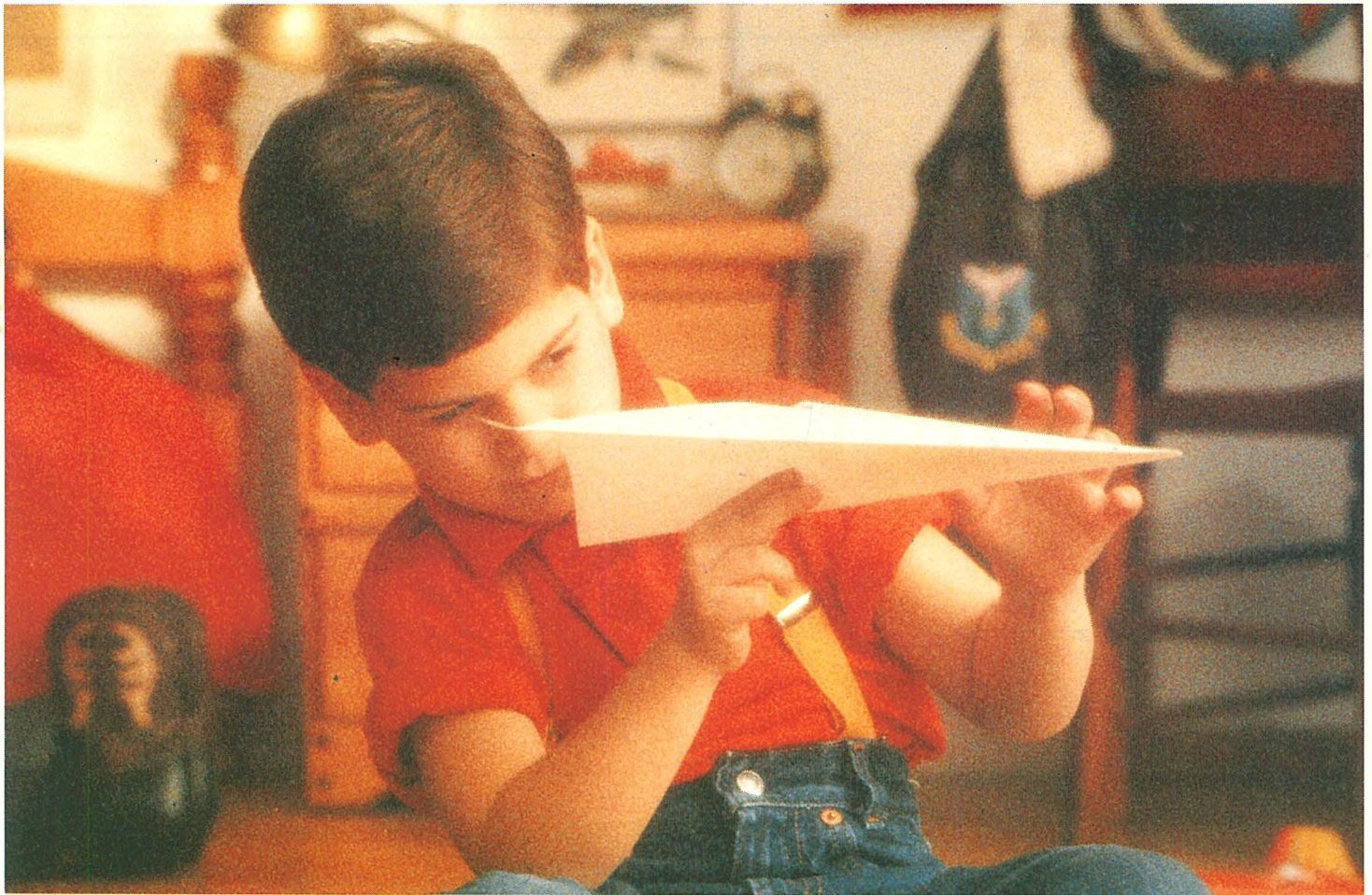


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