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Membri godda fil-Korp

NHAR il-Gimgha, 14 ta' Dicembru 1979, 111 membru gdid tal-Pulizija hadu l-gurament ta' Lealta' quddiem il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija. Dan l-ingagg sar wara ezamijiet ghar-reklutagg fil-Pulizija dan l-ahhar.

F'din ic-cerimonja, l-Kummissarju indirizza lid-disa' kuntistabblijiet li hadu l-hatra ta' Surgenti wara li ghaddew minn ezamijiet.

Diskors tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija lir-rekluti wara l-gurament

ISSA li ghadkom kif hadtu il-gurament u hekk sirtu Pulizija fir-Repubblika ta' Malta, huwa xieraq li jinghad xi haga dwar it-tifsir ta' dan il-pass kbir li ghadkom kif hadtu kif ukoll id-dmirijiet ta' kull wiehed minnkom biex josserva il-punti kollha ta' dan il-gurament.

Illum inthom weghedtu li taqdu lil pajjizkom billi taghtu is-sehem taghkom kollu biex f'Malta issaltan il-paci, il-bon ordni kif ukoll tizguraw il-protezzjoni ta' kull cittadin Malti. Dan ma jistax isir, izda, jekk inthom infuskom ma tkunux leali lejn il-ligijiet ta' Malta u lejn id-doveri taghkom bhala Pulizija. L-ewwel ma jinhtieg huwa li tharsu lejn id-doveri ta' cittadin tajjeb, taddottaw dawn id-doveri biex hekk inthom tkunu wkoll cittadini tajbin u imbaghad tkunu tistghu tizguraw illi 'l-ligijiet kollha jigu osservati minn kulhadd.

Il-hajja ta' Pulizija hija vokazzjoni; fiha it-tbatijiet taghha, fiha l-aspetti koroh taghha, izda ghandha wkoll is-sodisfazzjon taghha wkoll. U dan is-sodisfazzjon insibuh l-ewwel fil-fatt li nafu li qed naghtu servizz lill-pajjizna biex dan jimxi il-quddiem fil-prosperita. Kultant wiehed jahbat jinsa id-dmirijiet lejn pajjizu, l-iktar meta ikun moghmi wara il-paga li tinghata lilu kull xahar u wara il-beneficcji li qed igawdi fl-impieg tieghu. U hawnhekk inghid illi dan ix-xoghol ma huwiex semplici impieg iehor; inthom stajtu sibtu xoghol iehor kemm ridtu, hawn hafna u hafna postijiet bhal fabbriki u lukandi fejn stajtu timpjegaw ruhkom, imma xorta wahda ghaziltu li tidhlu maghna f'dan il-Korp li hu tant kburi bl-eghmil tieghu u bil-prospetti sbieh li ghandu quddiem ghajnejh. U inzid inghid li inhossni ferm kburi li qed nara quddiemi numru daqshekk sabih ta' rekluti godda li ghazlu din it-triq li' ghalkemm mhux imzejna imma thaddan ulied leali lejn il-mexxej taghha u ta' kull min jahkimha.

U huwa f'dan il-hsieb illi jiena inhossni fid-dmir illi nurikhom it-tajjeb u il-hazin ta' dan ix-xoghol taghkom, ghaliex barra mis-sodisfazzjon hemm ukoll dak l-aspett ikrah ta' min jabbuza minn dan il-poter illi din l-uniformi ggib maghha. Veru li ghandna ghaliex inkunu kburin illi ninsabu f'qaghda li nghinu lil kulhadd fi kwalunkwe hin, imma ghandna wkoll ghax nistkerrhu l-idea li forsi xi hadd minnkom jasal xi darba biex juza din l-uniformi ghal skopijiet tieghu innifsu biex jghinuh jakkwista dak li jixtieq. Inthom ilkoll tafu kemm hi keha· il-korruzzjoni, kemm hdimna u behsiebna nahdmu biex tinqered din il-marda; tafu li f'Malta mhux kulhadd qaddis, jezistu il-kriminali u jezistu wkoll il-mishuta persuni li jittraffikaw fid-drogi u jghixu biss bid-delinkwenza. Inthom weghedtu li ma ghandkom xejn x'taqsmu ma dawn ilkwalita' ta' nies u qeghdin tweghdu wkoll li flimkien mieghi u ma shabkom l-ohra tiggieldu u tissieltu biex tinqered id-delinkwenza u tghinu lil zaghzagh ohra bhalkom li sfortunatament qeghdin jinqerdu ftit ftit bil-vizzju ikrah tad-drogi.

EDITORJAL

L-Attivitajiet ghal zmien il-Milied

Bhal snin ohra, l-Assocjazzjoni tal-Pulizija hadet hsieb torganizza xi attivitajiet ghall-membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija u l-familji taghhom, kif ukoll ghat-tieni sena laqghet l-ex membri tal-Korp f'Get Together' fl-Kwartieri Generali tal-Pulizija.

Mhux il-hsieb taghna li f'dan l-editorjal nirrappurtaw dak li gara f'dawn it-tlett attivitajiet kbar, izda se nwigbu ghal-kritika li saret dwar l-ewwel zewg attivitajiet, jifigieri l-party tat-tfal u d-Dinner Dance.

Uhud mill-membri tal-Korp ippretendew li kellhom jithallew jidhlu tfal ta' eta' izghar min 4 snin ghal party tat-tfal tal-Pulizija. Min hu midhla ta' dawn l-affarijiet, jaf sewwa li l-eta tat-tfal li tista thallihom wehedhom waqt party, ghandu jkun mhux anqas min hames snin ghal hafna ragunijiet. Dawk il-genituri li dak in-nhar tal-party gabu tfal zghar hargu wisq dizappuntati meta kellhom imorru lura lejn djarhom ghaliex it-tfal bdew jibku u ma riedux joqghodu. Min naha taghna, ahna ghamilniha cara li ma konniex se nhallu genituri mat-tfal u dan ghal ragunijiet ovvji li ma jistax ikun li jkollok madwar 800 tifel u tifla u ma dawn izzid 800 ohra genituri. Kieku ppermettejna dan kien ikollna l-akbar konfuzjoni. Nittamaw, ghaldaqstant li dawk li lmentaw dwar l-etajiet tat-tfal illum jifhmu x'kienet ir-raguni.

Kien hemm ukoll xi whud li ma qablux ma l-ideja li norganizzaw id-Dinner Dance minflok il-ballu. Bi pjacir nghidu li dan id-Dinner Dance irnexxa hafna aktar milli stennejna u l-atmosfera waqt li kien hemm kienet wahda mill-isbah u dan qaluhulna nies barranin li huma midhla sewwa ta' dawn l-affarijiet. Minn naha taghna, ahna ma nehhejna xejn min dak li jiek isir qabel, anzi zidna u l-kummenti ta' wara dan id-Dinner Dance inkoragewna biex sena ohra nergghu naghmlu l-istess.

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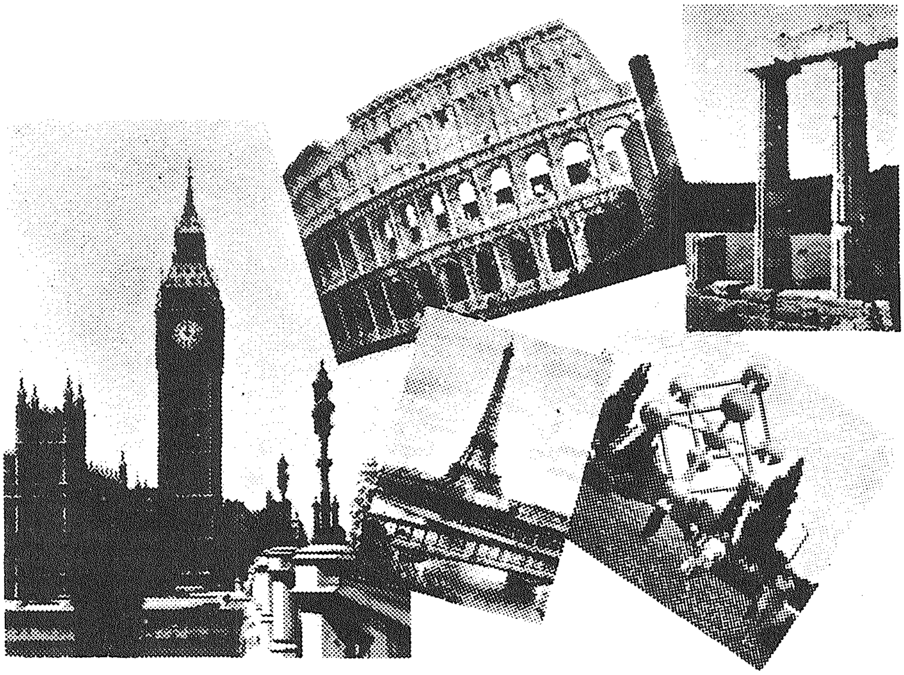

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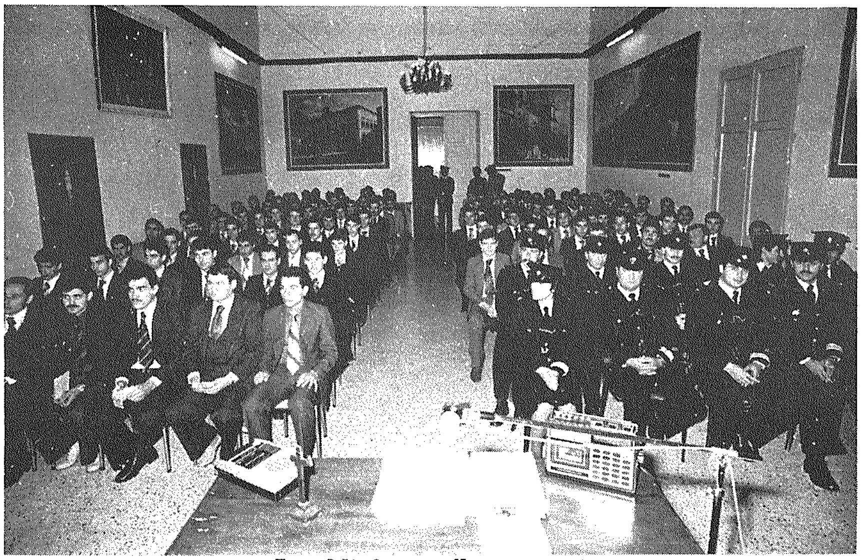
Naturalment, meta wiehed ihares lejn il-futur, wiehed irid ihares ukoll lejn il-karriera tieghu fil-Pulizija. Jien perswaz illi hafna minnkom, jekk mhux kollha, tixtiequ li tavvanzaw fir-rankijiet kollha tal-Pulizija. Jiena naf, ghax jiena wkoll darba kont kuntistabbli. Irsistejt, u irnexxieli navvanza u nilhaq il-posizzjoni li ninsab fiha illum. Certament li mhux qed inghid dan biex niftahar, izda biex nurikom it-triqat li jinsabu miftuha ghalikom.

Ezempju ta' dan huma l-ghaxar kuntistabblijiet li llum ser jilhqu Surgenti u li jinsabu hawnhekk fostkom. Kemm ilhom fil-pulizija dawn hadmu u rnexxilhom javanzaw grad wara li instabu efficjenti fix-xoghol taghhom. Kelma specjali tmur ghall-Pulizija mara li llum ukoll lahqet surgent. Minbarra il-kapacita taghha u l-edukazzjoni gholja li tippossedi, W.P.C. 4 Mary Baldacchino kienet minn ta' l-ewwel fl-ezami u wiehed ma ghandux jonqos illi jsemmi il-kontribut siewi li taghti



Ir-reklüti waqt il-gurament.

Miss Baldacchino kemm bhala lecturer lil shaba il-Pulizija kif ukoll bhala lecturer f'diversi skejjel. Lilha u lis-surgenti l-ohra godda, nawguralhom success fil-futur.

Qabel ma naghlaq, nixtieq inwassal messagg lil kulhadd biex jirrispetta l-ordnijiet tas-superjuri tieghu bla tlaqliq. Ahna ilkoll haddiema, imma haddiema specjali li nahdmu ghal skop wiehed lesti biex nahdmu ghal gid ta' pajjizna u nizguraw illi f'Malta ikun hawn il-prosperita billi inharsu il-gid u l-wirt ta' pajjizna.

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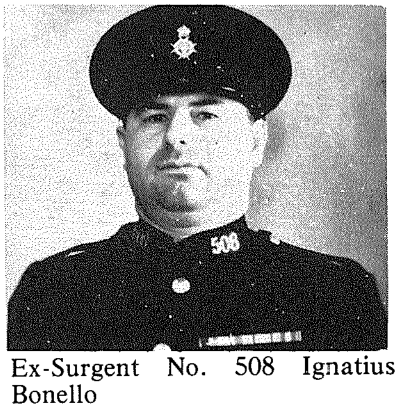

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ID-DROGI li fuqhom sejrin nitkellmu f'dawn l-artikoli jistghu jinqasmu f'hames kategoriji. Fl-istess hin ahna jkollna ideja aggornata tar-regolamenti li jezistu f'Malta dwar il-kontrol tal-medicini.

Id-Drogi Perikoluzi

F'din il-lista nsibu l-kokaina, il-haxixa, l-oppju, il-morfina, il-heroina, methadone, pethidine, etc.

Minbarra l-kokaina u l-haxixa, d-drogi l-ohra huma wzati biex imewtu l-ugiegh u jnisslu l-irqad fil-pazjent.

Meta jintuzaw bil-ghaqal mit-tobba kif indikati mix-xjenza medika, dawn il-medicini huma verament meraviljuzi, ghax inisslu kalma, jmewtu l-ugiegh u l-pazjent ikun jista jistrieh u jaffronta bil-kalma kollha kwalunkwe marda serja li jkun qed isofri.

Dawn id-drogi huma msejhin perikoluzi ghaliex jehtiegu kontroll ghaqli tat-tabib fl-uzu taghhom, u meta jigu abbuzati minghajr il-parir u l-kontroll tat-tabib, inisslu herba fis-sahha tal-pazjent kif ghad nistudjaw flimkien aktar il-quddiem.

Il-Medicini Ristretti

Fi Frar tal-1976 hareg l-Avviz Legali Nru. 31 li permezz tieghu l-medicinali li jissemmew fl-ewwel skeda ghandhom jitqiesu ristretti fis-sens li ebda persuna ma tista timporta, timmanifattura, tesporta, tixtri, tbiegh, tuza jew ikollha fil-pussess taghha xi wahda minn dawn il-medicini minghajr awtorizazzjoni specjali mis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika.

Is-Suprintendent ma ghandux jaghti permess biex tintuza xi medicina ristretta hlief f'kazijiet specjali ghall ghanijiet xjentifici jew ghal ghanijiet medici limitati hafna fi stabbilimenti medici jew xjentifici taht il-kontroll tal-Gvern jew appruvati b'mod specjali mis-Suprintendent.

Illum dawn il-medicini ristretti ma jintuzawx mit-tobba u l-uzu taghhom huwa dejjem marbut ma abbuz. F'Malta l-aktar li qed tigi abbuzata hija l-haxixa jew qanneb Indjan maghrufa bl-isem xjentifiku ta' **Cannabis Sativa**. F'din il-lista nsibu wkoll id-droga perikoluza maghrufa bhala **L.S.D.** li sallum ghadha ma dahlitx f'Malta.

Il-Medicini Specifikati

Dawn huma msemmija fit-tieni skeda tar-regolamenti tal-1976. Il-medicinali msemmija f'din l-iskeda jinhtiegu ricetta tat-tabib.

Billi f'Malta kellna xi abbuzi mill-medicinali tal-amfetamina methaqualone u methyl-phenidate, fit-22 ta' Dicembru 1978 permezz tal-Avviz Legali Nru. 127, dawn il-preparati u ohrajn jixbhuhom, bdew jinhtiegu l-awtorizazzjoni mis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika qabel ma tinghata ricetta. L-abbuzi kwazi waqfu ghal kollox permezz ta' dawn ir-regolamenti.

Medicinali ohra li mumhiex kontrollati bir-regolamenti l-fuq imsemmija jistghu jinxtraw minn spizeriji minghajr ricetta. Ghalkemm dawn il-medicinali ma jsirx abbuz bihom, izda ftit taghrif fuq l-uzu taghhom huwa essenzjali mhux biss bhala taghrif generali, izda ukoll f'relazzjoni ma' sahhitna kif ghad naraw il-quddiem.

L-alkohol jew spirtu u mbejjed ecc., li ghalhemm ma jinhtiegu ebda ricetta biex jinxtraw ghandhom jitqiesu bhala droga — ghaliex meta jittiehdu bl-addocc u minghajr kontroll inisslu hsara fil-fiziku u fil-mohh daqs id-drogi li semmejna aktar il fuq.

Ghalkemm it-tabakk fih sustanzi kimici li huma drogi wkoll, kulhadd jaqbel li l-uzu tat-tabakk jenhtieg jitqies u jigi studjat ghalih, ghaliex huwa fenomenu differenti mid-drogi u x-xorb. Ghalhekk bi hsiebi nitkellem l-ewwel fuq id-drogi u x-xorb u zgur mintebhu kemm nistghu nitghallmu u nghallmu kif nevitaw perikoli li jtellfulna l-hena u l-paci f'hajjitna, fil-familja u fis-socjeta Maltija. Kieku kulhadd jikkopera, f'Malta ghandna facilitajiet kbar biex inxejnu dan il-gwaj li qed jaghmel tant hsara fid-dinja kollha.

L-Importanza ta' dan l-Istudju

Jekk nistudjaw il-figuri ta' mewt, kawzati minn accidenti u suwicidju fid-dinja kollha, fil-fjur tazzoghzija, nintebhu malajr mill-importanza ta' dan l-istudju. Kemm accidenti u suwicidji kellhom il-bidu taghhom fl-abbuz tad-drogi u x-xorb?

Fis sena 1973 gew registrati dawn l-imwied bejn l-etajiet ta' 15 sa 19-il sena (A) u bejn l-etajiet ta' 20 sa 24 sena (B). Il-figuri juru l-persentagg ghal kull mija li mietu.

	Accidenti		Suwicidju		Mard Iehor	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Usa	59.5	48.6	6.2	10.1	34.3	42.3
Japan	44.8	33.5	14.2	23.7	41.0	42.8
Italja	57.6	51.4	2.1	4.5	40.3	44.1
Svezja	55.5	37.6	13.9	25.6	30.6	36.8
Awstralja	70.1	61.4	6.1	12.9	23.8	25.7
Malta	28.6	31.2			71.4	68.8

F'Malta fis-sena 1973 mietu 14 bejn il-15 u 19 il-sena u 16 bejn l-20 u l-24 sena. Il-figuri ta' Malta ghall-accidenti jinkludu wkoll kazi ta' suwicidju.

Semmejna dawn l-etajiet ghaliex l-abbuz fid-drogi huwa komuni hafna fost iz-zghazagh u ghaliex irrid intambar fuq il-htiega li ninqdew b'kull mezz possibbli biex nghallmu bil-kelma u bl-ezempju, biex jinqered dan l-abbuz li qed inissel stragi kbar fid-dinja kollha.

Fuq studji serji li saru fid-dinja kollha gew stabbiliti dawn il-fatti:

1. Habsin gew studjati rigward xorb u drogi f'relazzjoni mad-delitt li kkommettew. Gie stabbilit li x-xorb u d-drogi kellhom importanza fit-twettiq tad-delitt.
2. Rigward is-suwicidju gie stabbilit li x-xorb u d-drogi ghandhom importanza kbira. Meta nistudjaw il-kawzi li jwasslu ghal dan l-abbuz, naraw li huma l-istess kawzi li jwasslu ghas-suwicidju anke meta ma jkunx hemm l-abbuz tax-xorb u tad-drogi.
3. Ma jezisti l-ebda dubju li mhux anqas minn 40 fil-mija ta' accidenti fatali stradali kemm rigward is-sewwieqa u kemm dawk li jigu maqtula, jkunu dovuti ghax-xorb u/jew drogi, Instab ukoll li r-rati ta' mwiet huma akbar ghaz-zghazagh sewwieqa minn 18 sa 29 sena.
4. Meta nafu li l-vjolenza qeghda dejjem tikber fid-dinja, zgur li kulhadd jaqbel li huwa essenzjali li x-xorb u d-drogi ghandhom jigu kkontrollati bl-akbar ghaqal sabiex ma jnaqqsux il-kontroll, u b'hekk ma jkomplux jghinnu biex tikber il-vjolenza.

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Mal wasla f'Perugia qabel il-bidu tal-kungress, il-membri ttiehdu fil-Palazzo dei Priori fejn gew alloggjati matul il-jiem tal-kungress. Ghal dak in-nhar, huma kellhom il-kumplament ta' wara nofs in-nhar liberu.

L-ghada, d-9 ta' Lulju, d-delegati attendew ghal ftuh ufficjali tal-kungress fit-Tejatru Morlacchi u wara saret parata bid-delegati libsin l-uniformijiet ta' pajjizhom. Wara nofs in-nhar saret kompetizzjoni tal-pittura u t-tema kienet "The Policeman and the City". Fil-ghaxija sar kuncert millbanda fi Pjazza IV Novembre.

Matul il-granet tal-kungress saru diversi laqghat u diskussjonijiet dwar il-Pulizija. Fir-raba jum giet organizzata wkoll 'Slow Pipe Smoking Competition', Esebizzjoni sabiha wkoll kienet dik li saret tard bil-lejl tal-Crossbow Archers u Medieval Banner Wavers.

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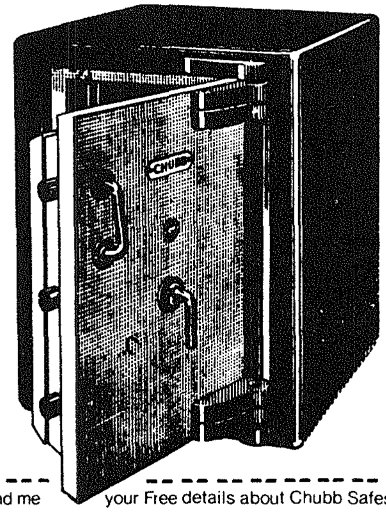

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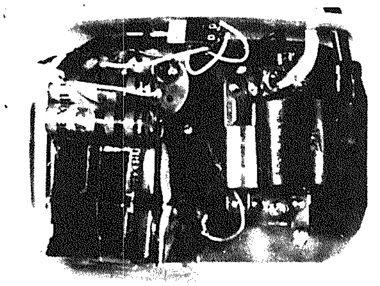
Il-mitjar il-gdid fil-Gappun, it-Tokyo International Airport, ma giex milqugh tajjeb u saru hafna demostrazzjonijiet ta' protesta kontra l-uzu ta' dan il-mitjar. Waqt wahda minn dawn id-demostrazzjonijiet, il-pulizija kkonfiskat arma gdida li kapaci toqtol bniedem jew thallih temporanjament bla sahha permezz ta' xokk eletriku ta' madwar 4,600 volt. Din l-arma mhi xejn hlief bicca hadida ta' madwar 76 centimetru tul u b'dijametru ta' 2.9 cm li jkollha wkoll wire mqabbad ma 'power pack' li jikkonsisti f'erba' batteriji ta' 1.5 volt l-wahda, swicc, condensor u high tension coil li jingarru f'borza tal-luna.



INGILTERRA

Taht il-motto "See and Be Seen" il-Pulizija ta' Essex nidiet kampanja bl-iskop li jonqsu l-incidenti fejn ikunu nvoluti vittmi weqfin, b'mod specjali dawk li tkun gratilhom xi hsara.

Bosta drabi jigri li meta dawn il-vetturi jkunu weqfin u tkun qed issirilhom xi tiswija fil-post fejn jieqfu kienu qed ikunu kagun ta' incidenti tat-traffiku.

Ghaldaqstant il-Pulizija qed tinsisti li f'kazijiet bhal dawn jintuzaw 'hazard lights' jew li titpogga tabella b'sinjal ta' twissija.

EIRE

Sa ftit taz-zmien ilu biex wiehed seta' jingagga fil-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' hawnhekk kellu ta bilfors ikun guvni ghaliex ma kienux jigu accettati membri mizzewgin. Dawn setghu madankollu jizzewgu l-ghada li jingaggaw fil-Korp. Izda minn ftit taz-zmien l-hawn, bl-iskop li jizdiedu 500 rekluta, qed ihallu wkoll pulizija mizzewgin jingaggaw fil-Korp.

ITALJA

Ghal darb'ohra mewga terroristika halliet tlett pulizija vittmi waqt li dawn kienu jeskorta lil Angelo Pavone li kien mizmum mill-pulizija in konnessjoni mal-qbid tal-industrijalist taljan, Lino Fava.

Il-kapurali Domenico Mazzara ta' 50 sena u Salvatore Bologna ta' 41 sena miet mill-ewwel meta gew sparati tiri ta' machine gun u snieter, filwaqt li Giovanni Bellissima ta' 24 sena miet waqt li kien jittiehed l-isptar.

GENOVA

Zewg pulizija ohra gew maqtula fil-21 ta' Novembru f'hanut tal-café waqt attakk iehor terroristiku li sar min erba' min nies armati. Il-Pulizija, waqt dan il-hin kienu jiehdu ftit café minn dan il-hanut.

Vittorio Battagliani ta' 44 sena u Mario Tosa ta' 26 sena gew mehuda l-isptar, izda mietu hekk kif waslu. L-erba min nies irnexxielhom jaharbu.

RUMA

Attakk iehor fuq pulizija sar fit-2 ta' Novembru meta pulizija li kien ftit boghod min daru gie maqtul b'tiri ta' arma tan-nar. F'telefonata anonima intqal li l-Brigata l-Hamra kienet responsabbli ghal dan il-qtil.

AWSTRIJA

Xi xhur ilu ssemma l-kaz fejn Andreas Mihavez ta' 18-il sena thalla arrestat f'cella f'ghassa tal-Pulizija ghal 18-il gurnata. Dan kien gie arrestat minhabba xi incident tat-traffiku.

Matul it-tmintax il-gurnata minsi fic-cella, Andreas Mihavez la inghata ikel u lanqas xorb u b'konsegwenza ta' dan huwa tilef 24 kg.

It-tlett pulizija responsabbli ghal dan gew issentenzjati 90 gurnata habs jew multa ta' 2000 dollaru.

SAUDI ARABIA

Zewg Pakistani li nstabu hatja ta' diversi serqiet gew imressqa quddiem il-Qorti ta' Shaira u wara li ammettew dan id-delitt huma inghataw is-sentenza tal-qtuh tal-idejn u l-id il-leminija taghom giet maqtuha fil-Belt Imqaddsa ta' Medina.

FRANZA

Nisa li okkupaw rankijiet gholjien fil-Pulizija qatt ma kellna hawn Malta, izda barra minn Malta hemm nisa bhal dawn u dan l-ahhar fi Franza, Mirelle Balestrazzi ta' 25 sena inhatret Detective Superintendent u giet inkarigata mit-tficcija tal-aktar bniedem imfittek fi Franza, Jacques Mesrine li kien spara ghal gurnalist li talbu jaghmillu intervista. Mesrine kien harab mil habs ta' Paris Sante f'Mejju 1978 u ftit taz-zmien ilu gie maqtul mill-pulizija Franciza.

Mirelle Balestrazzi.

"Yes, Sir, we do deal with threatening letters — but not when they're from the income-tax men"

IL-MALTEMP TAL-25 T'OTTUBRU

SMAJNA u qrajna hafna dwar il-maltempata tal-25 ta' Ottubru li ghadda li halliet ukoll, minbarra l-hafna hsara, tlett vittmi u li kieku mhux ghax kienet il-hidma tal-Pulizija mghejjuna minn xi nies volontieri, n-numru ta' vittmi seta' jkun akbar.

Dak in-nhar tal-25 ta' Ottubru waslet l-ahbar fil-Kwartieri mis-Sezzjoni tal-Kavallerija Generali tal-Pulizija, ghal habta tal-4.45 p.m., li kien hemm nies fil-korsa tat-tigrijiet taz-zwiemel li kienu qed jixxabbtu mas-sigar u jitilghu fuq il-vetturi taghhom peress li l-korsa kienet tinsab mgharrqa bl-ilma tax-xita li kienet ghadha niezla. Kellha ghaldaqstant tintalab l-ghajnuna immedjata ghal dawn il-persuni li setghu jgherqu minn mument ghall-iehor.

Gew ukoll infurmati l-membri tal-Forzi Armati ta' Malta biex jintbaghtu helicopters ghall-ghajnuna.

Mal wasla tal-messagg fid-Depot, il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, flimkien ma' skwadra ta' Pulizija armati bi hbula u tghamir iehor, irhewla ghal fuq il-post. Sadanitant hareg ukoll messagg generali fejn il-Pulizija li kienu 'available' kellhom jintbaghtu wkoll fuq il-post.

Il-korsa tat-tigrija kienet tinsab fi tmien piedi ilma u Triq Aldo Moro kienet ukoll tinsab taht erba' piedi ilma. Il-Pulizija flimkien ma ghadd ta' voluntieri pajzana irnexxielhom isalvaw tlett persuni mill-gharqa filwaqt li intalbet ukoll l-ghajnuna minn dawk in-nies, inklusi tfal, li kienu fl-Isports Centre u fil-Marsa Canteen Club. Dawn in-nies kellhom jitilghu fuq il-bjut tal-bini minhabba l-gharghar li kien hemm.

Salvu Bezzina volontarjament ta lill-Pulizija zewg 'life rafts' tal-lastiku fejn f'kull wahda setghu jingarru disa' min nies.

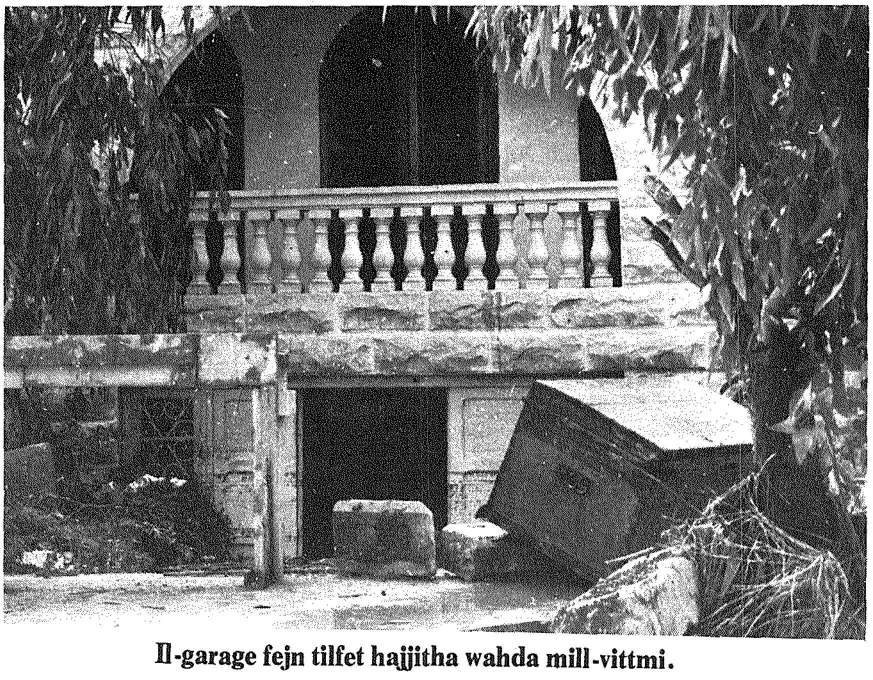
Minbarra il-'life rafts' uhud mill-Pulizija kellhom ukoll jghumu f'dak l-ilma biex jigu salvati xi nies. Wiehed minnhom kien il-Kuntistabbli Nru. 1366 M. Decelis li inzerta ghaddej minn dawn l-inhawi waqt il-frank tieghu u rnexxielu jsalva tifel u tifla li gew mehudin mill-kurrent. Il-Kuntistabbli Decelis gham sabiex seta jaghtihom l-ghajnuna.

Barra mill-ghajnuna lin-nies, kellha wkoll tinghata ghajnuna lil bhejjem li kienu f'xi rziezet li jinsabu madwar il-korsa tat-tigrija. Is-Surgent Grixti u ghad ta' Pulizija tal-Mounted irnexxielhom isalvaw xi zwiemel u annimali ohra minn dawn l-irziezet. Dawn l-annimali ittiehdu fl-istalel tal-kavallerija tal-Pulizija u l-ghada gew irritornati lis-sidien taghhom. Il-Pulizija tal-kavallerija taw ukoll l-ghajnuna lil diversi nies biex isalvaw l-annimali taghhom, fosthom tlett persuni li kienu ser jgherqu flimkien maz-zwiemel taghhom.

Is-Sur Cachia jidderiegi l-operazzjoni ta' salvatagg.

Barra mill-'life rafts' uzati mill-Pulizija kien hemm ukoll xi 'dinghies' tal-Forzi Armati ta' Malta u s-Surgent Maggur Cilia flimkien mal-Kuntistabbli Decelis u tlett membri tal-F.A.M. irnexxielhom jaqdfu sac-centru tal-Isports, permess tal-life rafts u dinghies, fejn gew salvat ghaxar persuni, fosthom ufficcjal tal-Ministeru tal-Isports. Wara, l-pulizija u l-membri tal-F.A.M. qadfu sa fejn il-Marsa Club Canteen fejn tmintax l-persuna li kienu fuq il-vetturi taghhom minhabba l-gholi tal-ilma, gew salvati. Dawn in-nies ittiehdu go djarhom mill-Pulizija peress li ma setghux juzaw il-vetturi taghhom. Il-vetturi li kienu hdejn il-Marsa Club Canteen gew spezzjonati kollha u ma stab hadd gc fihom. Din l-operazzjoni ta' salvatagg damet sejra sas-siegha ta' fil-ghodu ghaliex ried jigi accertat li ma kien hemm l-ebda persuna li kellha bzonn l-ghajnuna.

Fi triq Aldo Moro hdejn il-Marsa Training School kien hemm tmien harozzi li ngarru mill-widien u ngabru kollha ghal post wiehed. Fost dawn il-karozzi kien hemm wahda tax-charge' d'Affair tal-Kuwait li kien qed



Il-garage fejn tilfet hajjitha wahda mill-vittmi.

jitlob l-ghajnuna. F'wahda minn dawn il-vetturi intlemah zghazugh li deher li kien jinsab f'diffikultajiet u l-pulizija kellha tinzel f'madwar 4 piedi ilma biex itiegh l-ghajnuna. Il-kuntistabbli 300 D. Xuereb intrabat b'habel mal-R.S.M. Borg u l-Kuntistabblijiet J. Camilleri, H. Barbara, G. Bugeja u A. Attard, li kienu lesti mat-tarf tal-habel biex jigbdu lil dan il-guvnot. F'dan il-hin il-kuntistabbli 630 C. Camilleri sab ruhu f'diffikulatjiet u ghal daqsxejn ma ngarrx mill-kurrent qabel ma irnexxielu jasal sa hdejn wahda minn dawn il-vetturi. Hawnhekk huwa intrabat b'habel u beda jsejjah l-ghajnuna. Wara li gie salvat dan il-guvnot, huwa ttiehed l-Isptar San Luqa bil-karozza tal-Kummissarju.

Sadanittant membri ohra tal-pulizija kienu f'Valley Road, B'Kara fejn kien hemm madwar ghoxrin karozza ippakkjati fuq xulxin fid-dahla tal-pont kif ukoll il-gewwa mill-pont ta' B'Kara. Hawnhekk waslet ukoll l-ahbar li f'Misrah Kola, f'Attard, mara kienet gherqet f'garaxx taht ir-residenza taghha. Il-Fire engines tal-Pulizija marru fuq il-post izda sabu hafna diffikultajiet sakemm waslu ghaliex l-art kienet cediet u f'postijiet ohra kien hemm hafna tharbit. Il-Pulizija tat-tifi tan-nar damet ghal bosta hin tippompja l-ilma minn dan il-garage fejn tilfet hajjitha din il-mara.

F'B'Kara il-pulizija tal-Iskwadra Mobbli mghejjuna minn dawk tal-Garage tal-Pulizija ghamlu min kollox biex inehhu l-vetturi minn taht il-pont ghaliex dawn kienu qed izommu l-ilma milli jibqa sejjer. F'mument minnhom, wara li tnehhew xi vetturi, l-art cediet taht il-piz tal-crane.

Hidma mill-Pulizija fis-Salina.

Tragedja Evitata

Hawnhekk ta' min isemmi l-hidma tal-Kuntistabbli Nru. 1126 J. Mifsud li dak in-nhar kien qed isuq il-land rover f'Balzan Valley fejn f'hin minnhom lemah mini-bus mghobbi bit-tfal ta' l-iskola u minghajr xufier. F'dan il-hin kien hemm wied ghaddej u l-Kuntistabbli Mifsud kellu jghum biex wasal sal mini-bus min fejn ha xi tfal ghal gol-land rover tal-Pulizija li kienet ipparkjata f'wahda mis-side streets mnejn ma kienx ghaddej il-wied. Peress li l-wied zied gmielu, l-kuntistabbli Mifsud kellu jghum ghal darb'ohra sal mini-bus li kwazi beda jingarr mal-wied. B'kuragg kbir il-kuntistabbli Mifsud irnexxielu jsuq il-van bit-tfal go fih f'post fejn ma setghax ikaxkru l-wied.

L-ghada ta' din il-maltempata, kontingent ta' pulizija bdiet tnehhi d-debris minn Ghajn Tuffieha Road, Xemxija Road, il-Coast Road, Kennedy Grove, Bridge Zebbiegh Road, Mgarr u Salina Road. Mill-ghassa tal-Pulizija ta' San Pawl il-Bahar tnehhew madwar erba' piedi tajn. F'postijiet ohra, mhazen, djar u garaxxijiet gew ukoll imnaddfa mill-ilmijiet u tajn mill-pulizija. Bl-iskop li ma jintilef l-ebda hin, il-pulizija li hadu sehem f'din l-operazzjoni ta' salvatagg inghataw l-ikel fuq il-post permezz tal-mobile canteen tal-pulizija.

Wara jumejn tal-maltempata, nstab il-katavru ta' turista ingliza' Mrs Loraine Wales ta' 39 sena f'wicc il-bahar quddiem il-lukanda, Salina Bay. Persuni ohra li tilfu hajjithom kienu: Vivien Huntingford ta' 55 sena f'Misrah Kola, Attard li tkellimna dwarha; Anthony Galea ta' 64 sena minn Hal Qormi li ghereq hdejn il-pont fil-limiti ta' Hal-Qormi u instab f'ghalqa fi Mdina Road minn membri tal-F.A.M.; John Herert Moore ta' 51 sena minn Suffolk, l-Ingilterra, turist li flimkien ma' martu Joan inqabat fil-kurrent f'Ta' Brija, limiti tas-Siggiewi. Huwa instab mgharraq fil-Wied tal-Marsa filwaqt li

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Membri tal-Fire Brigade jippumpjaw l-ilma.

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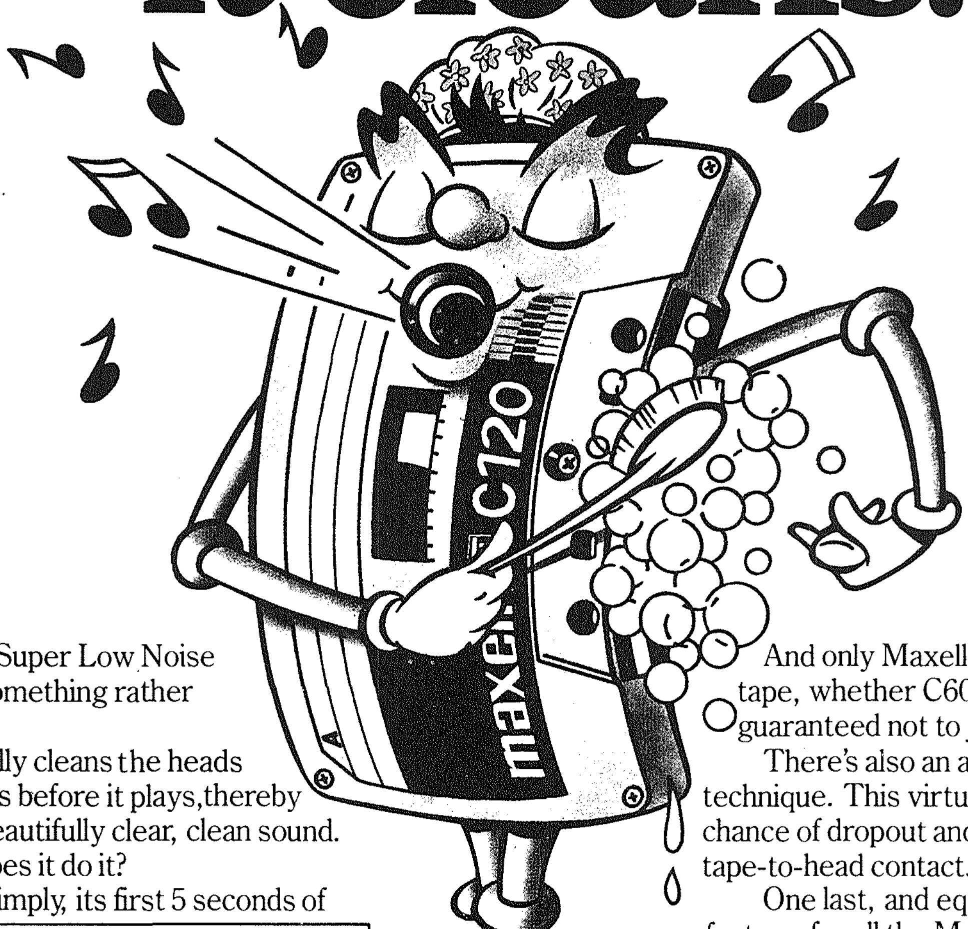

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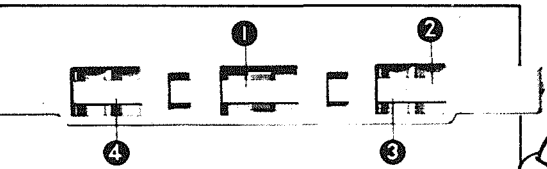

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SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

by G. E. Reid

THE IDEA of using dogs for mountain resuçe work conjures up a picture of a big lumbering St. Bernard, complete with brandy cask, trudging through the snow of the Alps looking for someone to rescue. The origins of the modern mountain resuce dog go back a long way, in fact to the 17th century and the now legendary dogs of the famous St. Bernard Hospice on the Italy/Switzerland frontier. It is most likely that the St. Bernard dogs were originally brought to the Hospice to guard it against bandits and robbers. The dogs were not avalanche resuce dogs as we know them today but they were sent out in bad weather to meet stranded travellers, and then, by using their bulk, they would break a trail back through the snow and lead the traveller to the safety of the Hospice.

Swiss origins

The use of dogs at night in the First World War as 'Red Cross' dogs to find wounded soldiers in 'no man's land' and the use made of dogs in the London Blitz, lead to four German Shepherd Dogs being trained by the Swiss Army in 1945 in avalance rescue techniques. This was the start of the use of dogs for mountain rescue.

In 1963, Hamish MacInness, BEM, Leader of the Glencoe Mountain Rescue Team attended a course for rescue dogs and their handlers in Switzerland. On his return he adapted the training to suit the British Isles and in 1956 the Search and Rescue Dog Association was formed. Now there are Rescue Dog Associations in most mountain regions of the world, including the Iron Curtain countries. The standards and training of the dogs are controlled by the Intenational Federation of Rescue Dog Associations, which has its headquarters in Vienna. Since its formation in the British Isles the SARDA has become so large that it has divided into three ranches, England, Scotland and Wales. The branches work very closely together but each is responsible for its own training programme and fund raising. There are nearly sixty dogs based in mountain and moorland areas throughout the British Isles.

Abroad, the most widely used breed for rescue work is the German Shepherd Dog (Alsatian) but in this country Collies and Labradors have been used with success. The main qualities for a rescue dog are, a good nose, a good coat — to enable it to stand the worst of winter weathers, and that it is big enough to be able to negotiate deep snow and difficult terrain. The rescue dog depends on air scent to locate the missing person.

Training Courses

Each winter, the Association runs initial training courses in Glencoe, the Lake District and Snowdonia for novice dogs. Before being accepted on the course the dogs must have a good grounding in obedience and must normally be at least 12 months old.

The courses are held in the winter so that both avalanche search techniques and open country searching can be taught. The handler and dogs undergo a stock test — to judge their reaction to livestock. Should any dog fail any of the requirements it will not be certified by the Association. The sequence of training for avalanche rescue is the same throughout the world and consists of a number of 'burials' in the snow. It starts with the handler being buried under a light covering of snow. Then the dog is released to find its handler. On finding the handler, the dog is encouraged to dig down to him and to bark to indicate the find. The idea of digging is to let air through to the trapped person as the handler may be some distance away. The dogs nearly always go to the head as this is the area with the strongest scent. The finding of the handler is followed by the handler again being buried together with an assistant, the assistant lying on top of the handler so that the dog has first to locate the assistant before it gets to the handler. This is followed by the assistant being buried alone and finally a complete stranger being buried. From this point the distance the dog has to search and the depth of the burials are gradually increased. Dogs have been known to locate persons

PC Geoff Reid with his dog.

buried in snow up to a depth of twelve feet.

On completion of its initial training the dog is attached to a local rescue team for use in search operations. Every two years the dog returns to the winter course to be either upgraded or retested as well as attending local training sessions throughout the year.

Fastest Method

A dog is still the fastest method known to man for locating an avalanche victim. At a recent demonstration a person was buried in a 25 yard square area of snow. The fastest time taken to locate the victim using conventional search methods was eight minutes. It took a rescue dog just 30 seconds to find the victim and to start to dig down to him. In summer search work in open country one dog is equal to twenty trained searchers and in conditions where the victim is likely to be covered with snow its potential is much greater.

The Search and Rescue Dog Association is affiliated to the Mountain Rescue Committee and the service is given free of charge. Like most mountain rescue teams the Association is a registered charity and it depends on public donations to exist.

The attitude of police authorities and chief constables varies greatly. Some forces send their police dogs to our courses for training in mountain rescue work whilst others pay an allowance to a policeman who owns a dog

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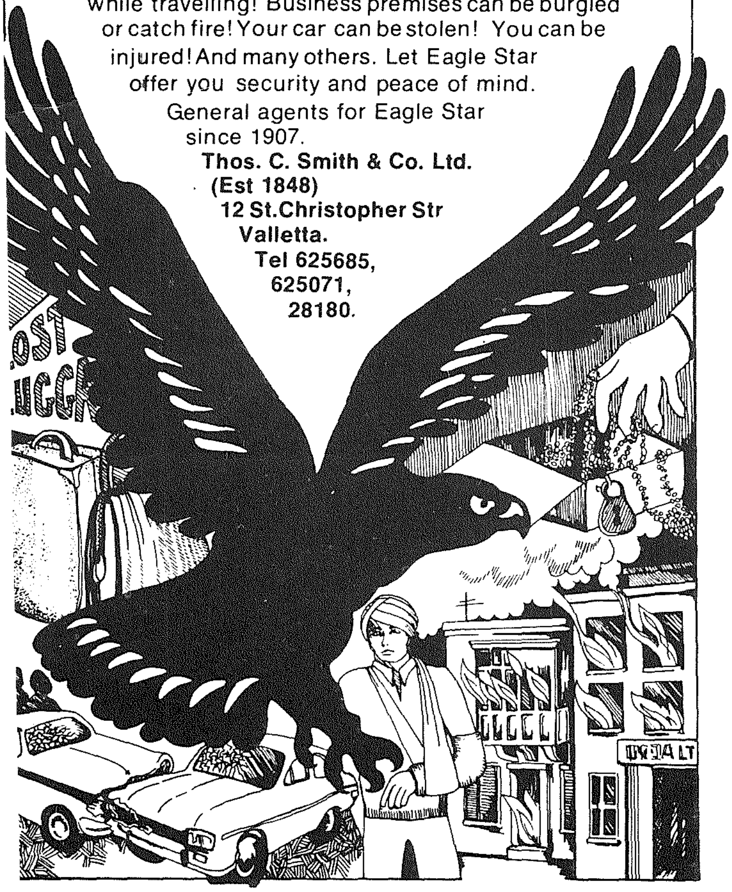

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Dan kollu juri car kemm huwa mehtieg li nghallmu l-poplu Malti kif ghandu jgib ruhu quddiem il-problema tad-drogi u x-xorb u biex ikun jista jghix hajja twila, hienja u siewja ghalih, ghal familja u ghas-socjeta Maltija.

Dwar L-Imghoddi

Biex nibqa' fuq l-istess suggett, ghazilt xi siltiet mir-regolamenti tat-Tramm li hargu fl-1906.

F'dawn ir-regolamenti nsibu li x-xufier tat-tramm jew il-motor man kellu jkollu licenza mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija u biex jiehu din il-licenza kellu jkun jaf jaqra u jikteb u ta' mhux anqas min 21 sena u bla ebda mard f'mohhu jew f'gismu.

Il-velocita tat-tram ma setghax jaqbez l-ghaxar mili fis-siegha. Il-motor men kellhom idoqqu 'l-gong darbtejn, ta' lanqas, minn 75 sa 100 pied boghod meta t-tram ikun riesaq lejn xi karozza wieqfa, fejn ikun hemm gemgha ta' nies u kull meta jkun mehtieg kellu jaghrrfu li l-karozza miexja. Meta t-tramm kien jghaddi minn hdejn xi bhejjem kien isir dak kollu possibbli biex dawn il-bhejjem ma jibzghux u jekk jigri dan u jkun hemm il-bzonn, kienet tieqaf il-karozza.

Il-karozzi kellhom il-kunduttur li ried ikun jaf ihaddem il-'brake' elettriku u iehor tal-idejn tat-tramm. Dawn il-kundutturi kienu jwaqqfu fuq l-istages ta' matul it-triq u kull fejn il-passigieri kienu jridu jitilghu jew jinzlu, basta mhux f'xi telgha jew xi dawra.

Il-passiggieri kellhom, barra milli jhallsu n-noll, joqghodu ghal certi regolamenti u jekk ma jaghmlux dan setghu jitkeccew mill-karozza u anke jittelghu quddiem il-Qorti.

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GHAL DIN il-harga ghazilt ritratt bit-tramm fejn jidhru wkoll, bhassoltu l-Pulizija. Kull min jara dawn ir-ritratti jistaqsi mnejn qed ingibuhom. Tiskanta kultant mnejn takkwista ritratt antik. Dan, per ezempju, akkwistajtu min ghand rigettier il-Furjana.

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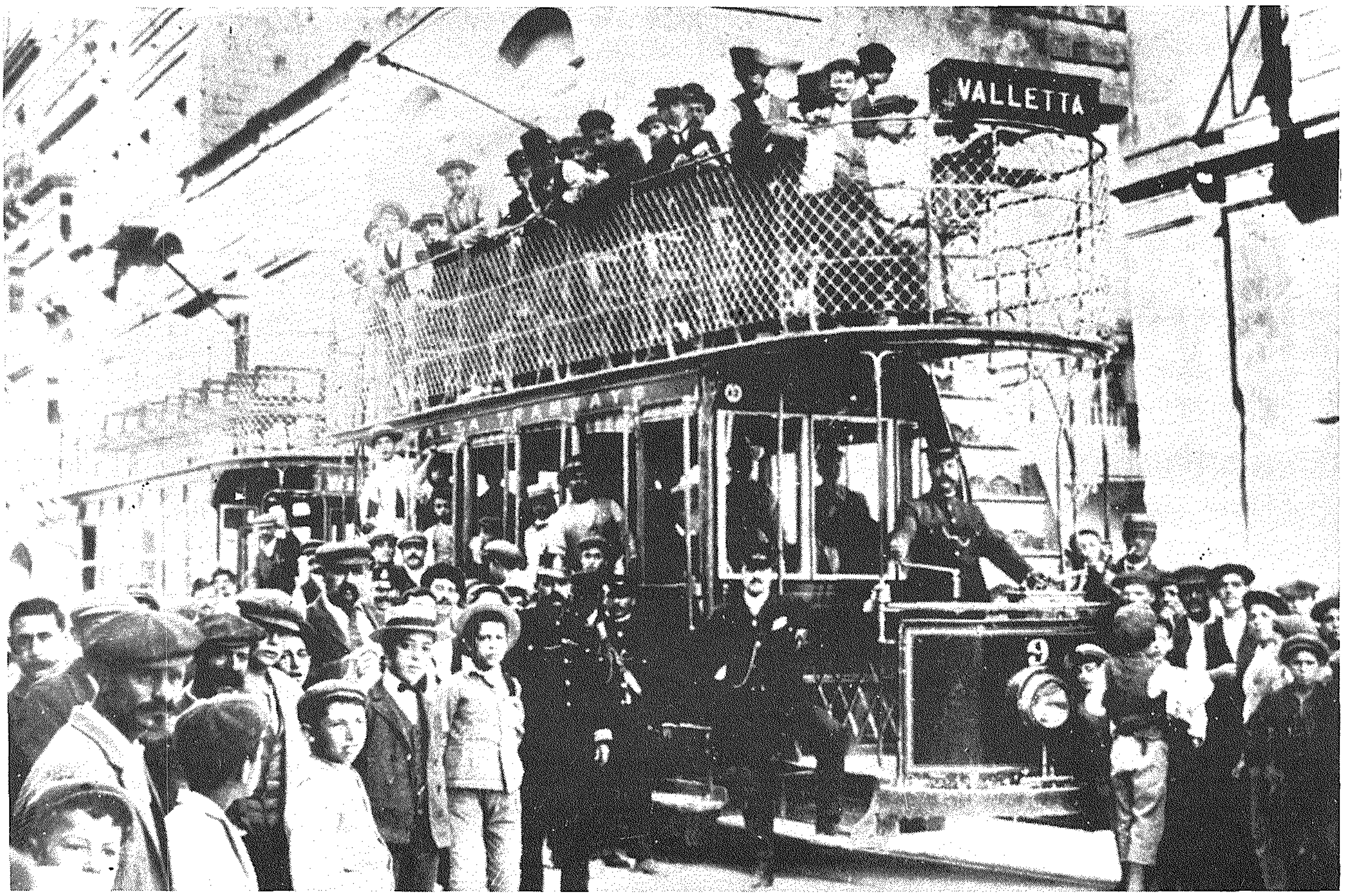

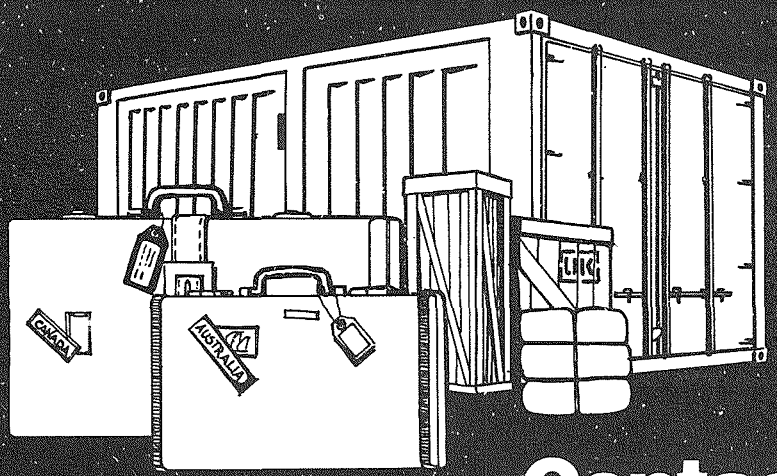

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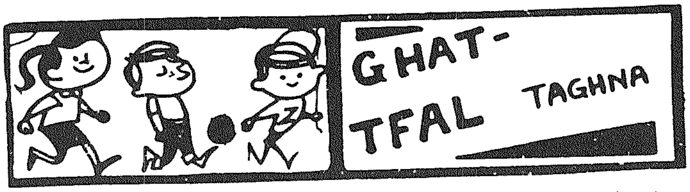

NGHALLMU LIT-TFAL — *Meħuda mill-Kodiċi dwar it-Traffiku fit-triq*

TFAL

L-AHHAR darba tkellimna dwar is-Sinjali tat-Traffiku fuq it-tabelli u f'din il-harga se nghidu xi haga dwar is-Sinjali tat-Traffiku fl-art.

Il-marki tal-karreggjata f'Malta huma principalment ibbazati fuq l-uzanza Kontinentali u b'mod partikolari dik Taljana. L-ilwien uzati huma l-abjad (kwazi ghall-skopijiet kollha) u, fi ftit kazi, l-isfar fl-ipparkjar u dahliet immarkati ghax-charabancs u s-sinjali tal-limiti tal-karreggjata.

Il-marki tal-karreggjata jaqghu fi tlett kategoriji principali: Longitudinali, Trasversali w Marki Ohra. Marki Longitudinali normalment jispjegaw lilhom infushom, izda l-Marki Trasversali u Marki Ohra normalment ikunu komplimentati mis-sinjal vertikali xieraq tat-traffiku.

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Dixxipinla fil-moghdija tal-karreggata

Meta l-karreggata tkun immarkata b'linji bojod, imxi skond dawn il-linji.

Qatt taqsam il-linji bojod kontinwi. sew jekk ikunu doppji kif ukoll jekk ma jkunux.

Linji bojod mhux kontinwi jaqsmu l-karreggata f'moghdijiet u jkunu jistghu jinqasmu b'attenzjoni xierqa u wara sinjal xieraq lit-traffiku l-iehor.

Linja bajda kontinwa b'wahda mhux kontinwa tista' tinqasam biss minn naha tal-linja mhux kontinwa, b'attenzjoni xierqa u wara sinjal xieraq lit-traffiku l-iehor.

Zomm sewwa fil-moghdijiet tat-traffiku. Issuqx fuq il-linji bojod jew bil-linji bejn ir-roti.

Toqoghodx tibdel minn moghdija ghall-ohra. Uzaw il-moghdija ta' gewwa (jigifieri tan-naha tax-xellug), minbarra meta tkunu qed taqla' jew iddur lejn il-lemin. Aghmlu sinjal kmieni bizzejjed biex turi li ser tbiddel il-moghdija.

Tieqafx fil-moghdija ta' barra.

Meta l-moghdijiet ikunu markati bid-destinazzjoni, jew meta tkun se tavvicina xi trejqa, hu l-posizzjoni tieghek fil-hin fil-moghdija approprijata.

Meta l-karreggata tkun maqsuma fi tliet moghdijiet, uza l-moghdija ta' gewwa (jigifieri tan-naha tax-xellug) minbarra meta tkun qed taqla jew fejn hemm sinjali tat-traffiku jew sinjali bid-dawl li jordnawlek li tuza l-moghdija tan-nofs. Taqlax jekk il-moghdija tan-nofs tkun tiga' okkupata minn vettura ohra li tkun gejja.

Jekk il-moghdija li tkun qed issuq fiha tkun maqsuma b'linja bajda traversali, imsejha Stop Line, ghandek tieqaf qabel ma l-parti ta' quddiem tal-vettura tmiss il-linja.

Issuqx fuq il-linji ta' avzar ta' ostakolu jew irqajja bl-istrixxi. Ikkunsidra dawn bhala ostakoli fissi.

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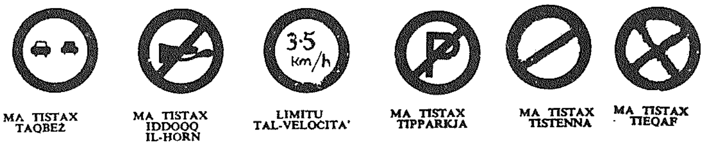

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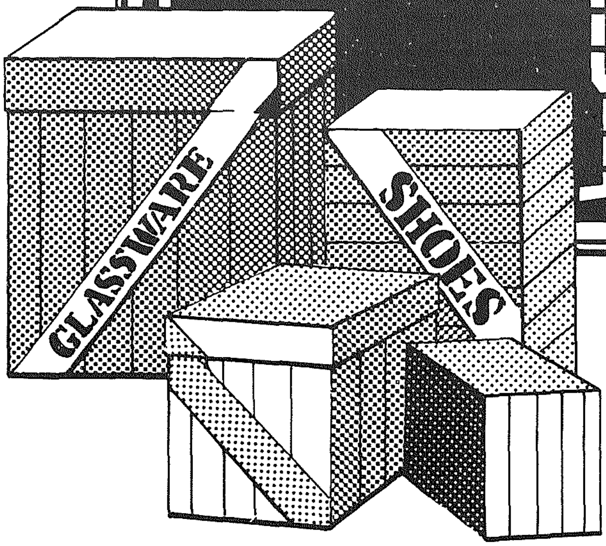

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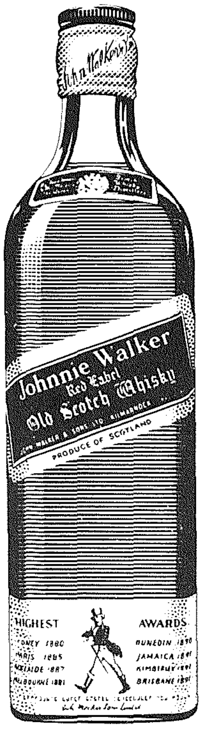

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FIL-HARGA l-ohra kont ikkummentajt dwar il-htiega ta' aktar ghajnuna lill-isportivi taghna biex inkunu nistghu nippreparaw ahjar ghall-impenji sportivi taghna. Il-Kummissarju hass ukoll il-bzonn li jlaqqgha lid-Detail Officers u minbarra affarijiet ohra fakkarhom dwar il-facilitajiet li ghandhom jinghataw fil-kaz tal-Karate, Footbal u Basketball. Dan wara xi lmenti li mhux kulhadd kien qed jikkopera. Ghal dak li huwa Karate u Football, il-pozizzjoni tjiebet izda ghad hemm lok ghal titjieb fejn ghandu x'jaqsam mal-Basketball billi ghad baqa xi whud li mhux dejjem jikkoperaw kif ghandu jkun.

Bhal ma ghidt drabi ohra, dawn l-attivitajiet sportivi huma mhux biss approvati mill-Kummissarju izda l-participazzjoni taghna hija mistennija anke minn naha tal-Gvern. Ghalhekk wiehed jistenna aktar koperazzjoni. Veru li mhux dejjem ikollna nies bizzejjed biex dawn l-attivitajiet isiru minghajr problemi u diffikultajiet. Izda b'daqsxejn ta' rieda tajba kollox jista' jirranga ruhu. Wara kollox, li jkollok membri attivi f'diversi oqsma huwa mhux biss tajjeb ghal membri li jippartecipaw, izda wkoll dawn l-affarijiet huma "attrezzaturi" ghal korp. Permezz taghhom u b'wirjiet ohra bhal dawk tal-Klieb, Mounted, Parati, Banda, Jazz Group u items ohra, il-pubbliku jara aspett iehor tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. U dawn l-affarijiet jghinu ferm biex jinghata "IMAGE" ahjar lill-Korp taghna.

Football

Matul ix-xahar ta' Novembru, 1979, it-team taghna kellu aktar loghbiet ta' hbiberija bhala thejjija ghal-kompetizzjoni ghad-Dipartiment tal-Gvern u Korpi Para-Statali. Infatti laghbna tlett loghbiet ohra wara dik li konna bdejna biha kontra t-team ta' Rosendale Hotels. Dawn kienu rebha ta' 4-1 kontra team ta' M/V Baghdad (mill-Iraq), draw ta' 0-0 kontra l-Hilton Hotel u u telfa ta' 1-2 kontra d-Drydocks.

Niehu pjacir nghid illi irnexxielna nakkwistaw is-servizzi tal-maghruf coach LOLLY DEBATTISTA li offra b'xejn li jipprepara lit-team taghna ghal-impenji li gejjin. Dan zgur ser ikun ta' beneficcju ghal-players taghna biex jghollu l-livell taghhom. Biex inkomplu fuq nota tajba, niehu gost nghid ukoll illi fost ir-rekluti l-godda ghandna erba' players ohra tajba li ser jinghaqdu ma' l-iskwadra taghna. Dawn huma Alfred Azzopardi (ex-Hamrun) Joseph Stivala (ex-Senglea), Thomas Dimech (ex-St. George's) u Sandro Cosby (ex-Hiberians). Dan ta' l-ahhar huwa maghruf sewwa wkoll fil-Waterpolo.

Meta gew imtellgha l-poloz tal-Kompetizzjoni, it-team taghna sab ruhu fi Grupp A flimkien mat-teams ta' PWD Apprendisti; PWD South District; Medserv; Mid-Med Bank; Dwana/Finanzi; Central Bank u C.I.M.

Ghall-ewwel darba, biex naqtghu x-xewqa ta' aktar footballers taghna dahhalna wkoll il-"B" team ghal din il-kompetizzjoni. Dan sar bl-inizjattiva ta' Lino Mintoff (PC 208). Din il-participazzjoni, b'xi mod tpatti ghannuqqas tal-league Distrettwali li minhabba hafna ragunijiet baqa ma nbediex. Dan il-"B" Team ser iservi wkoll biex dawk il-players taghna li jkunu lahqu certu eta' jew ma jibqawx fil-livell mehtieg ghall-ewwel team, ikollhom fejn

Is-sur J.N. Cachia jirregala flixkun whisky lil Pawlu Mifsud u kollega tieghu wara li lesta l-mejda tal-Billiard fil-Canteen tal-Pulizija fl-1976.

PROSIT PAWLU MIFSUD

Mhux is-soltu tieghi li f'din il pagna nikkommenta dwar avvenimenti li ma jirrigwardawx il-Korp tal-Pulizija. Izda nhoss li ma nistax inhalli din l-okkazzjoni tghaddi minghajr ma nsellem f'isem l-isportivi u l-membri taghna lill kompatrijott taghna PAWLU MIFSUD ghas-success kbir li kiseb ghalih u ghal Malta meta f'Colombo irnexxielu jikseb it-titlu mondjali tal-BILLIARDS tad-Dilettanti. Dan is-success jinkuruna karriera brillanti ghal PAWLU, li bil hila tieghu hcloq incentiv akbar ghal l-isportivi Maltin u wera li anke ahna, ghalkemm minn pajjiz daqstant ckejken, jista' jkollna nies li jaghmlulna unur fil-qasam sportiv.

Ta' min jghid li Pawlu Mifsud kien responsabbli biex il-mejda tal-Billiards fil-canteen taghna giet irrangata xi sentejn u nofs ilu. Nittamaw illi Pawlu jitla targa ohra tas-success billi s-sena d-diehla, min Tasmania, igibilna it-titlu l-iehor tas-Snooker.

Mill-gdid — Prosit Pawlu.

It-team tal-Basketball tal-Pulizija fid-'debut' tieghu fit-tielet Divizjoni tal-Basketball Assoc., meta gheleb lit-team U.S. Friskee. Bil-wieqfa (xellug ghal lemin): Insp. Debattista (Sports Officer), Peter Bonavia, Joe Buttigieg, Peter Micallef, Lucian Abela (Coach/Capt.), John Portelli, Mario Decelis. Kokka: George Mifsud, Louis Micallef, Ray Xuereb.

ikomplu jezercitaw ruhhom fl-isport li jhobbu. Barra minn dan, il-"B" team sar ukoll ghaliex ghandna bizzejjed players biex narmaw zewg teams.

Il-kompetizzjoni kienet mistennija tibda ghal nofs Dicembru u f'harga ohra jkollna rizultati u aktar tgharif x'naghtukhom.

Basketball

It-team taghna tal-Basketball beda l-impenji tieghu fit-Tielet Divizjoni tal-Basketball Association.

L-ewwel loghba ghat-team taghna kienet dik kontra **Friskee** li saret nhar il-10/10/79 u li t-team taghna rebah bil-puntegg ta' 31—28. It-tieni loghba kienet kontra Siggiewi B.C. li saret nhar l-14/11/79 u li t-team taghna tilef bil-puntegg ta, 33—66.

It-tielet loghba kienet kontra t-team tal-BORTEX fejn it-team taghna irritorna ghar-rebh bil-puntegg ta' 50—33. Din l-ahhar loghba saret nhar it-8/12/79.

L-ewwel zewg loghbiet intlaghbu fil-Padiljun ta' Qali filwaqt li dik kontra l-Bortex saret fil-Court tal-Polytechnic (New Univ.). B'dawn ir-rizultati, it-team taghna qed jaqsam it-tieni post b'hames punti, wara Siggiewi li ghandhom sitt punti, minn teltt rebhiet.

Nixtieq infakkar lill dawk mhux intizi bizzejjed fil-punteggi tal-Basketball illi team rebbieh jinghata zewg punti filwaqt li t-team tellef jinghata punt. Dan jispjega l-fatt li t-team taghna ghandu hames punti minn tlett loghbiet.

Il-loghba li kien imiss ghat-team taghna meta kont nikteb hija dik kontra Aloysius Scholl li ser issir fil-5 ta' Jannar 1980 li ghandha x'taqsam man-Knock-Out Competition.

Niehu din l-okkazzjoni biex minn din il-pagna nixtieq lill-isportivi taghna, lill-membri kollha tal-Korp u lill-familji taghhom, l-isbah xewqat ghal Milied hieni u sena gdida mimlija risq.

Lill-isportivi nixtieqilhom ukoll hafna successi fl-1980.

TKOMPLI MINN Pg.11

martu kellha tittiehed l-isptar ghal kura.

Barra minn dan kien hemm diversi nies li sfaw korruti u ttiehdu ghall-kura fl-isptar San Luqa.

Il-kummissarju tal-Pulizija jixtieq jirringrazzja lil dawk kollha li kienu f'Racecourse Street, il-Marsa u li taw ghajnuna lill-Pulizija waqt l-operazzjoni ta' salvatagg biex jigu salvati persuni mill-gharqa fil-korsa tat-tigrija tal-Marsa. Huwa jixtieq jirringrazzja wkoll lil dawk kollha li marru permezz ta' trakkijiet tagghom biex jaghtu l-ghajnuna kif ukoll lil Salvu Bezzina talli pprovda 'life rafts' lill-Pulizija li permezz taghhom gew salvati 28 persuna.

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which he makes available for mountain rescue. In some areas the handler is able to attend rescues whilst he is on duty and he is paid overtime for rescues attended in his off duty hours, in other areas all rescue call-outs must be undertaken in the handler's own time at his own expense. During the past year the Scottish Home and Health Department has lent the Association an ex-WD Ford signals van on a long term loan. This vehicle is based in Scotland for use in search operations and is equipped so that it can be used as a personnel carrier, an ambulance or as a base control vehicle. Although the primary use of the rescue dog is in mountain rescue, the training of the dog does equip it for other uses.

Last year dogs were called to search woodland and parkland for missing children on a number of occasions, and dogs based in Scotland were required to search a river bank for a missing angler. A dog located the angler's rod, indicating the place where the angler had fallen into the river. His body was later recovered by frogmen.

Emergencies

Other uses of the rescue dog are for searching scenes of disaster such as bombed or demolished buildings, earthquakes, aircraft and train crashes, locating survivors and injured persons. Rescue dogs will respond immediately to an emergency call and anyone may summon a life-saving team by contacting the local police.