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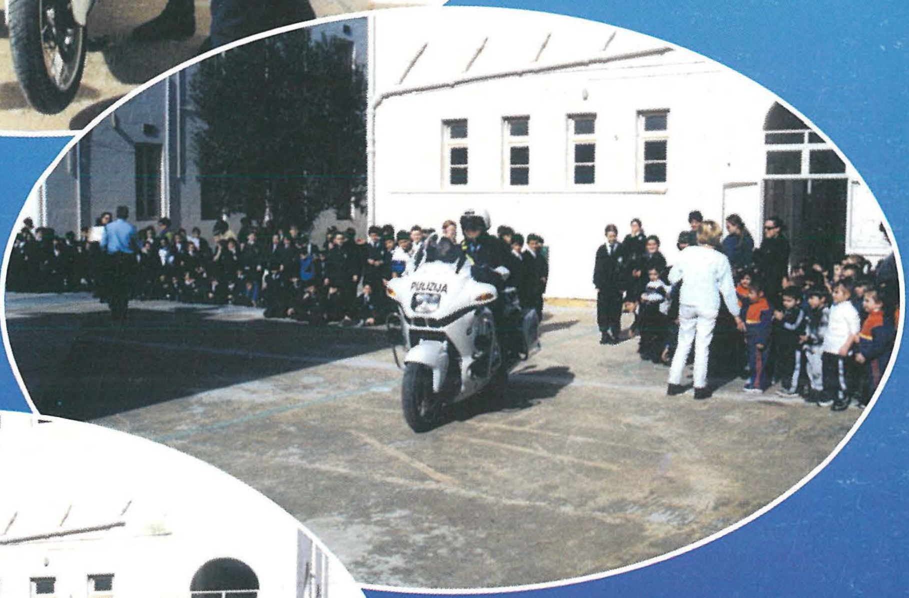

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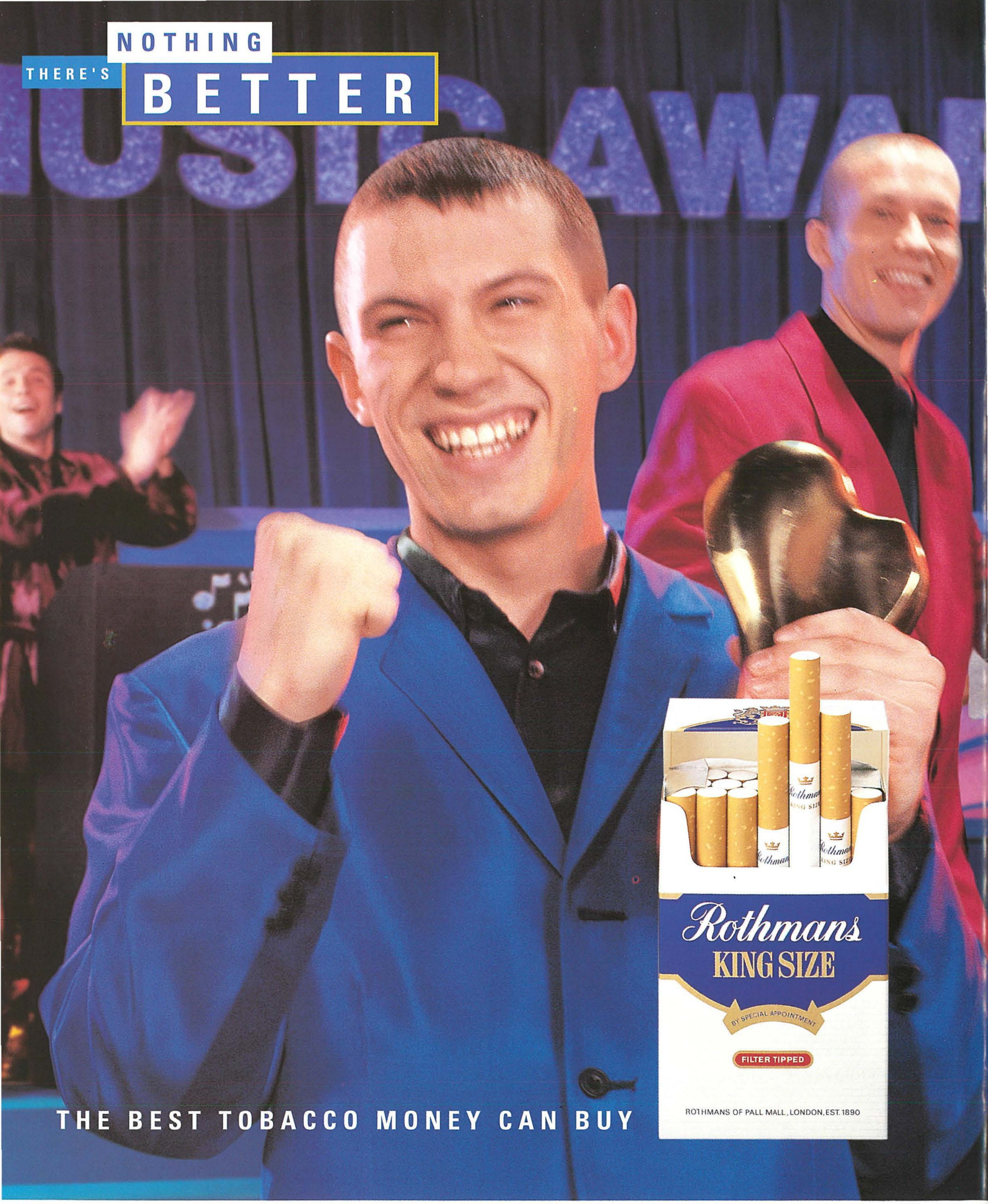

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ĦIDMA KONTRA L-ABBUŻI TAD-DROGI

L-injoranza dwar id-drogi u l-effett tagħhom qed iħajjar xi żagħżagħ jieħdu d-drogi biex, kif jaħsbu huma, iħollu l-problemi li jkollhom jew biex iħossuhom kbar.

Matul dawn l-aħħar xhur l-awtoritajiet żiedu l-isforzi tagħhom fil-ġlieda kontra l-abbuż tad-drogi. Il-Pulizija, li fuqha jaqa' l-parti l-kbira tax-xogħol fil-ġlieda kontra l-abbuż tad-drogi, ħadet ħsieb torganizza ruħha aħjar. Il-Pulizija ta' sikwiet qed tressaq diversi żgħażagħ quddiem il-Qorti wara investigazzjonijiet dwar abbuż tad-drogi kemm f'Malta u Għawdex. Madankollu biex tkompli tikber din il-ħidma meħtieġa l-koperazzjoni ta' kull membru tal-Korp. Kulħadd għandu jżomm għajnejh miftuħa dwar l-abbuż tad-drogi u jgħaddi dawk l-informazzjonijiet li jidhirlu li huma meħtieġa. Il-Pulizija għandha tħossha kburija li b'din il-ħidma tagħha qed tnaddaf is-soċjeta' Maltija minn nies irresponsabbli u tgħin biex jitneħħa l-periklu u l-ħsara tad-drogi.

Hemm ukoll bżonn tal-koperazzjoni minn diversi nies oħra barra l-Korp tal-Pulizija. Ħafna nies jistgħu jgħinu fil-ġlieda kontra l-abbuż tad-drogi. Fix-xhur li ġejjin se nippubblikaw xi artikli fuq dan is-suġġett. Kull min jista' jgħin għandu jgħin u għandu jkun kburi li qed jgħin b'mod speċjali meta l-għajnuna tingħata mill-ewwel. Fl-abbużi tad-drogi mhux il-każ ta' "rajt ma rajtx, smajt ma smajtx". Jekk l-għajnuna tingħata fil-bidu tinħoloq inqas tbatija għal dawk li jieħduhom.

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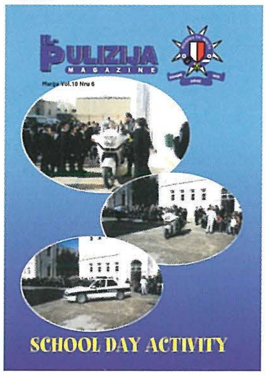

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Elezzjonijiet.

Fl-ewwel ta Marzu 2001 reġa inħatar il-kumitat il-ġdid ta M.P.A.flimkien ma diversi kumitati oħra fi ħdan il-korp. Dawn il-kumitati ma jiġux maħtura għal-pjaċir imma biex fi ħdan il-korp ikun hemm struttura li wieħed jkun jista jimxi fuqha u anki jkun hemm post fejn wieħed jista jressaq l-ilmenti tiegħu.

Wieħed minn dawn il-kumitati li hu attiv huwa dak ta' l-assoċjazzjoni tal-pulizija. Fil-fehma tiegħi dan il-kumitat jew aħjar l-assoċjazzjoni qed jaqdi il-funzjoni tiegħu tajjeb . Dan qed ngħidu peress li jien nirċievi u anki jkellmu membri minn fuq ħaġa u minn fuq oħra, pero għal darba oħra erġajna wrejna li f'kull kumitat li nħatar kien hemm apatija kbira għax reġa ġara bħas-snin li għaddew. ,u l-ħatra għal membri ta M.P.A. ma kienx xi eċċezzjoni.Fil-fatt għal darba oħra ħadd ma ried li jikkontesta għal l-ebda ħatra ħlief jiena u l-ispettur Saliba. Dan jerġa ma jawgurax tajjeb għal-assoċċjazzjoni li jerġa jkun hemm l-istess persuni li jinħatru l-għola kariga ta din l-assoċjazzjoni għax jien inħoss li b'dak li għamilna aħna żgur li ma kinux jimmerita xi ħatra awtomatika. Mill-banda l-oħra wieħed irid jinnota li s-sistema ta kif isiru l-elezzjonijiet dejjem kienu diskutibli, imma dan ma jfissirx li l-membri ma għandhomx jikkontestaw għal ġid ta l-istess assoċazzjoni

Laqgħat

Matul l-aħħar sena M.P.A. kellha sena ta' ħidma bl-laqgħat li saru kemm mal-Ministru Dr Tonio Borg LL.D kemm mal-Kummissarju s-sur Grech kif ukoll mal-uffiċċju (Strategija u Ppjannar) li huwa mmexxi mill-assistent kummmissarju s-sur L. Cauchi u s-sur S.Giacchino mill MEU. Bħal ma' ktibt diversi darbi dawn il-laqgħat saru wara inizzjativa li saret bejn M,P A. u l-uffiċju tas-sur Cauchi.Fil-fatt minn dawn il-laqgħat ħareġ ħafna ġid għal benefiċċju tal-membri u tal korp innifsu li matul iż-żmien il-membri jkunu daqu l-frott tiegħu tul is-sena. U dan grazzi għas-sur Cauchi li jisma u jressaq l-ilmenti u suġġerimenti li jiena u l-president is-sur Saliba u l-konsulent ta M.P.A. is-supretendent is-sur Zammit nagħmlulu quddiem il-Kummissarju.Biex inkun qed kollox, ħafna minn dawn is-suġġerimenti u lmenti jkunu saru minnkom il-membri.

Forum

Wara s-suċċess li kellna bl-ewwel forum li sar fil-Vilhena fejn konna giebna lis-sur Camilleri mill-Ministeru tal-Politika Soċjali li kien kellimna dwar il-penzjoni tas-sittin, kien imiss li nġibu uffiċjal ieħor tal-gvern. Din id-darba kien imiss lis-sur Degabriele mill-Ministeru tal-Finanzi magħruf aktar bħala tat-Teżor. Kull min kien preżenti, fejn anki din id-darba kellna attendenza tajba, ħareġ sodisfatt b'dak li s-sur Degabriele qal fejn anki rrisponda b'mod tajjeb għal -mistoqsijiet li saru min dawk preżenti. Bla ebda dubju laqgħat bħal dawn huma meħtieġa għalina u huwa żgur li fil-qarib nerġgħu nsejħu lil-membri tal-korp għal-laqgħat bħal dawn.

Nofs ta' nhar V/L.

Fost il-membri tal-korp kemm dawk li jaħdmu fl-uffiċini kif ukoll dawk li jaħdmu bil-ġurnata kienet tinħass il-ħtieġa li jkun xi leave speċjali biex dan il-membri flok jieħdu ġurnata leave għal xi qadja ta ftit siegħat jkunu jistgħu jieħdu nofs ta nhar bħal ħaddiema oħra tal-gvern. Minn meta M.P.A saret taf b'din it-talba jiġiefiri f'Dicembru tas-sena l-oħra mill-ewwel ittieħdet l-inizzjattiva biex din it-talba titpoġġa fuq l-aġenda tal-laqgħqa li kien imiss ma S&P. Kien ġie deċiż li jiġu mitluba tlett ijiem mill-vaganzi annwali u dawn jiġu maqsuma l'sitt nofs ta nhari l-ġurnata tas-sibt tkun eskluża bħal nofs ta nhar. Fil-fatt meta is-sur Cauchi kien infurmat b'din it-talba qalilna li kien ser jinforma lil-kummissarju mill-ewwel. Il-kummissarju dehrlu li din it-talba kienet waħda realistika u mill-ewwel laqgħa t-talba ta' M.P.A. min din il-kolonna ngħid grazzi lil-kummissarju f'isem dawk kollha li gawdew min din is-sistema.

Għeluq

Sakemm ikun ippublikat dan il-magazin ikun wasal jew ikun ġa wasal iż-żmien li jiġu ppostjati f'posthom ir-rekluti l-ġodda. Għalhekk minn din il-paġna nixtieq nawgura lil dawn il -membri l-ġodda snin ta' ħidma serja, effiċjenti u l-aktar ħaġa importanti li jkunu ta eżempju għal ħaddiehor fil-qadi ta' dmirijithom.

Quality Service Charter

Launch of the Quality Service Charter of the Police Emergency Services

Introductory Speech by the Commissioner of Police

Illum il-Korp tal-Pulizija qiegħed ikompli jsaħħaħ is-servizzi tiegħu billi qed jintroduċi dan is-servizz ta' kwalità fejn qed nippromettu li ser nagħmlu minn kollox sabiex nirrispondu għall-emerġenzi li jidħlulna fuq in-numru 191, fl-iqsar żmien possibbli.

Sabiex dan ikun possibbli, l-ewwel ħaġa li għamilna kien li sseparajna t-telefonata ta' emergenza li nirċievu fuq in-numru 191, mit-telefonati l-oħra li jidħlulna fuq in-numri 224001 sa 7. Dan għamilnieh billi ntroduċejna r-Reception Area fl-entratura tal-Kwartier Ġenerali, fejn membri tal-Korp se jilqgħu in-nies li jirrikorru għal xi servizz, u jirċievu dawk it-telefonati kkollha li ma jkunux t-emerġenza. għaldaqstant, il-membri tal-Korp fil-Command and control room ser ikunu jistgħu jikkonċentraw aktar fuq kull telefonata ta' emerġenza li tidħol fuq in-numru 191.

Barra minn dawn l-inizjattivi, sabiex ikunu f'pożizzjoni li nistgħu nwieġbu għat-telefonati ta' emerġenza fl-iqsar żmein possibbli, il-Korp investa fis-sistema tal-automated Vehicle Location system. Din is-sistema tippermettilna, li meta jinqala' l-każ ta' emerġenza, permezz ta' mapep diġitali nkunu nafu eżatt fejn ikunu qegħdin il-vetturi tal-Korp, u għadaqstant inkunu nistgħu nibgħatu fuq il-post ta' l-inċident, dik il-vettura li tkun l-aktar fil-viċin tal-lokalità.

Sabiex l-iskop ta' dan iċ-Charter jirnexxi huwa meħtieġ li nsibu l-kooperazzjoni tal-pubbliku. Minn numru kbir ta' telefonati li nirċievu fuq in-numru 191 jirriżulta li 80% ma jirrigwardawx każijiat ta' emerġenza. Għaldaqstant, nieħu din l-okkażjoni sabiex nappella l-membri tal-pubbliku ħalli jekk ma jkollux everġenza, iżda jkollu bżonn is-servizz tal-pulizija, iċemperl il-Kwartjieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija fuq 224001-7 jew l-Għassa tal-lokal tiegħu. B'hekk ma ntelfux lil xi ħadd li veru jikollu każ ta' emerġenza u kun qed jipprova jaqbad magħna fuq in-numru 191.

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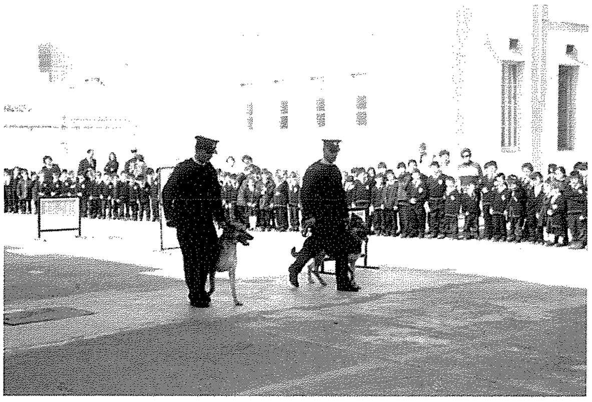
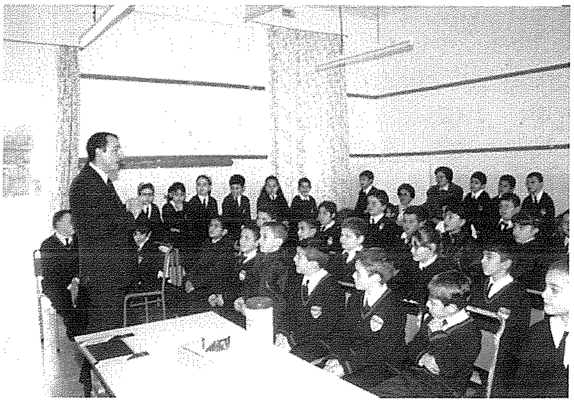
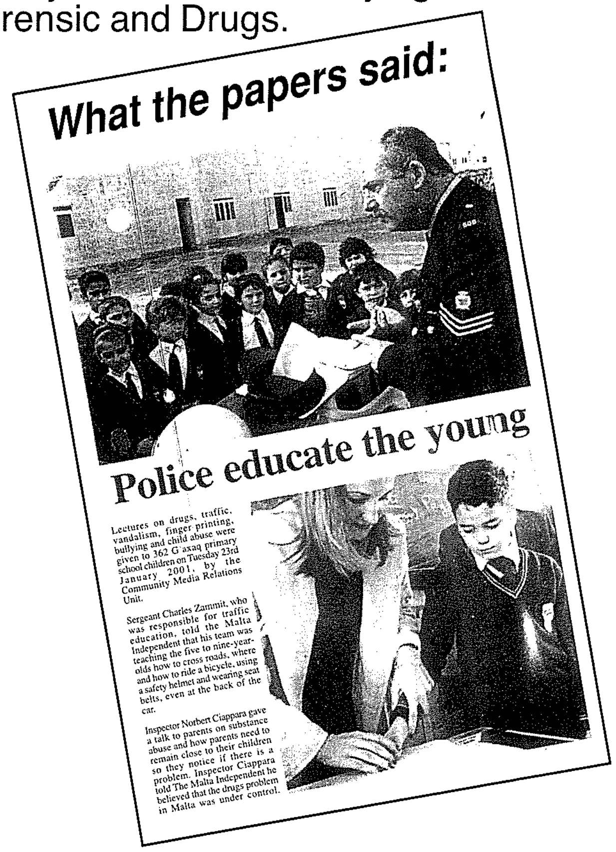


The children had the opportunity to see Mounted Police, Traffic Police, Mobile Patrol Vehicle and the Police Dogs



A Series of information sessions and shows were given to the pupils at the Filippo Castagna Primary School, Għaxaq on Tuesday 23rd January, 2001.

The sessions include topics about Vandalism, Safety on the Road, bullying Child Abuse and Forensic and Drugs.



What the papers said:

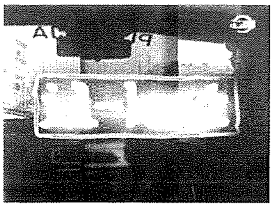
Police educate the young

Lectures on drugs, traffic, vandalism, finger printing, bullying and child abuse were given to 362 G`axaq primary school children on Tuesday 23rd January 2001, by the Community Media Relations Unit.

Sergeant Charles Zammit, who was responsible for traffic education, told the Malta Independent that his team was teaching the five to nine-year-olds how to cross roads, where and how to ride a bicycle, using a safety helmet and wearing seat belts, even at the back of the car.

Inspector Norbert Ciappara gave a talk to parents on substance abuse and how parents need to remain close to their children so they notice if there is a problem. Inspector Ciappara told The Malta Independent he believed that the drugs problem in Malta was under control.

The activity was organized by the Community and Media Relations Unit with the head of the Għaxaq Primary School, Ms. L. Spiteri



Is-Sejba ta' Mixtla tad-Droga f'Birżebbuġa

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Fis-27 ta' Marzu ta' l-1997, għal ħabta tal-11.30 ta' filgħodu, l-iskwadra kontra d-Drogi kienu nfurmati mill-pulizija ta' l-Għassa ta' Birżebbuġa li persuna kienet marret tirrapporta każ ta' suspett ta' sejba ta' droga.

Il-persuna rrappurtat li 'Villa Ferretti' li tinsab fi Triq Salvatore Cachia fil-Qajjenza, limiti ta' Birżebbuġa, kienet ġiet żgassata. Fil-fatt instabu diversi kmamar f'din l-istess villa żgassati wkoll. Numru ta' siġar f'din il-villa, eżattament fil-bitħa tagħha, kienu ġew maqlugħa u minflokom tpoġġew pjanti żgħar li kienu jixbħu lill-pjanti tal-Cannabis.

L-ewwel li waslu fuq il-post kienu l-pulizija tad-distrett minn l-Għassa ta' Birżebbuġa u wara kienet infurmata wkoll l-Iskwadra kontra d-Drogi. Dak il-ħin il-membri ta' l-Iskwadra taħt it-tmexxija ta' l-Assistent Kummissarju Michael Cassar u l-Ispettur Nicholas Ciappara marru fuq il-post u kkonfermaw li l-pjanti li kienu jidhru miżrugħa fil-ħamrija, fil-bitha ta' din il-villa kienu fil-fatt tat-tip Cannabis.

Hemmhekk kienu osservati numru konsidervoli ta' qsari li wkoll kien fihom pjanti żgħar ħafna, iżgħar minn dawk li kien hemm miżrugħa fil-ħamrija, li kienu jidhru li aktarx kienu tal-Cannabis ukoll.

Fil-kmamar tal-villa, partikolarment f'kamra minnhom kienet osservata xi żerriegħa tal-pjanta Cannabis li dehru kienu qed ikunu kultivati biex jibdew jikbru.

Bil-każ kien infurmat il-Maġistrat ta' l-Għassa, Dr. Apap Bologna li għamel inkjesta u nnomina bħala esperti biex jassistuh lis-Sur Philip Zammit, lil Dr. Anthony Abela Medici, kif ukoll Uffiċjali oħra tal-Pulziija bħala Uffiċjali tax-Xena tad-Delitt, tal-Fotografija, u mit-Taqsima tal-Forensika.

Minn investigazzjonijiet li bdew immedjatament, irriżulta li din il-villa kien qed jieħu ħsiebha l-persuna stess li rrapporta l-każ. Is-sidien tal-villa, li huma persuni ta' nazzjonalita Maltija, jidher li kienu ilhom ix-xhur ma jersqu 'l hemm u allura pjuttost kienet tidher li hi villa abbandunata.

Sar magħruf ukoll li l-persuna li kienet qed tieħu ħsieb dik il-villa f'isem is-sidien, dakinhar tas-sejba kien mar hemmhekk, mingħalih li sejjer jaqta' xi ftit lumi mis-sigar li kien hemm ftit tax-xhur qabel. Minflok, hekk kif fetaħ il-bieb, irrealizza li l-bieb kien ġie żgassat. Daħal ġewwa, u osserva wkoll li d-diversi kmamar li kien hemm imsakkra l-aħħar darba li kien daħal hu, kienu lkoll żgassati.

Barra li kienet żgassata, il-villa kienet tidher li qed tkun okkupata wkoll. Dan kien jidher ċar mill-mod ta' kif kienu miżmuma l-kmamar, kif ukoll id-dehra ġenerali ta' l-istess residenza.

Irriżulta li, hekk kif il-persuna in kwistjoni kompla dieħel 'il ġewwa u resaq lejn il-bitħa, osserva li s-siġar li kellu miżrugħin kienu nqalgħu biex minflokom inżergħu diversi pjanti li kienu telgħin u li għal persuna in kwistjoni dehru li kienu suspettużi.

Il-bitħa fejn instabu dawn il-pjanti kienet madwar 70 pied b'45 pied iżda din ma kinitx kollha ħamrija. Iż-żoni bil-ħamrija kienu żewġ qatgħat b'daqs ta' madwar 20 pied bi 15-il pied wisa' rispettivament.

Anke minħabba li l-persuna kien diġa ntebaħ li l-bieb kien żgassat, żdiedlu s-suspett li wasslu biex mar l-Għassa tal-Pulizija fejn għamel ir-rapport. L-imsemmi inidividwu qabel ħalla l-post osserva li l-bieb tal-garaxx, kienu bidlulu l-katnazz ukoll.

Wara li saret l-inkjesta u l-Esperti elevaw l-esibiti, jiġifieri l-pjanti kollha li kien hemm, il-pulizija żammew il-villa taħt osservazzjoni kontinwa għal diversi jiem, pero jirriżulta li qatt ħadd ma resaq lejn din il-villa f'dan iż-żmien.

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Taqlib fil-post ma nstab xejn, jekk wieħed jirreferi għal taqlib bħala tgerfix, anzi, jista' jingħad li meta l-pulizija u uffiċjali oħra marru fuq il-post, dan kien jidher miżmum nadif ħafna.

B'kollox il-pulizija elevat 149 xitla tal-Cannabis ta' diversi qisien, għaliex dawk li kien hemm fuq in-naħa ta' barra kienu akbar mill-qsari li kienu jidhru li għadhom kif bdew jinbtu. Minn hemmhekk ukoll ġew elevati affarijiet oħra relatati mat-tkabbir tal-pjanti Cannabis. Ma kien jindika xejn li hemm ġew kien qed isir xi abbuż, inkella xi preparamenti għal traffikar ta' droga, naturalment ħlief għal pjanta nnifisha.

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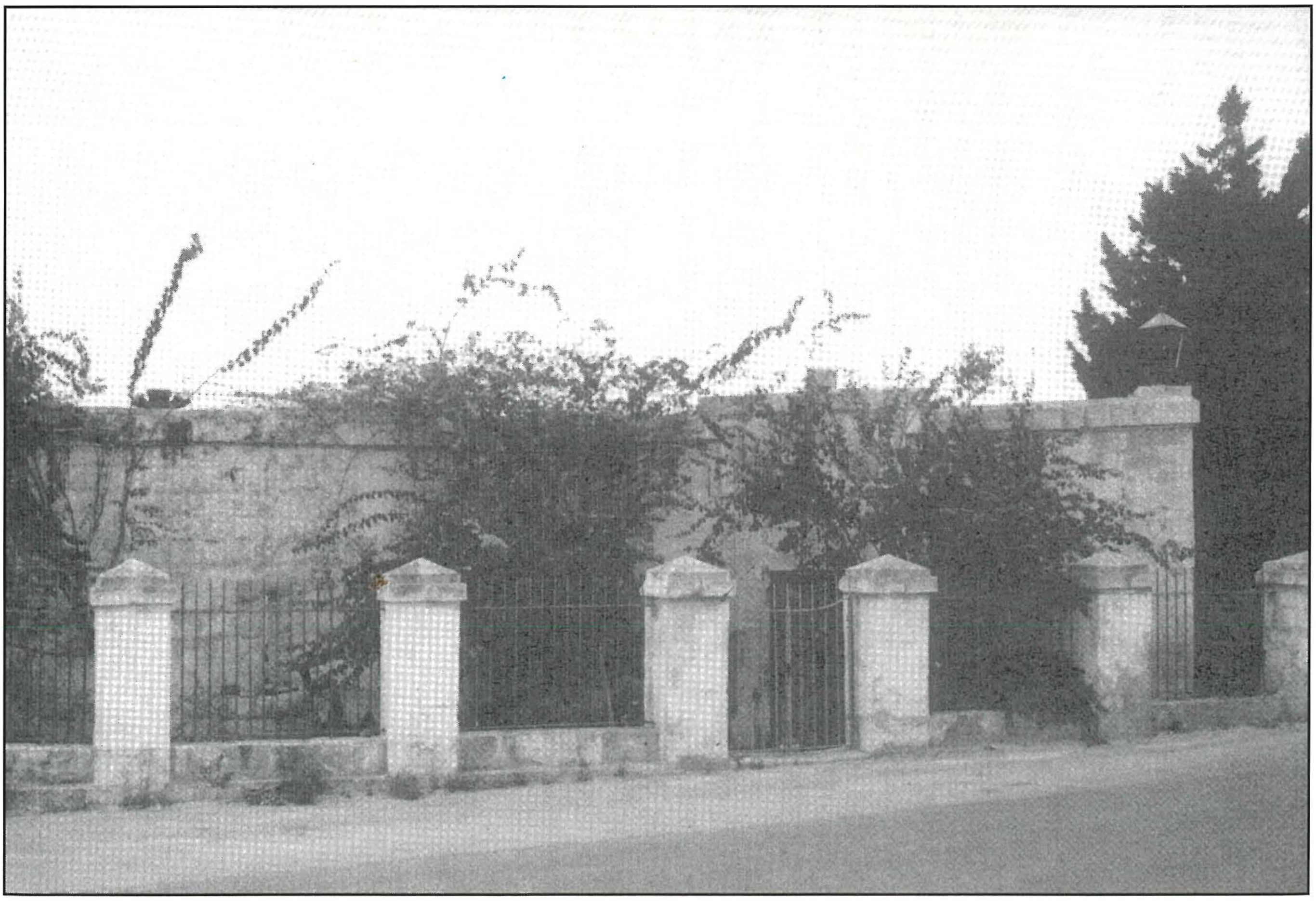

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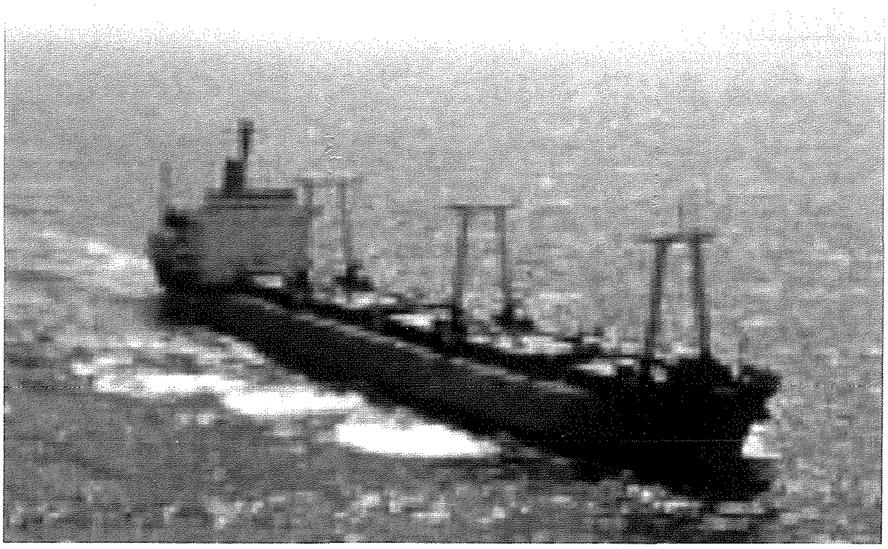
Overview

The U.S. Market for cocaine may still be substantial, but the narcotraffickers of Latin America have made great progress in diversifying their client base. Recent U.S. drug abuse statistics provide insights into the motivation for diversification.



The peak years for cocaine abuse in the United States were in the late 1980s and early 1990s. since then, cocaine abuse has been slowly but steadily declining. In 1985, there were 5.7 million cocaine users in the United States. The current number is estimated at under two million. (By the standards of the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, a cocaine "user" is anyone who has taken the drug at least once in the past month.) The most precipitous drop, according to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, has been among users of crack, the cheap, smockable and highly addictive "rock" form of cocaine.

One reason for the decline is bitter experience with cocaine addiction. U.S. society has been dealing with the cocaine epidemic for more than 15 years. In that time frame, many of the original users of cocaine have died from their addiction, been incarcerated for drug-related crimes or sought treatment to stop using cocaine. Meanwhile, younger members of society have witnessed the wreckage experienced by the first group of abusers, and those grim lessons have deterred many youngsters from ever experimenting with cocaine.

Today, the U.S. market accounts for only 280 tons of the 700 tons of cocaine produced in Latin America every year. While demand in the United States had decline, coca production in Colombia has doubled in the past three years. General Barry McCaffrey, the top drug control official in Washington, concludes, "Cocaine is looking for new markets."

Changing Latin American Trafficking Patterns.

The cocaine trade is no longer controlled by five or six mediocrities in Latin America. By the mid-1990s, Colombian authorities, with U.S. assistance, had crushed the Medellin and Cali cartels. And Mexican syndicated began fragmenting after the 1997 death of drug kingpin Amado Carrillo Fuentes, as members of his Juarez cartel fought with one another over his succession, while continuing their turf wars with the rival Tijuanan cartel.

Numerous small syndicates have replaced the mediocrities. Despite their small size, these groups have proven quite effective, not least of all because of their willingness and ability to cooperate with one another and with organized crime gangs in other corners of the globe.

One of the most successful new groups was the Millennium cartel, overseen - until his arrest last October - by Alejandro Bernal Madrigal of Bogota. Bernal's syndicate was reportedly moving 30 tons of cocaine out of Colombia every month. Much of the cocaine was concealed in cargoes of frozen fruit.

One of the secrets of the Millennium cartel's success was its development of circuitous shipping routes. Bernal's syndicate shipped its U.S. - bound cocaine through Ecuador, Chile and Guatemala in order to bypass the stricter inspection Colombian imports receive at U.S. entry points. The circuitous shipping technique presupposed cooperation with criminal elements in all of the way station. In addition, Bernal cultivated close ties with Mexican traffickers. Donnie Marshall of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), credited Bernal with taking "his organization into a new realm where ... business was transacted in numerous nations."

In response to the U.S. crackdown on air smuggling from Colombia, Latin American traffickers, in general, have developed numerous new smuggling routes. In recent years, significant in

general, have developed numerous new smuggling routes. In recent years, significant amounts of cocaine have been shipped out of the seaports of Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. Argentina and Paraguay have also emerged as major way stations for the cocaine produced in Colombia, Bolivia and Peru. Traffickers rely on the virtual lack of radar surveillance for the thousands of airstips in northern Argentina. In Paraguay, cocaine shippers benefit from that country's central location, its network of rivers and its well established tradition of smuggling, coupled with official corruption.

The demise of the large Colombian cartels created growth opportunities for Brazilian traffickers, most of whom once worked for smuggling operations overseen from Cali and Medellin. Instead of competing with tier former bosses, the Brazilian gangs are effectively cooperating with Colombian counterparts.

The cooperation benefits the Colombian in several ways. First, the Brazilian groups provide expanded access to Atlantic ports - a particularly attractive benefit as cocaine markets open up in Europe.

Second, the Brazilian gangs are well positioned to develop a Brazilian market for Colombian cocaine. The Brazilian traffickers more readily elude police detection, because they blend in with local society.

One small Brazilian drug syndicate is reportedly run by a rancher, Leonardo Dias. Dias allegedly controls 24 planes ferrying cocaine from Colombia to Surname. His 17 companies, including construction firms and an air-taxi service, may launder the drug profits.

The Brazilian gangs are also developing their own processing facilities. Last June, police in Para discovered a laboratory in the final stages of construction. The underground laboratory would have been able to process up to 10 tons of cocaine a month.

Cocaine Abuse on the rise in Latin America

Then years ago, drug abuse was not a major problem in most Latin American countries. That is no longer the case. And Cocaine is a big reason why. Drug testing of people arrested for all kinds of crime (not just drug-related) is one indicator measuring the extent of the abuse problem. In parts of Latin America, more than 10 percent of arrested suspects test positive for cocaine.

Buenos Aires, which has become a major transit point for cocaine headed for Europe, reports serious problems with cocaine abuse, especially among young people. The Argentine capital now has an abuse rate of 4.1 percent in a population of 12 million residents in Buenos Aires. And cocaine is a major contributor to that statistic. Cheap prices, half what they were in the 1980s, are a factor. At US$5 to US$20 per gram, cocaine in Buenos Aires sells for less than a quarter the price in major U.S. cities. Drug rehabilitation centres, focusing on middle-class cocaine abusers, represent a growth industry in Argentina today.

Brasilia, another drug transit city, has similarly developed and addiction to cocaine. The drug is ingested in various forms: inhaled as a powder, smoked as a paste (often mixed with other drugs) and smoked as crack, the "rock" form of the drug.

In Chile, a 1998 survey showed a clear rise in drug use in the preceding two years, with cocaine fuelling the increase. More than 5 percent of the population between the ages of 12 and 62 had used marijuana, coca paste or cocaine in the preceding year. That figure compares with just over 4 percent in 1996. The drug abuse rate is even higher in the capital, Santiago.

From 1988 to 1998, the number of people using illegal drugs in Mexico jumped from 1.5 million to 2.5 million. In that period, the market for low-grade cocaine has juana. Cocaine abuse is a significant problem in Guadalajara, Juarez, Mexico city and Tijuana.

According to a 1998 survey, 3.2 percent of Peruvians had used cocaine in the preceding year. That figure compares with 1.3 percent in 1988. Bazuco, a smokable derivative of coca paste, plagues the streets of Lima, where the drug can be purchased for the equivalent of 10 cents a hit. Although Peruvian authorities have succeeded in reducing the local coca crop, Peru remains a significant coca producer. As with

many drug production countries, some of the coca "leaks" onto the domestic market. One Western diplomat in Lima recently summed up the phenomenon: "Suddenly, you had all this product in everybody's back yard and nobody to buy it. It was sort of like having grass clippings, but these clippings had a high worth. So they just turned around and fount another market - here."

West European Trafficking Patters

With coca production up in Colombia and cocaine consumption down in the United States, Latin American traffickers have turned to Western Europe more and more in recent years. General Rosso Jose Serrano Cadena, Colombia's National Police director, agrees: "What we are seeing is a heavy push of cocaine into Europe.:

According to U.S. officials up to 130 tons of cocaine produced in Latin America every year now goes to the European market. About 57 percent of that amount enters Europe via the Iberian Peninsula, where traffickers exploit cultural ties linking Spain and Portugal with former colonies in the New World. Other significant West European entry points for South American cocaine include the Netherlands (about 15 percent of cocaine imports to Europe) and Belgium (6 percent).

During his six-day tour of Western Europe last October, U.S. drug czar Barry McCaffrey underscored the menace cocaine poses for the European market. He warned his hosts that they are "now the target of a drug threat that is searching for new customers." Those customers can be found in large numbers in Western Europe, the U.S. official noted, "because the money is here/" During his visit to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction in Lisbon, McCaffrey counselled his European counterparts, "My caution to our European partners is to understand the enormous threat from cocaine appearing in the workplace, in the family structure and school systems."

European counternarcotics statistics support McCaffrey's warming. In the first sic months of 1999, European cocaine seizure were double the amount for the first half of 1998. The second half of the year saw no let-up.

In July of last year, Spanish authorities made the largest single cocaine seizure ever reported in Europe: 10 tons of cocaine was intercepted 1,000 kilometres southwest of the Canary Islands, on a ship that had sailed from Panama. Most of the drugs were headed for other parts of Europe, but Spanish gangs were reportedly guaranteed a 40 percent cut of the cocaine haul to provide safe transport through Spain.

Between April 1 and December 10 1999, British customs officers confiscated more than a ton of cocaine.

In late December 1999, Swedish officials reported confiscating a record level of cocaine for the year: 409 kilos. Previous annual cocaine seizures ranged between 2 and 27 kilos.

Wrong Port for Banana Boat

The 52 kilos of cocaine fround in a Dublin fruit and vegetable ware house in mid-December may have been routed to Ireland by mistake. The drus arrived via a Colombian banana boat that put into Antwerp, Belgium, before unloading cargo in Dublin. Irish security officals belive the consignment was probably intended for the continental market. "This would be too large a load for the Irish market," Speculated on police spkesman. "We reckon it was sent to the wrong country."

The cocaine busts continue into the new millennium. In early January, following an investigation lasting several months, Spain's Civil Guard broke up a major cocaine ring operating in Madrid and Catalonia. Five members of the syndicate were arrested and more than 16 kilos of cocaine was confiscated.

During his European tour last autumn, U.S. counternarcotics official Barry McCaffrey praised Spanish authorities for their work against the cocaine trade. McCaffrey added that Dutch drug officials had also contributed to the sharp increase in overall European cocaine seizures for 1999.

Rising Cocaine Abuse in Western Europe

Unfortunately, even the best police work cannot intercept all the cocaine entering Western Europe. The European Observatory on Drugs and Drug Addiction reported that cocaine use was on the rise throughout the continent. That finding was presented at the Drug Congress 2000, held in Brussels in late October. The report noted that most of the cocaine was snorted in powdered form. Crack smoking had made some inroads, but was relatively rare in most section of Western Europe.

In England, nearly 10 percent of suspects arrested for crimes test positive for cocaine use. Britain's top drug control official, Keith Hellawell, recently appealed to pop stars to incorporate anti-drug messages in their work - in an effort to undermine the "chic" image of such drugs as cocaine. Hellawell praised the willingness of such musicians as Eric Clapton and Elton John to speak about their own experiences with the ravages of cocaine and other drugs.

Cocaine enjoys a chic image in Stockholm. According to Swedish authorities, the main distribution centres for the drug are the capital's most fashionable bars and night spots.

The East European Cocaine Connection

For several years, Russian crime gangs have been cooperating with Latin American cocaine cartels. U.S. officials estimate that 10 tons of cocaine smuggled in Europe is shipped through Russia. Some of the cocaine stays in Russia, to feed the growing drug habits of the newly affluent classes there, but most is routed west - through other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other East European countries. Cocaine traffickers prefer the longer eastern routes, even to supply markets in Western Europe, because customs offices in Eastern Europe often lack adequate resources, as well as experience in identifying cocain.

Last August, Ukrainian authorities destroyed a huge haul of cocaine taken from a Russian vessel two years earlier. More than 600 kilos of cocaine had been confiscated from a ship ostensibly travelling from Colombia to Belgium.

In recent month, Georgia, Romania and Poland have reported an increase in cocaine seizures. In Poland, crime gangs often negotiate directly with Latin American counterparts, without the benefit of Russian middlemen. Polish traffickers have developed contacts with shippers in Suriname, for example. In May 1009, Polish authorities intercepted four cocaine shipments mounted from Suriname to Szczecin. The cocaine was hidden in cans of beans. Some of the cocaine was apparently intended for the Dutch market.

Polish security officials estimate that 35 percent of the illicit drugs smuggled into Western Europe from Latin America and Asia now transit Poland. Szczecin and Gdansk are the main ports of entry for these drugs.

The Balkan routes that have long been used by Asian heroin and opium smugglers now ferry cocaine as well. German experts believe as much as 30 percent of the cocaine hat ends up in West European markets may be funneled through the Balkans. Once the drugs arrive in Balkan ports, Albanina crime groups are the key shippers.

Increasingly, East Europeans are hiring out to transport cocaine for Latin American cartels. A Ukrainina captain, assisted by two Ukrainian officers and a mostly Greek crew, piloted the China Breeze, carrying nearly 4 tons of

cocaine from Panama, on an apparent mission for Greek and Colombian crime groups. The ship was intercepted in the Caribbean by the U.S. Coast Guard last May.

Ukrainians and Russians manned the ship carrying 10 tons of cocaine toward Spain last July, when it was intercepted by Spanish authorities off the canary Islands.

Cocaine's Inroads in Other Parts of the Globe

Cocaine runs do not stop at the Canary Islands. Nigeria's Drug Law Enforcement Agency reported a record cocaine bust last August. Authorities in Kano, in the northern part of the country, seized more than 67 kilos of cocaine from two Nigerian traffickers. The drugs had been brought into the country aboard a Balkan Airline plane and were transported to Kano via Nigeria Airways.

In October, a U.N. official shared with the press his belief that UNITA rebels of Angola were dealing in cocaine. "We have reason to believe that cocaine from producer nations like Colombia is being smuggled to Angola's southern border with Namibia via Brazil," said the official, who wanted to remain anonymous. He believed the rebels were bartering cocaine for weapons and stolen vehicles, smuggled in from South Africa, via Namibia. UNITA spokesmen have denied any involvement in smuggling cocaine.

Cocaine figured also in recent Ghanaian busts. Between December 13, 1999, and January 2,2000, customs officials at Accra's Kotoka International Airport confiscated nearly 5 kilos of heroin, cocaine and marijuana from five Nigerians, three Malians and one Ghanaian.

Crack cocaine is the source of major health and crime problems in South Africa. The drug first appeared on the local market in the mid-1990s. Abuse problems

were initially restricted to Johannesburg, but crack has spread to KwaZulu Natal, the Western Cape, Bloemfontein and more recently, the Eastern Cape. Health authorities in Johannesburg say the speed with which local crack users become addicted exceeds that of any other drug previously encountered.

Reports of cocaine smuggling and abuse are no longer rarities in the Middle East in 1999, Turkish authorities seized 13 kilos of the drug.

In Israel, a 1999 survey prepared for the authority for Combating Drugs cited cocaine as a significant problem among young abusers. According to the survey, 2.5 percent of Israeli youngsters had used cocaine in the preceding year. Ben Gurion International Airport in Jerusalem was the scene of a cocaine bust early this year. Police apprehended a courier who has swallowed packets containing more than 1.2 kilos of cocaine.

Even citizens of Saudi Arabia, a country that bans any form of intoxicant and executes drug traffickers, have been linked to the cocaine trade. Late last year, a French weekly charged that a senior Saudi official was involved in shipping 2 tons of cocaine to France. The cocaine had allegedly been aboard a Saudi aircraft reserved for top officials. The government in Riyadh denied those charges. At the same time the Interior Ministry in Riyadh requested that Paris "provide all information ... on this subject so that the proper Saudi authorities can take the appropriate measures."

Cambodia, the Philippines and Hong Kong number among the East Asian way stations for the global cocaine trade. Hong Kong is a transit point, for example, for a drugs-for-abalone operation involving other corners of Asia and South Africa. Valued for its alleged aphrodisiac properties, abalone is harvested off the coast of South Africa, dried and exported to Hong Kong, Singapore and China. From those locations, crime syndicates ship the dried abalone to various East Asian markets and pay for the abalone in cocaine and heroin.

Last June, Hong Kong authorities cooperated with U.S. and Canadian counterparts to shut down a major cocaine and heroin smuggling operation transiting the former British colony. Cocaine from Latin America was being shipped to Vancouver via Hong Kong and Macao.

Alert customs officers at Hong Kong's international airport found 8 kilos of cocaine in an unclaimed bag last July. The officers became suspicious because of the heaviness of the bag, ostensibly containing picture frames and a transformer. On further investigation, the frames and transformer were found to be stuffed with cocaine.

These days, cocaine abuse numbers among the problems cited by health officials in such countries as Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand, far removed from coca production areas. Crack cocaine has developed a following in china. Not satisfied with the profits derived from shipping crack into china, drug dealers from Hong Kong and Taiwan have been setting up processing centres in china itself. Those underground laboratories will reportedly be able to manufacture crack on a large scale.

Cocaine is making inroads in Australia as well. In 1998, authorities there seized a record 225 kilos of the drug. That haul was almost three times the previous record.

Sophisticated Methods for the Cocaine Trade

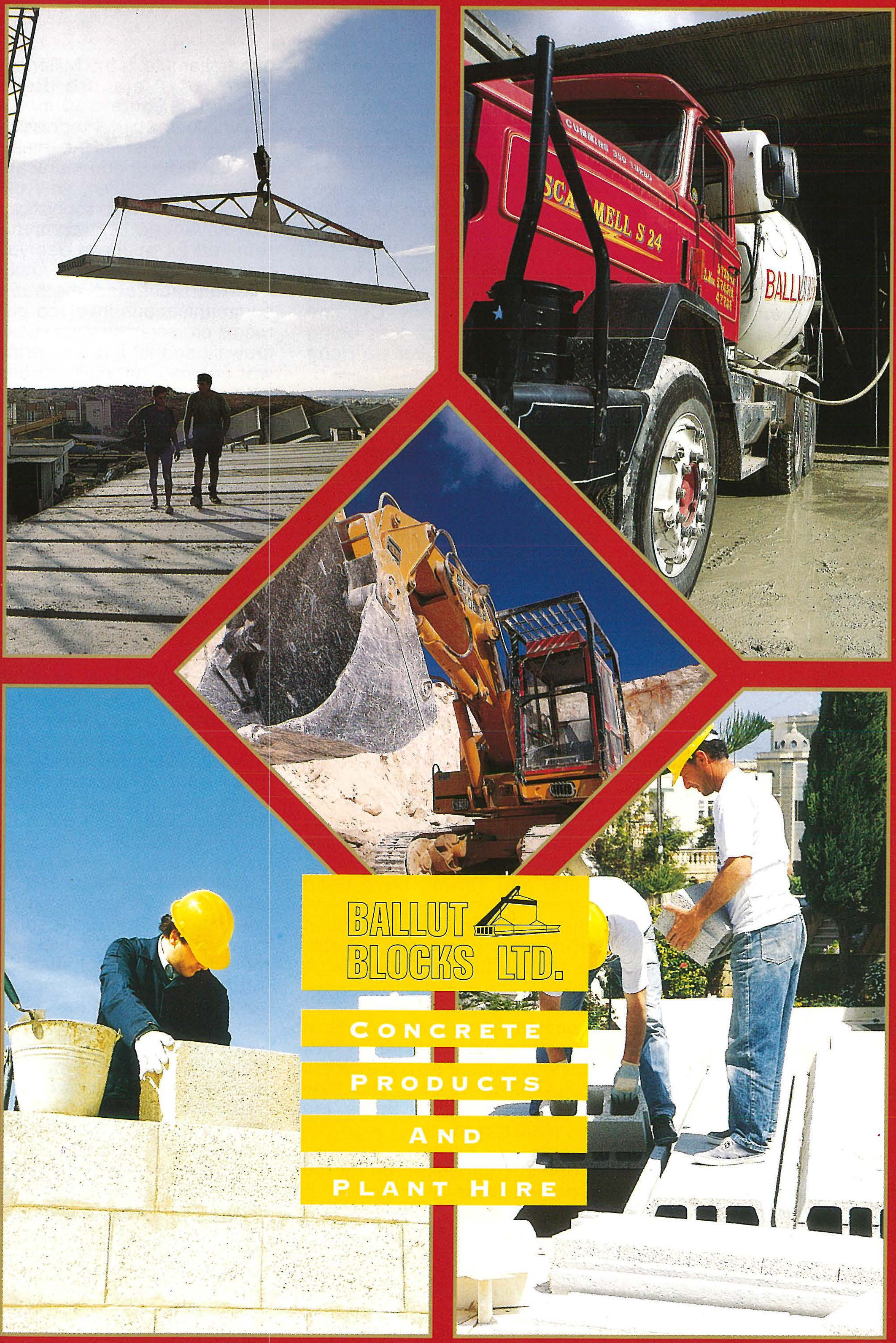
The new breed of Latin American cocaine trafficker is adopting many of the sophisticated methods of legitimate businesses. Nowhere is this more evident than in communications technology. A good example is the Millennium cartel of Alejandro Bernal Madrigal. Some 100 people working for the cartel kept in touch with one another via the Internet. One method of communication was e-mail, employing encryption software that was so sophisticated that advanced U.S. computers required 24 hours to decrypt a message lasting seconds. Another Internet-facilitated method of communications involved chat-rooms protected by sophisticated firewall, so that if one operative was arrested, he would not leave a communication trail leading to other member of the cartel.

Black Cocaine Surfaces at Argentine Border

An Uruguayan man was done in by a havy sutcase last May. during a routine border check in Auguary, Argentina, near the border with Bolivia, customs inspectors,

Cellular telephones have also become standard among cocaine traffickers. Bernal's cartel elevated the cell phone to a new level of sophistication, by routing calls made on such phones through the Internet. In this way, individual traffickers could safely call in daily operating information - regarding sales, drug movements distribution schedules, etc. That information was fed into a central computer, located on a ship off the coast of Mexico. Once again, there was no lateral sharing of information and no traceable communications up the chain of command.

Cell phones are a standard accouterment for even low-level traffickers - for example, on the streets of Brasilia, the favelas of Rio, the barrios of Mexico City. Their popularity can be explained by the difficulty of tracing cellular calls, as opposed to calls made from stationary telephones. To make tracing even more difficult, many traffickers used "cloned" cell phones. In other words, they steal phone numbers from legitimate cellphone users. The stolen



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numbers are used for only a short period of time and are thus discarded often before the legitimate user realizes his phone has been cloned.

Cocaine traffickers are also taking advantage of advanced chemistry to elude detection. Customs officials in Europe, in particular, have come across cocaine that has been chemically altered to change its colour, even its smell. Last year, more than 100 kilos of "black cocain: was discovered in Albania, the Netherlands, Spain and other European countries. Smaller amounts were found in the United States. Black cocaine is yielded from a processing technique that employs charcoal and other chemicals. The end result looks like metal moldings. The substance not only looks very different from typical cocaine, the incorporation of charcoal effectively blocks the cocaine smell that sniffer dogs have been trained to detect.

Other chemical processes can change the appearance of cocaine. Customs agents in several countries have come across blue, red and yellow cocaine. In some cases, cocaine has been altered to look lie transparent sheets of acetate.

Such chemical tinkering has a drawback. It is expensive to alter the cocaine in the first place. And before the drug can be used, it must be chemically altered one again. The added expense is cited as a major reason why colored cocaine is not being produced on a larger scale.

The cocaine cartels apparently prefer to put their capital into sophisticated transportation options. Superfast speedboats are the favourite method of transporting. Colombian cocaine in the Caribbean and the eastern Pacific. Because of modifications, these vessels are capable of carrying two-ton payloads at speeds of up to 126 kilometres per hour. In addition, they can often run for up to 1,600 kilometres without refuelling. Such features render the specialized speedboats virtually uncatchable by U.S. Coast Guard cutters.

New Levels of Cooperation Against the Cocaine Trade

As cocaine traffickers cooperate with organized crime syndicates on a global level, counternarcotics authorities are intensifying their international cooperation. Last fall, the Western Hemisphere was the scene of two massive crackdowns against regional trafficking in cocaine and other drugs.

Operation Millennium was joined by law enforcement agencies from the United States, Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador. In mid-October, those agencies mounted 72 simultaneous drug busts, netting, among others, Alejandro Bernal Madrigal of Colombia' s Millennium cartel and Fabio Ochoa Vasquez, formerly of the Medellin cocaine cartel, who allegedly helped integrate the remnants of that syndicate into a more efficient, multinational trafficking operation Colombia's police director, General Serrano Cadena, called Operation Millennium the most important blow delivered to Colombian cocaine traffickers since the Cali cartel was crushed in the mid-1990s. "This was an immense operation," Serrano added, "an operation you could call perfect." In Ecuador alone, the operation netted 3.5 tons of cocaine.

The 43 suspects arrested in Colombia in the course of Operation Millennium may well stand trial in the United States, where they face much longer prison terms than in Colombia. General Serrano said of the suspects, "All of them are extraditable, all of them."

Last August, the constitutional Court in Bogota cleared the last legal obstacle standing in the way of extraditing Colombian nationals. Extradition of Colombian nationals had been banned in 1991, lifted in 1997, but remained unemployment until after review by the Constitutional Court. In November, Colombian authorities extradited Jaime Orlando Lara Nausa to the United States, where he faces drug trafficking charges. Lara is the first Colombian national to be handed over to U.S. authorities since 1990. His extradition was followed a few days later by the hand-over of Fernando Jose Flores Garmedia, a Venezuelan national who resided in Colombia. Flores will stand trial in a Miami court on charges of Laundering money and smuggling cocaine.

Extradition is considered an essential weapon in the fight against Colombian cocaine traffickers. It is so feared by the drug cartels that they mounted a terrorist bombing campaign in the late 1980s and early 1990s to intimidate the government in Bogota to rethink its policy. Another series of bombings in Colombia last autumn has been linked to drug traffickers protesting extradition. So far, however, Colombian officials are undeterred. U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin views the extradition of Lara and Flores as the "harbinger of a greater ability for the United States and Colombia to work together in this battle.:

Colombia and the United States were among the participants in another major counternarcotics campaign conducted last October; Operation Columbus. Law enforcement authorities from Panama, Suriname, Venezuela and 10 Caribbean island states also took part in the 12-day effort in the Caribbean Basin. DEA spokesman Michael Vigil called Operation Columbus "the largest anti-drug operation in history." It yielded nearly 1,300 arrests in 15 countries, 900 kilos of cocaine, 9 kilos of heroin, 1,100 tons of marijuana, 4,700 litres of hashish oil and 10 kilos of opium poppy seeds. The operation had an immediate economic impact on the region's cocaine trade: The price of a kilo shot up by US$2,000 within days of the raids .

The members of South America'

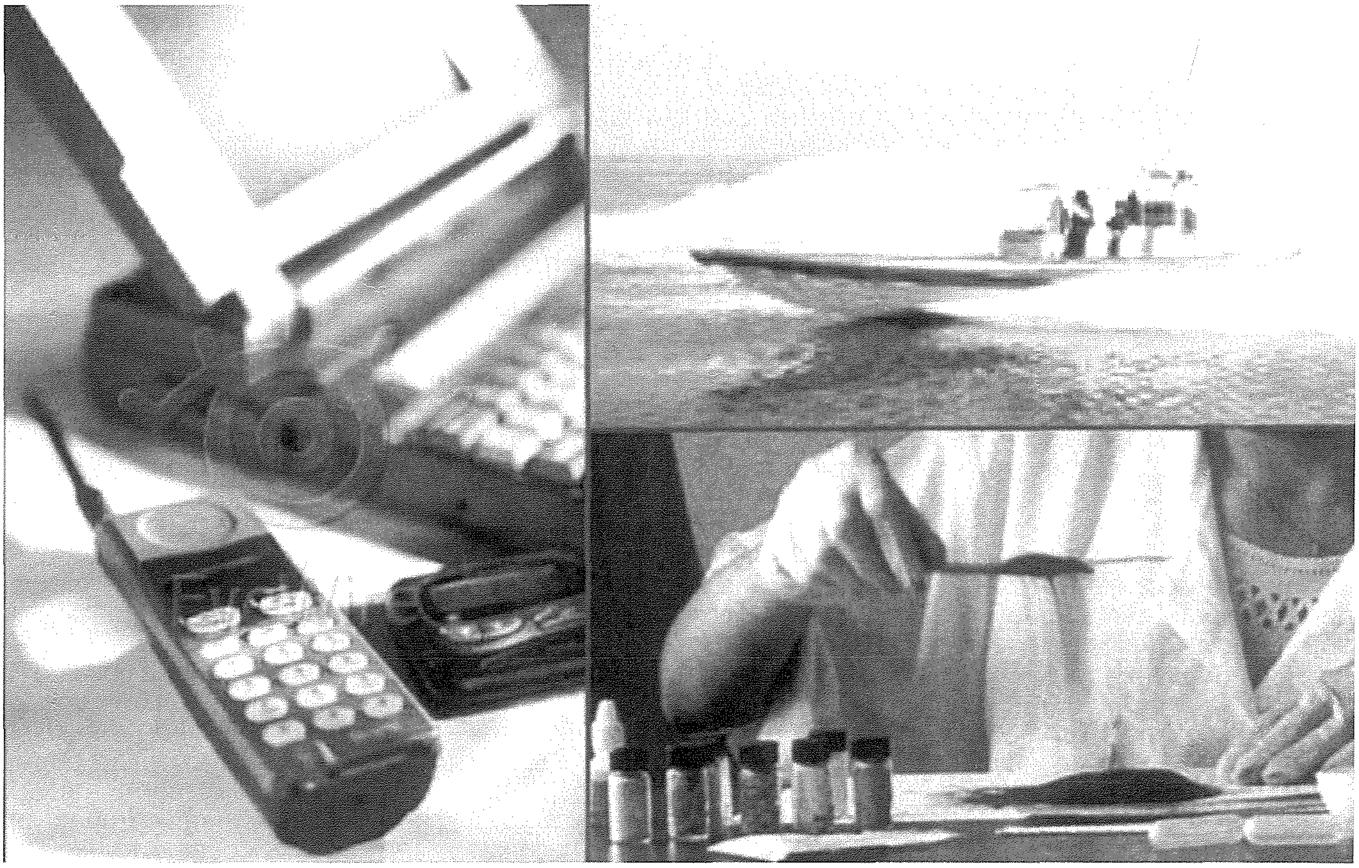
common market, Mercosur, recently resolved to improve their cooperation against regional drug trafficking. Mercosur includes a key cocaine production country, Bolivia, as an associate member. The trading bloc also includes such key cocaine transit states as Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.

Washington is seeking greater European commitment in the fight against cocaine smuggling. During his fall tour of Western Europe, General McCaffrey argued that it is in Europe's interest to increase aid for alternate economic development in the Andean coca belt.

Developments in the Treatment of Cocaine Addiction

Last year raised hopes for some new treatment options for cocaine addiction. BP-897, a drug developed by the INSERM national research institute in Paris, was demonstrated as highly effective in reducing the cocaine carvings of lab rats trained to associate light stimuli with cocaine. The drug works on the same brain receptor as dopamine, a neurotransmitter that triggers pleasure and euphoria and has been associated the drug addiction. Scientists believe dopamine alerts the brain that something pleasurable is about to happen - such as the euphoria induced by snorting cocaine. INSERM and the French pharmaceutical company Biojet, which owns the patent on BP-897, began human trials of the drug last fall.

Human trials have also begun on three possible cocaine therapies at Columbia University in New Your. Researchers there are examining the drugs' abilities to block or dilute a cocaine high. The drugs were developed for other purposes: desipramine to tread depression; respiridone to prevent psychotic episodes; and memantine, marketed in Europe to ease the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Herbert Kleber, medical director of the National Centre on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, hopes these therapies could prove useful for "addicts whose underlying emotional and mental problems may have led them to cocaine abuse". He adds a cautionary note: "No one has been successful in developing a drug for cocaine (addiction)."



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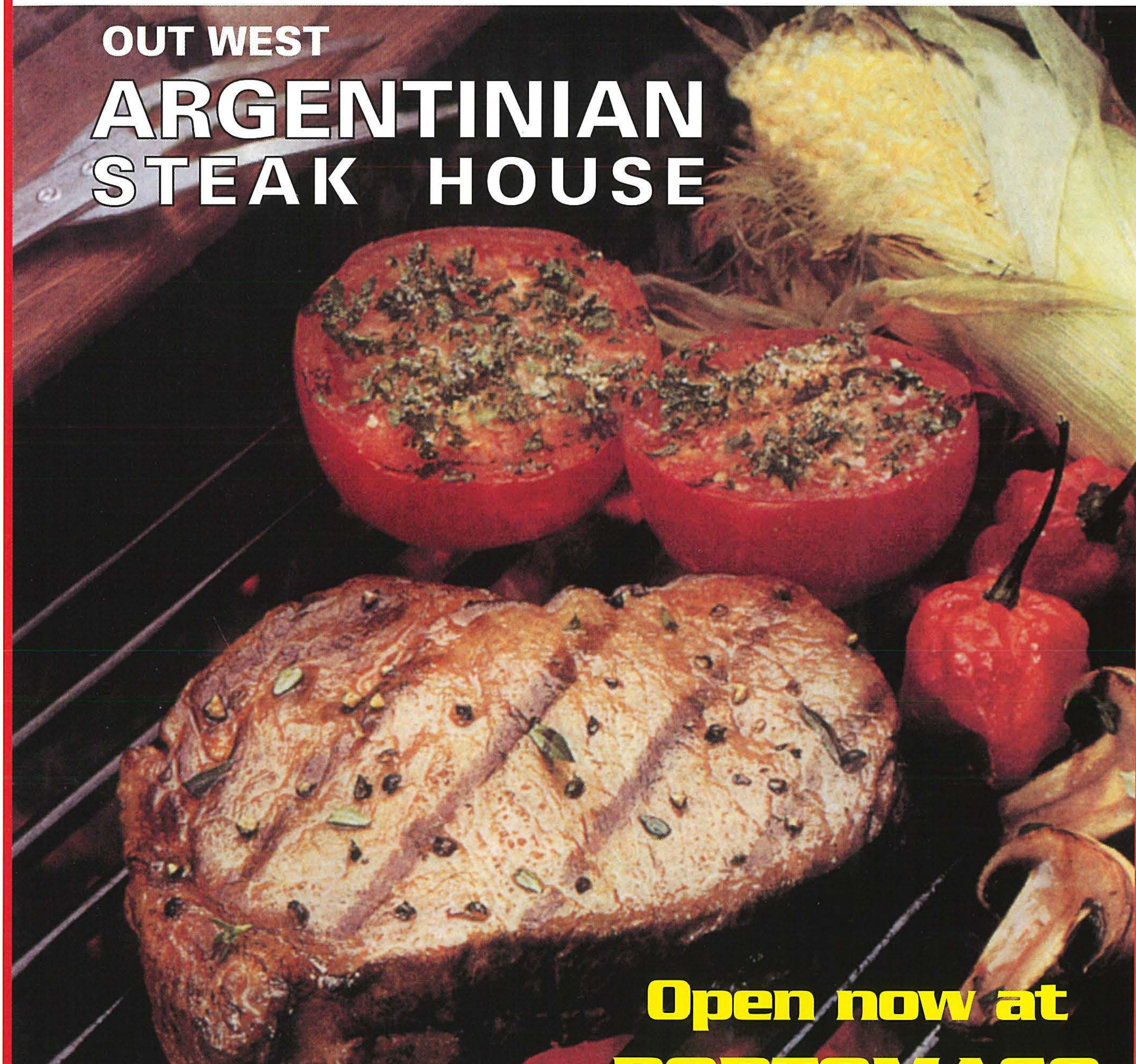

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Il-Qrati għandhom jagħtu appoġġ akbar lill-Pulizija

• 264 membru tal -Pulizija ħadu sehem fil-kwestjonarju

• Proposta biex ikun provdut 'counselling' professjonali

• 31.6 fil-mija jistqarru li l-kwestjonarju kien ta' opportunità biex qalu kull ma kellhom fl-istonku tagħhom.

Numru qawwi ta' Pulizija li lejn tmiem is-sena l-oħra hadu sehem fi kwestjonarju mniedi apposta għalihom esprimew ix-xewqa tagħhom, u anki l-ħtieġa, li l-Qrati tal-Ġustizzja jappoġġjaw aktar l-impenn u l-ħidma li qed iwettqu l-Pulizija fid-diversi oqsma tagħhom.

Dan il-mesaġġ joħroġ ċar minn xogħol interssanti bit-tema "Perceived Stress", Work Demands, Needs and Fullfilments of Maltese Police Officers' - stħarriġ u analiżi dettaljati li hu sar mill-għalliema Rose Anne Cauchi.

It-Teżi miġbura f'dokument ta' aktar minn mitt faċċata hi mqassma f'għaxar taqsimiet ewlenin, inkluż erba' kapitli li jiffokaw dwar: l-identifikazzjoni ta' xogħol il-Pulizija, is-sodisfazzjoni fil-post tax-xogħol, il-motivazzjoni u l-istress fl-ewwel kapitlu.

Interessanti hu l-fatt li biex sar dan l-istudju Rose Anne Cauchi għamlet diversi placements, kemm mal-Korp tal-Pulizija, kif ukoll ma' l-Armata u saħansitra mal-Lothian and Border Police ta' l-Iskozja. F'dan l-eżerċizzju ħadu sehem numru konsiderevoli ta' nies, fosthom 264 membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta li fil-fatt dan l-ammont jissinifika 15 fil-mija tal-membri kollha tal-Korp.

Min-numru diġa' msemmi, 86 fil-mija kienu rġiel waqt li 14 fil-mija kienu nisa. Il-perċentwali imsemmi hu prattikament identiku għal perċentwal ta' popolazzjoni fil-Korp fejn l-irġiel huma dominanti f'kull rank.

Il-perċentwali skond ir-ranks hu kif ġej: 61.35 fil-mija tal-membri huma f'rank ta' Kuntistabbli. 25 fil-mija huma fi grad ta' Surġent u 11.36 fil-mija fir-rank ta' Spettur. 1.89 fil-mija biss għandhom grad ta' Supretendent. Minn dan il-grad 'il fuq m'hemmx nisa. 0.38 fil-mija huma Assistenti Kummissarji. Hemm Deputat Kummissarju wieħed u Kummissarju.

Livell ta' Edukazzjoni

Fir-rigward ta' edukazzjoni, minn dawk li rrispondew il-kwestjonarju joħroġ li sitta waslu sal-livell ta' edukazzjoni primarja, 168 temmew is-Sekondarja, 29 marru fi skola Teknika, 58 waslu sal-livell post sekondarju u tlieta waslu sal-grad ta' Diploma jew Degree mill-Università.

Għaliex daħlu Pulizija?

Din it-taqsima kienet pjuttost kurjuża għall-fatt li meta sar l-istħarriġ dan tqassam bejn tliet gruppi rispettivi, jiġifieri r-rekluti fl-Akkademja tal-Pulizija, il-Pulizija Skoċċiża u l-Pulizija Maltija.

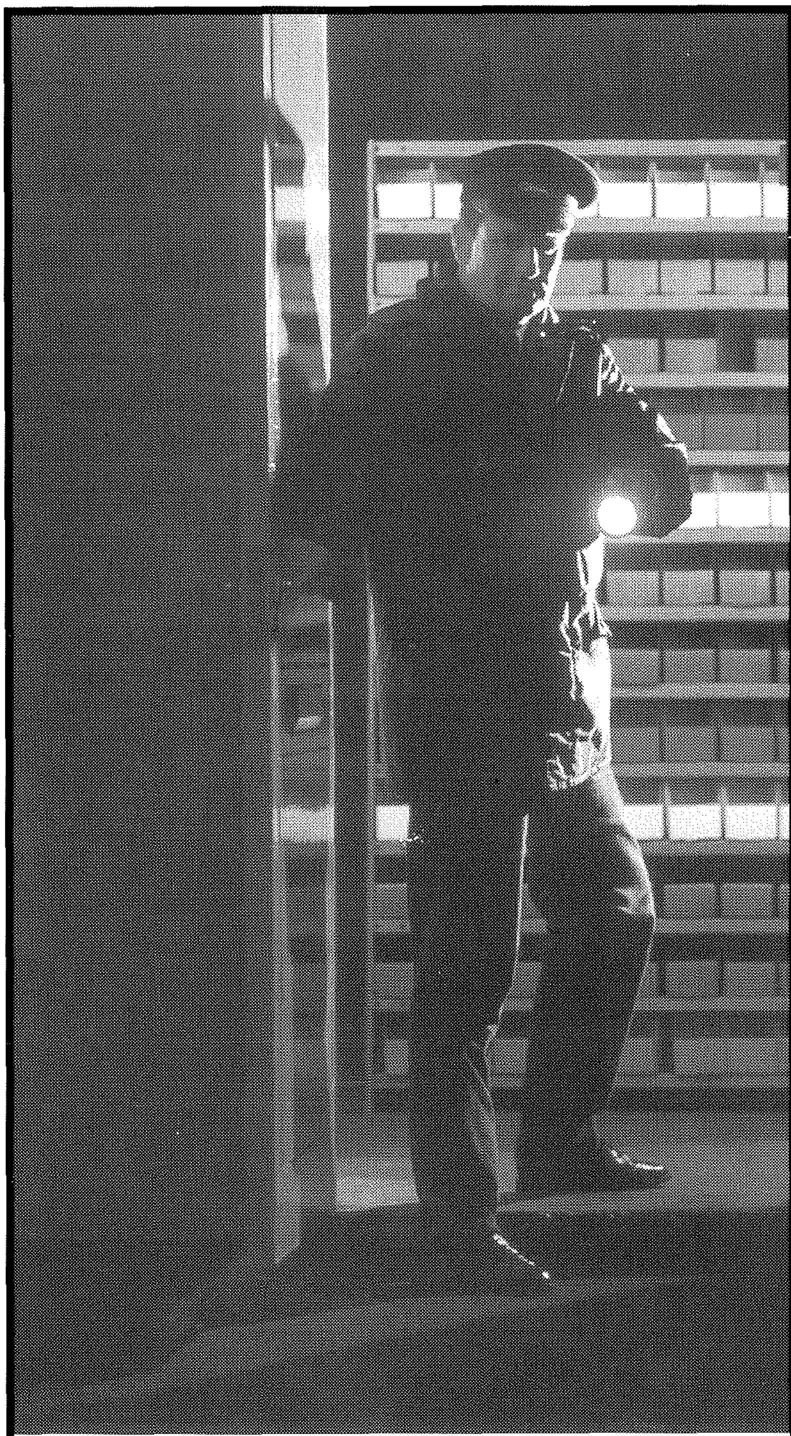
X'inhu l-aktar li joħloq stress?

Is-sigħat tax-xogħol jidhru li huma l-aktar fattur stressanti għall-membri tal-Pulizija. Uħud jargumentaw li terġa' għan-numru ta' sigħat twal li jaħdmu, lanqas ma huma mħallsa tajjeb. L-Istħarriġ wera li apparti dan hemm tnax-il fattur ieħor li qed joħolqu stress fost il-membri tal-Pulizija.

Reazzjonijiet għall-Kwestjonarju

31.06 fil-mija ta' dawk li rrispondew stqrrew li din kienet opportunità fejn qalu kull ma kellhom fl-istonku tagħhom, xi ħaġa li qatt qabel ma għamluha. 27.65 fil-mija wieġbu: Int ridtu u jien għamiltu: Speċi din kient l-ordni u allura kelli nobdi.

25 fil-mila għaddew kummenti ta' natura varja waqt li 17.8 fil-mija wieġbu li dak li għamlu kien simili għal-leħen ta' wieħed jgħajjat fid-deżert. 16.67 fil-mija ssopponew li forsi xi ħaġa sa fl-aħħar kienet bdiet tiċċaqlaq minn fuq. 11.74 fil-mija stqsew: "Fejn se naslu b'dan kollu?" 10.23 fil-mija raw il-kwestjonarju bħala ħela ta' ħin li 7.2 fil-mija ħaduh bħala sfida mentali. 1.14 fil-mija ħassew li dan il-



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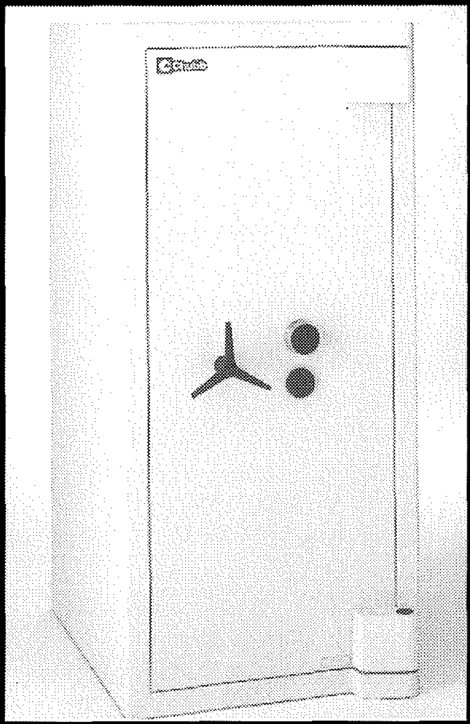

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kwestjonaju ma kien xejn għajr esperiment li kien qiegħed isir fuqhom.

L-iskop wara din it-tezi

L-iskop wara din it-teżi kien li tingħata stampa ċara ta' kif il-membri tal-Pulizija jħarsu lejn ix-xogħol tagħhom. X'inhuma dawk il-ħtiġiet psikoloġiċi u soċjali li qed jintlaħqu u mill-banda l-oħra, x'inhu dak li qiegħed jikkawża għejja ta' kull tip fuq il-post tax-xogħol.

"31.06 fil-mija stqarrew li qalu kull ma kellhom fl-istonku tagħhom, xi ħaġa li qatt qabel ma għamluha"

F'mistoqsija pjuttost vaga li kienet tagħmel parti mill-kwestjonarju dawk li rrispondew kienu mistiedna jikkummentaw dwar x'jixtiequ jaraw aħjar fir-rigward tax-xogħal tagħhom.

Diversi membri tal-Pulizija wieġbu li jistennew li jkollhom uniformi aktar komda, speċjalment fix-Xitwa, flimkien ma' aktar apparat u tagħmir essenzjali u aktar taħriġ.

Issemmew ukoll is-salarju u l-allowances, aktar sigħat diċenti ta' xogħol speċjalment fid-distretti, roster ta' xogħol adekwata u li għandha tingħata minn żmien qabel, eżenzjoni minn xogħol konness mal-Qorti meta l-Membru jkun bil-leave u aktar flessibbilità fix-xogħol biex ma jibqax dqshekk stressanti. Sostnew ukoll li l-Pulizija fuq il-beat għandhom ikunu dejjem tnejn, kemm għal protezzjoni ta' l-individwu stess, kif ukoll għal sens aħjar ta' ħidma kkordinata. Ingħad li r-rekluti għandhom ikunu aktar smart u effiċjenti.

Il-Korp għandu jaddatta ruħu skond l-esiġenzi tal-pubbliku waqt li jtejjeb ir-relazzjonijiet li diġa għandu maċ-ċittadin. B'dan il-Pulizija jkun aktar rispettat.

Talba għal relazzjonijiet aħjar interpersonali kienet fir-rigward tal-membri bejnithom. Dwar dan intqal li l-Uffiċjali għolja għadhom juru aktar rispett lejn dawk fi gradi anqas minnhom. L-istess Uffiċjali għolja għandhom jiżdiedu fin-nurmu fi sforz biex ikollhom aktar ħin mal-pubbliku ġenerali. Issemmiet ukoll l-importanza li l-Korp tal-Pulizija jingħata aktar appoġġ mill-Qrati tal-Ġustizzja.

Kundizzjonijiet tax-xoħol.

Stħarriġ li sar dan l-aħħar jissuġġerixxi li l-valuri tax-xogħol ta' l-ijmpjegat kontemporanju jinkludu; (1) Opportunitajiet ġodda minn żmien għal żmien, (2) rikonoxximent għal dawk li juru titjib fix-xogħol, (3) Opportunitajiet ta' xogħol interessanti u ta' sfida, u (4) Priorità assoluta lil familja, imbagħad lejn ix-xogħol.

Għalkemm fir-realtà, dawn il-kundizzjonijiet diġà jeżistu, xorta waħda hemm spazju adekwat fejn dawn jiżviluppaw aħjar, partikolarment fejn jidħol ir-rokonoxximent għal dawk li juru interess f'xogħolhom u jkun evidenti li l-ħidma tagħhom qed tħalli riżultati pożittivi.

L-istħarriġ ikompli jindika li fost l-aktar fatturi dominanti li qed jikkawża stress fost il-pulizija lokali hemm in-numru ta' sigħat twal li huma jkollhom jaħdmu. Dan qed jirriżulta f'impenn aktar milli mistenni fir-rigward ta' sforzi fiżiċi u psikoloġiċi. Ir-riżultat inevitabbli qed joffri biss konsegwenzi negattivi. Sigħat twal ta' xogħol jum wara l-ieħor qed jirriżultaw f'għejja, flimkein ma' użu regolari ta' alkohol, tabakk, u drogi oħra. Ix-xogħol bis-sistema tas-shift qiegħed ifarrak l-aspett ta' relazzjonijiet soċjali u dawk familjari li tant huma meħtieġa. Żgur li jeżistu metodi kif din il-problema speċifika tista' - jekk mhux tiġi fix-xejn - almenu tonqos mill-intensità tagħha.

Relazzjonijiet Interpersonali aħjar

Għalkemm jidher li teżisti sens ta' għaqda bejn il-membri tal-Korp, relazzjonijiet fuq bażi interpersonali huma l-problema bejn membri f'ranks differenti. L-istħarriġ jindika li l-aħjar relazzjonijiet huma preżenti fost membri ta' l-istess rank. L-għar relazzjonijiet huma ma' dawk f'ranks għola. Wasal iż-żmien li tinħadem forma ta' struttura li tgħin fil-bini ta' relazzjonijiet aħjar bejn ranks differenti, mingħajr ma fl-istess ħin l-Uffiċjali fil-higher ranks iħossu li b'xi mod qed tonqos l-awtorità li huma għandhom.

Ħiliet interpersonali u intrapersonali għandhom jingħataw konsiderezzjonijiet ta' l-ogħla livell, speċjalment fil-korsijiet fl-Akkademja tal-Pulizija. Nuqqas ta' fiduċja, ta' appoġġ u ta' interess flimkien ma diferenzi ta' poter

qed iħallu effetti negattivi.

Relazzjonijiet pubbliċi

Ir-relazzjoni bejn il-Pulizija u l-pubbliku hi waħda fundamentali. Meta sezzjoni tal-pubbliku - għal raġunijiet tajbin jew ħżiena - tkun disassoċjata mill-Pulizija, l-affarijiet ma jmorrux tajjeb daqs kemm wieħed jistennna. Diversi strateġija kienu disinjati u addotati mill-Pulizija lokali fi sforz biex jitjieb l-image li l-pulizija għandha fost is-soċjetà Maltija. It-twaqqif tal-kampanja għal Sewqan aħjar kienet fost l-inizjattivi li ttieħdu riċentament, b'dankollu dawn l-istrateġiji jinħtieġ li jkunu fuq bażi regolari, aġġornati u b'saħħithom.

It-twaqqif tal-Community & Media Relations Unit, immexxi b'mod professjonali huwa pass fid-direzzjoni t-tajba. F'dawn l-aħħar snin din it-Taqsima kienet strumentali biex iproġettat lill-Korp tal-Pulizija bħala Korp li jgħin. In-negattiv ta' l-istess Taqsima jinsab fin-nuqqas ta' riżorsi umani, kif ukoll materjali..

Iż-żjarat fl-iskejjel minn Uffiċjali tal-Pulizija huma ħolqa oħra fil-katina għal bini ta' soċjetà li tkun aktar fil-qrib tal-Pulizija u dan sa minn l-iżgħar eta. Dawn iż-żjarat għandhom ikunu fuq bażi regolari, possibbilment fuq sistmea ta' roster. B'hekk kull skola jkkollha l-opportunità li tibbenifika minn dan is-servizz.

Aspett ieħor essenzjali ħafna u li barra minn Malta hu sempliċiment normali, huma l-Pulizija fuq il-beat. Ghalkemm dawn żdiedu sostanzjalment maż-żmien, għad hemm ħinijiet matul il-ġurnata, kif ukoll żoni li sfortunatament għad m'humiex milħuqa minn dan is-servizz. Apparti li din il-ħidma toffri protezzjoni kontra kull imġieba legali, is-sistema minnha innifisha tgħin fl-iżvilupp ta' relazzjonijiet aħjar bejn iż-żewġ naħat.

Argument li jreġġi hu li din is-sistema ta' patrol tardizzjonali kienet, għada u tibqa fost l-aqwa mezzi ta' kif il-pubbliku jħossu protett u kif ukoll li jkun f'kuntatt dirett mal-pulizija, anke jekk l-iskwadra mobbli hi effiċjenti u għax mobbli, tista tilħaq żoni aktar kbar f'ħin relattivament qasir.

Fattur li jista jgħaqqad il-katina bejn il-pubbliku u l-pulizija hu permezz tal-media. Ir-rapport jagħti eżempju tas-sensiela televiżiva "Il-Każ" li kien maħsub proprju biex il-pubbliku jagħti informazzjoni utli dwar każijiet mhux solvuti. Mir-rispons ħareġ evidenti li l-pubbliku hu lest li jikkoopera. Programmi simili m'għandhomx ikunu ta' xi darba kultant.

Aspett ieħor li jipproponi r-rapport hu, kif ilhom jeżistu barra minn Malta, jiġifieri Uffiċċju ta' Informazzjoni tal-Pulizija. Strettament dan ma jkunx Għassa tal-Pulizija iżda posta ta' informazzjoni, kemm għal-pubbliku Malti kif ukoll għal dawk li jiġu jżuruna, Post ideali fejn xi ħaġa bħal din tista ssir realta tkun fi Triq ir-Repubblika fil-Belt.

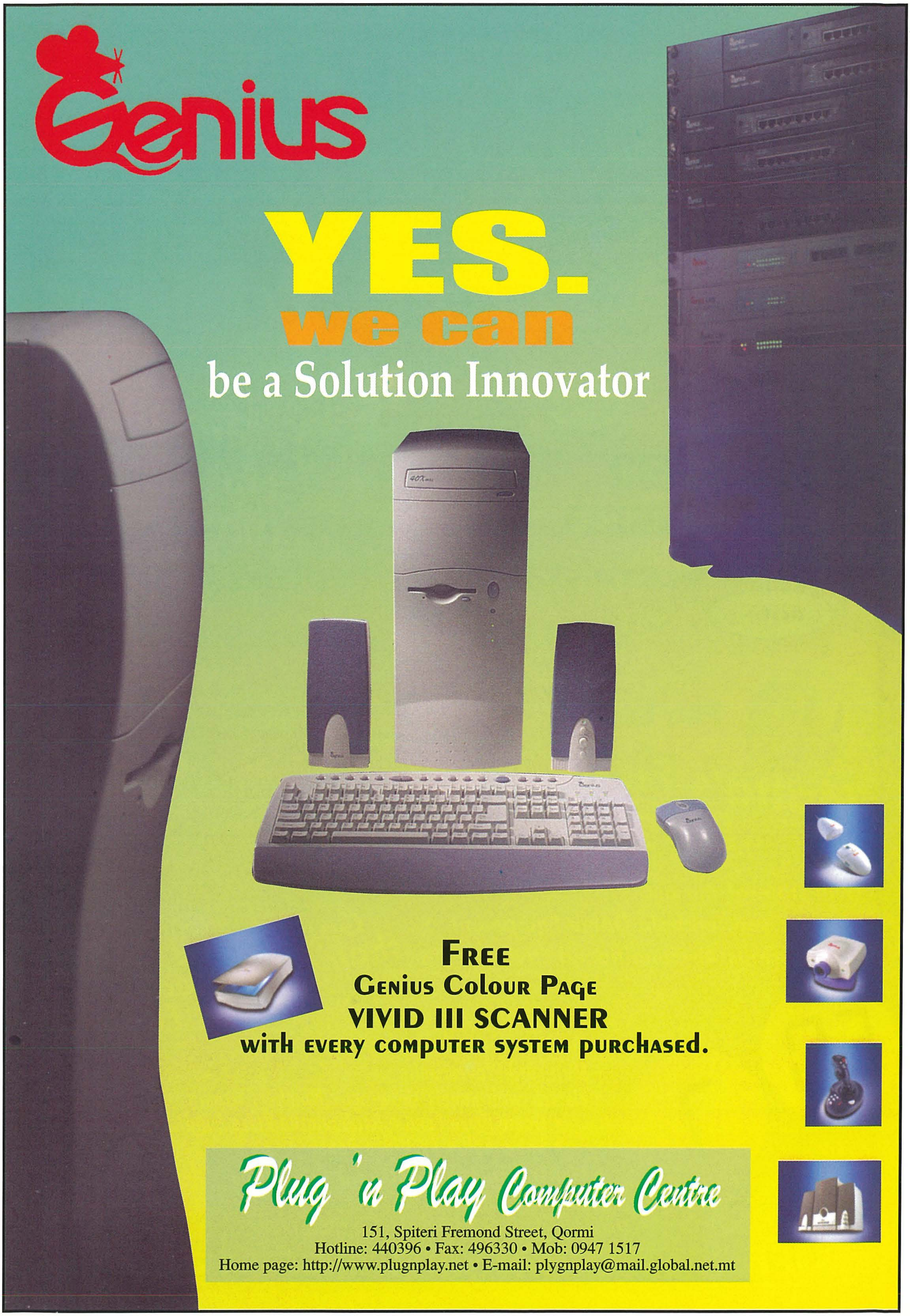
L-ambjent fiżiku

Kif ingħad aktar qabel, mill-informazzjoni li nġabret fir-rapport joħroġ ċar li l-ambjent fiżiku hu fost l-aktar elementi stressanti tal-Pulizija. L-ammont ta' dawl fil-bini, il-ħsejjes u t-temperatura ta' ġewwa huma l-elementi ewlenin li jiddeterminaw kif se jkun l-istat psikoloġiku u fisjoloġiku ta' dawk li jkunu jaħdmuu f'dan l-ambjent. Preżentament f'Malta u Għawdex qed tingħata attenzjoni partikolari lill-apparenza fiżika ta' ċerti istituzzjonijiet bħal iskejjel, uffiċini, kliniċi u postijiet oħra pubbliċi. Rinnovazzjoni kontinwa hi evidenti. Allura wieħed jiskanta kif u għaliex id-diversi bini tal-Pulizija għadu nieqes wisq minn dan l-aspett li qed ikun inkoraġġit f'setturi oħra pubbliċi!

Mezz efettiv kif jitnaqqas l-istress

L-istress hu xi ħaġa imposta jew sistema ta' kif persuna tirreaġixxi għal dak li jkun qed jiġri madwarha? Forsi wasal iż-żmien li l-membri tal-Pulizija jkunu provduti b'xi forma jew oħra ta' counselling professjonali. Dan jista' jkun persuna appuntat minn fosthom stess, inkella minn aġenzija apparti. L-aktar importanti hu li l-persuna magħżula jkollha l-fiduċja possibilment tal-membri tal-Pulizija kollha. Dan is-servizz m'għandux jitqies bħala parti oħra mill-burokrazija tal-Korp tal-Pulizija.

Il-counselling hu servizz li jingħata wieħed lill-ieħor, jew fi gruppi żgħar, f'ambjent informali għall-aħħar. Tkun ideja tajba li naraw x'għandhom xi jgħidu l-istess membri tal-Pulizija dwar dan. L-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija wkoll għandha tieħu l-inizjattiva li tagħmel ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet tagħha biex din il-miżura eventwalment tkun implimentata.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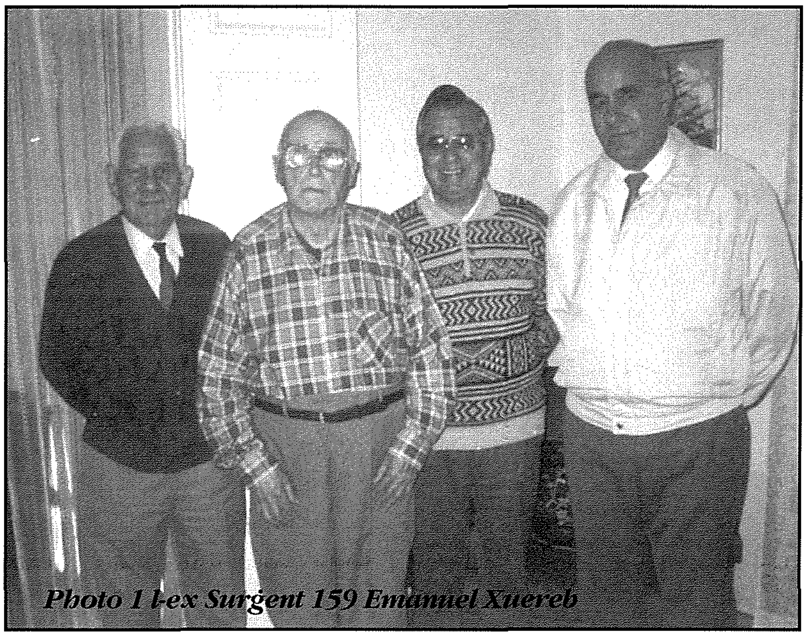
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1 RIĊEVIMENT ANNWALI
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Bħal dejjem, attendew numru kbir ta' pensjonanti għaliex din hija attività ferm mistennija mill-membri tagħna.
Il-President ta' l -Għaqda, is-Sur Joe Azzopardi, għamel diskors ta' ringrazzjament lil-Kummissarju li minn naħa tiegħu esprima s-sodisfazzjon tiegħu li kull sena, f'din l-okkażżjoni, jiltaqa ma daqstant ex-Membri tal-Korp li ħafna minnhom ħadmu miegħu.
Qabel dan ir-reċeviment saret quddiesa fil-Kappella tad-Depot li, bħas-soltu kienet iċċelebrata mill-Kappillan tal-Korp, Fr. Raniero.

2 MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION
Fl-aħħar ċirkulari tiegħu, li rċevejna fil-bidu ta' din is-sena ġdida, l-Uffiċjal inkarigat mill-amministrazzjoni tal-MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION, (P.C. 193 J. Mamo) minbarra r-rendikont annwali tiegħu ta' kif tqassmu l-kontribuzzjonijiet imħallsa mill-membri, jirrimarka li għad hemm min jittraskura fil-ħlasijiet, saħansitra hemm min kellu jiġi mneħħi mir-reġistru għaliex naqas li jħallas il-kontribuzzjoni MINKEJJA DIVERSI REMINDERS.
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3 LIFE INSURANCE
l-Korp tal-Pulizija, permezz ta' l-Amministrazzjoni, qed jikkonsidra l-possibiltà ta' skema ta' LIFE INSURANCE. Il-Pensjonanti wkkoll ġew mitluba juru l-fehma tagħhom jekk humiex interessati li jkunu parti minnha. Sakemm qed nikteb, kien għad m'għandiex tagħrif biżżejjed dwarha u jekk din hiex vijabbli għal membri ta' l-Għada tagħna. Kif ikollna aktar tagħrif ċar, ngħadduhulkom.

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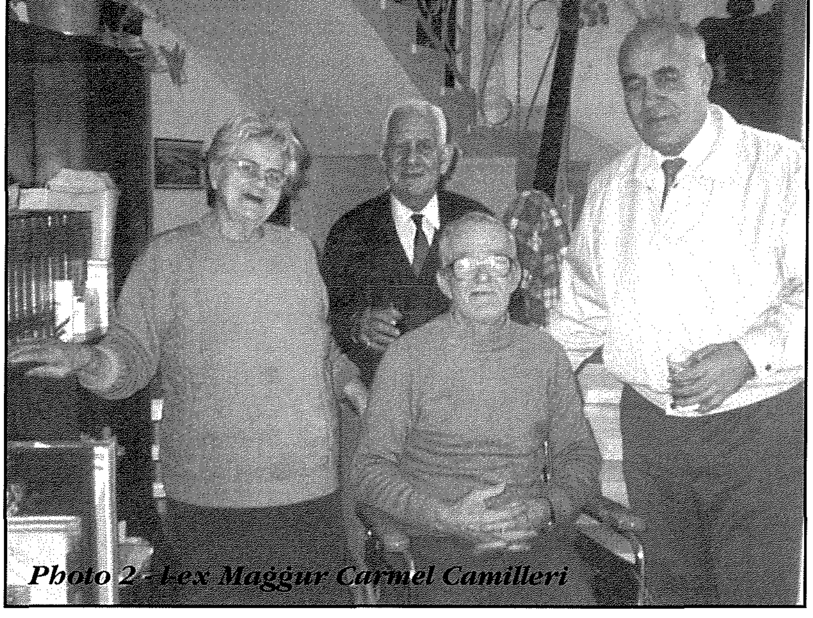
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Għadna kif ġejna nfurmati mill-Għaqda Nazzjonali tal-Pensjonanti, bil-ħsieb li titwaqqaf ALLEANZA bejn l-Għaqdiet kollha tal-Pensjonanti li hawn f'Malta. Aħna wkkoll ġejna mistiedna biex possibilment niffurmaw parti minnha, bl-iskop li jinħoloq "front" komuni biex iħares id-drittijiet tal-Pensjonanti f'Malta. Kemm l-għanijiet kif ukoll l-istatut proposti qegħdin jiġu studjati mill-Kunsill ta' l-Għqada qabel nikkommettu ruħna f'din l-inizjattiva

5 ŻJARAT LIL SĦABNA MORDA

Nhar is-Sibt, 16 ta' Diċembru, 2000, tliet membri tal-kunsill, Gigi Muscat, Wiġi Vella u Alfred Debattista, żaru lill xi membri anzjani tagħna li huma ikoverati jew id-dar tagħhom jew fl-isptar San Vincenz de Paule.

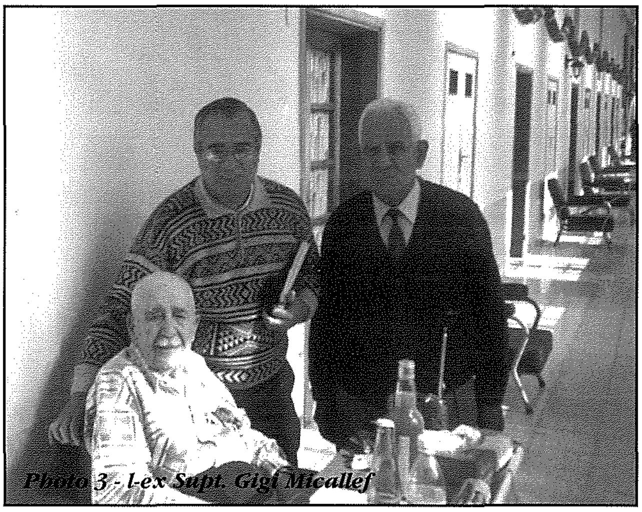
Photo 3 - l-ex Supt. Gigi Micallef

L-ewwel li żorna kien l-ex Surgent 159 EMANUEL XUEREB fid-dar tiegħu, 210 Sanctuary Street, Zabbar. Wara morna ż-Żurrieq, f'Nru. 3, Sqaq San Kristofru, fejn iltqajna ma l-Ex Maġġur Carmel Camilleri (il-Ginger) u s-Sinjura tiegħu. Kien imiss imbgħad żjara fl-isptar San Vincenz de Paule. Hemmek kellna ppjanat li nżuru tnejn iżda spiċċajna sabiex rajna erba' ex memberi tal-Korp.

Photo 2 - Ex PC 363 Cikku Cauchi
Ex PC 509 Cikku Pace

Dawn kienu l-Ex supretendent Ġiġi Micallef, lil-ex PC. 363 cikku Cauchi, lil ex PC 509 Cikku Pace u l-ex PC 897 Salvu Camilleri. Dawn sħabna kollha ħadu ferm gost biż-żjara tagħna u ma naqsux li jfakkruna f'xi episodji ta' meta kienu jserħu fil-Korp. Lil dawn sħabna ħadnilhom ukoll Hamper żgħir, peress ukoll li kien qrib il-Milied. Din kienet inizjattiva li tatna sodisfazzjon u li beħsiebna nkomplu nagħmlu għal li ġej.

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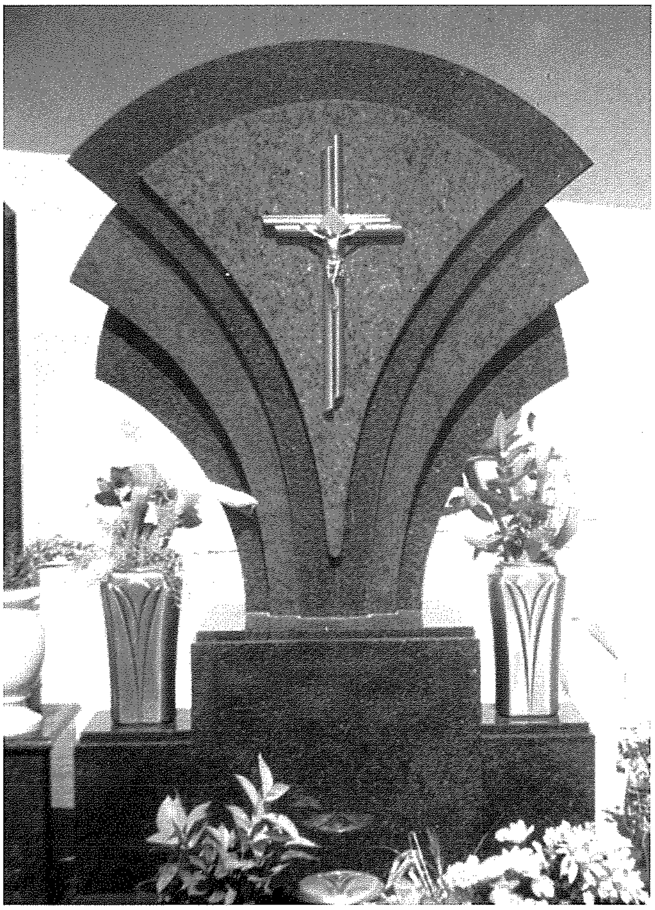

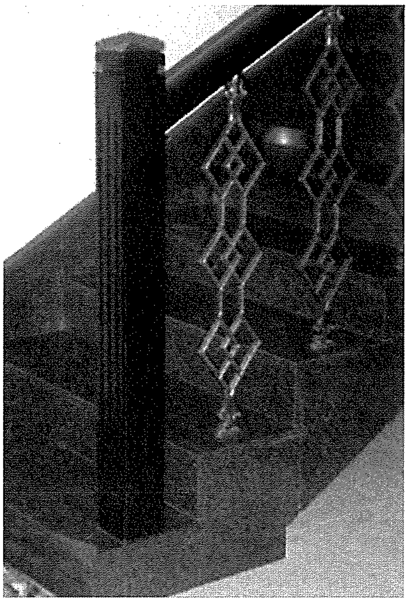

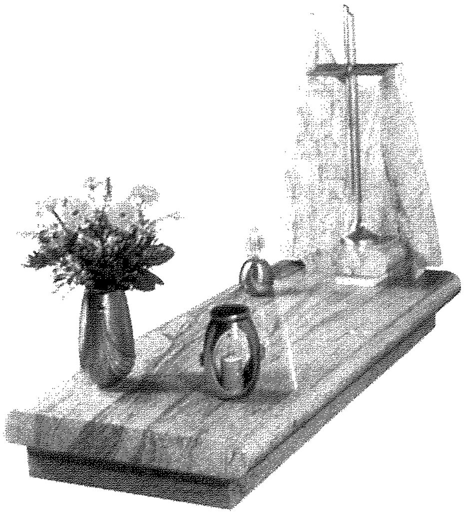

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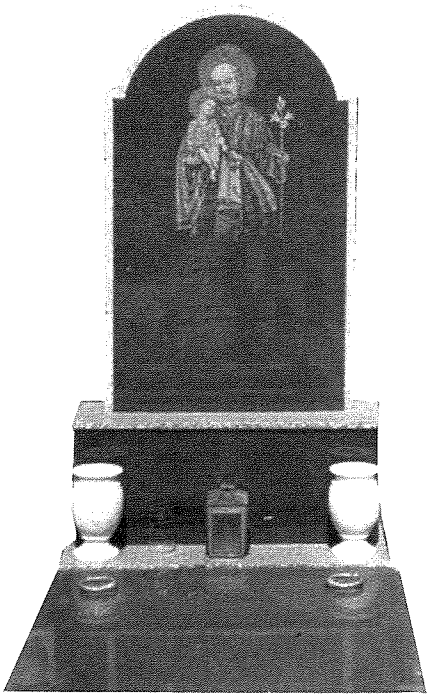

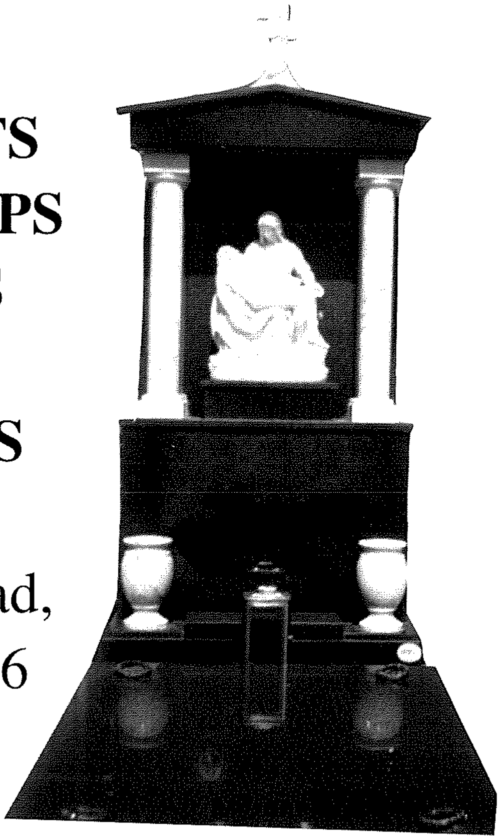

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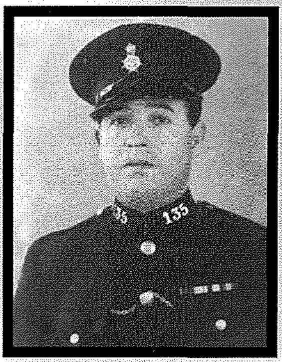

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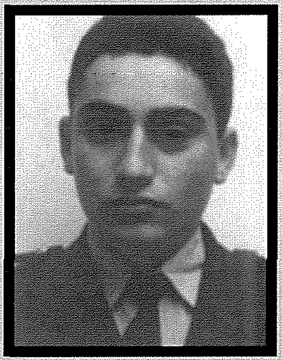

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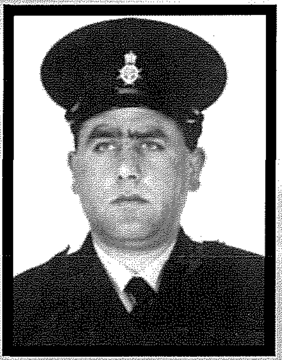

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I.P.A. International Police Association

Unfortunately I have to open this IPA page by announcing a rather bad news. The founder of the International Police Association, ex police sergeant ARTHUR TROOP died peacefully at the Sue Hospice, Peterborough on Thursday 7th December at 4.50 p.m. at the age of 85 years, following a brave fight against cancer. His funeral was held the following Thursday 14th December at his local church in Lincolnshire. As expected, for this funeral a considerable number of National Sections were present. Although the local Section could not be present for the funeral the Secretary General sent our condolence to the family on behalf of the National committee and members. Arthur Troop has been sick for some time now, but when he attended the 50th Jubilee of the association held in May, during the World Congress in Bournemouth, he looked rather well. He had managed to attend for nearly all the congress sessions and functions, although not staying to the very end. For the Secretary General and myself, it was the last time we have met him. He was extremely happy when he met Her Highness Princess Margaret on the opening ceremony. In July he succeeded to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary. I am positive sure that Arthur's absence from the PEB during the next international meeting will much felt, especially his traditional speech. During the international meeting Arthur was always approached by delegate asking for a commemorative photograph and his autograph. I remember very well when we took our photograph with him in Vienna in 1996, a photo I am proudly reproducing on this page. May God bless his soul.

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Our Association apart from having the **PEB (Permanent Executive Board)** there are also a number of Commissions who conduct different works. One of these Commissions is the **Professional Commission,** which carries out surveys and other works concerning police work. A survey held last year among member Sections concerned police training, a summary of which I am presenting for your information.

POLICE TRAINING COMPARISON

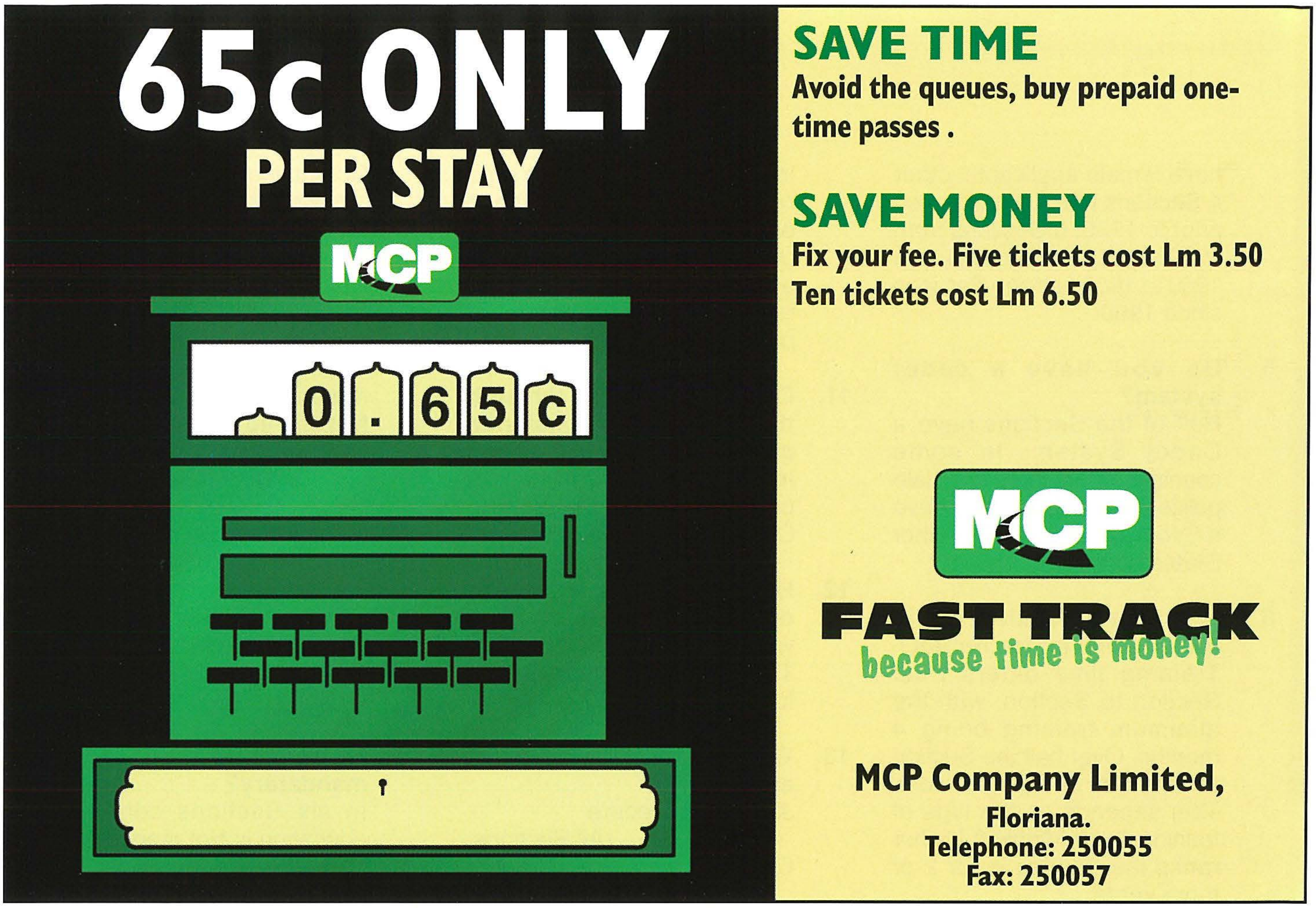
Summary of questions:

1. **What kind of education does the police applicant have to have?**
   There is no comparison in this question, as many Sections did not respond. The common thread seems to be that all applicants must have had secondary and high school education

2. **What is the minimum age of a police applicant?**
   The lowest age of an applicant is 17 and the highest 21 years. In most Sections the applicant must be 18 to 19 years of age.

3. **What is the maximum age of a police applicant?**
   The maximum age of a police a applicant is between 30 to 40 years. Some Section have no age limit and others up to 55 years.

4. **Do you have female police applicants? If yes, since when?**
   All Sections have female police applicants.
   Two Sections have always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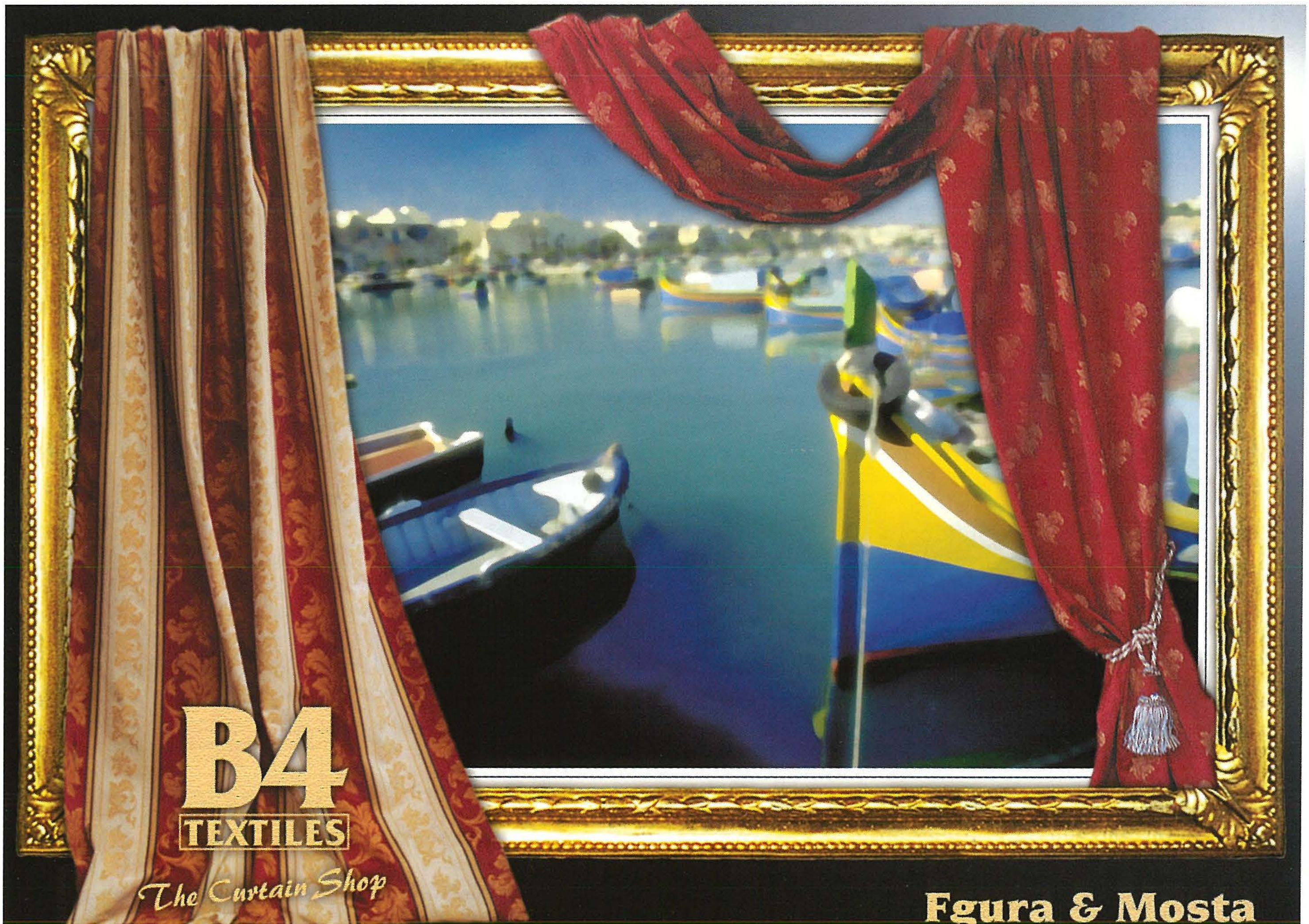
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have female applicants, other 4 Sections had women police prior to 1930: 6 Sections from 1930 to 1959: 10 Sections from 1960 to 1989 and two Sections since 1990.

5. **Do you have a cadet system?**
Half of the Sections have a Cadet System. In some countries where there are State police some of the States have a Cadet system, whereas other States do not.

6. **How long is the basic training of a police recruit?**
Training time differs from Section to Section, with the minimum training being 4 months. Over half the Section training lasts for 1 year or more. This depends on the type of training, ie for Middle & Higher ranks the training is for 2 or more years.

7. **Does the applicant receive an official diploma on completion?**
In the majority of the Sections the applicants receive an official diploma. Only 6 Sections do not.

8. **Is the Police academy/training center organised centrally or decentralised?**
18 Sections have centrally organised police academies. 5 of the Sections have both, depending on the States and in some case special centralised schools for commissioned officers.

9. **Do male/female applicants have to complete military service?**
In 15 Sections the males must complete military service. This appears to be mainly from within Europe. Israel is the only Section were women must complete military service.

10. **How much further education is required for promotion to higher ranks?**
In only one Section there is no requirement for further education for promotion. Half of the Sections require university training. The third require other academic or police training.

11. **Can you progress through the ranks to commissioned officer?**
In two Sections you cannot progress through the ranks to Commissioned Officer.

12. **How long does it take to obtain the highest rank within your police structure?**
This varies greatly from Section to Section.

13. **Which of the following topics are taught?**
Judicial Procedure
All Sections.
Criminal Law & Procedures
All Sections
Traffic Laws & Regulations
All Sections
Police Regulations
All Sections
Police Operations Techniques
All Sections
Crime Scene Investigations
All Sections
Weapons training
All Sections
Psychological behavior
One Section does not teach this.
Police ethics
Two Sections do not teach this.
Administration/Management
Two Sections do not teach this.
Stress management
Three Sections do not teach this.
Foreign languages
Eight Sections do no teach this.

14. **Does your force have ongoing training courses for it's Officers?**
All Sections have ongoing training.

15. **What type of internal courses are offered?**
Computing
Not offered in one Section
Information technology
Not offered in four Sections
Communications
Not offered in three Sections
Writing skills (use of words) rhetoric
Not offered in seven Sections
Languages
Not offered in eleven Sections
Management training
Not offered in three Sections
Special driving courses
Not offered in four Sections
Criminal investigation
Not offered in two Sections

16. **Is continued education mandatory?**
In six Sections continued education is Not mandatory.

Renewal of membership:
Members are kindly advised that the Association stamps for Year 2001 have been received and membership renewal can be affected with the Treasurer Mr. S. Bugeja, against the payment of LM1.

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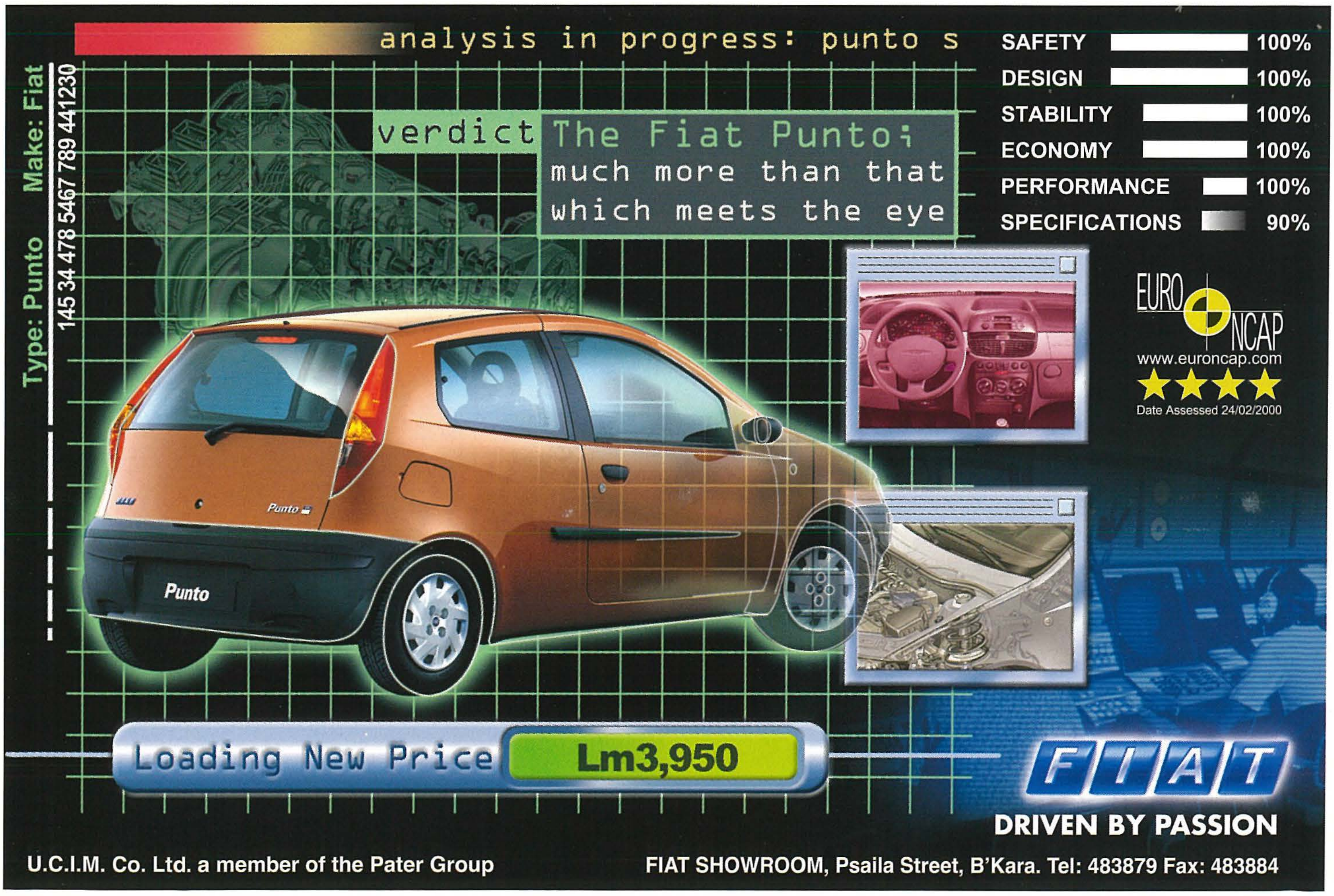
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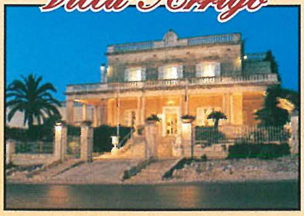

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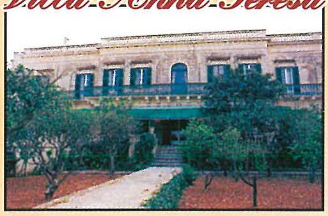

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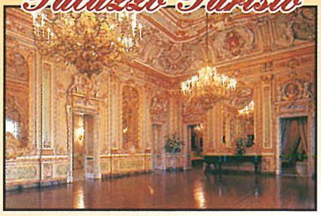

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ITTRA LILL-EDITUR

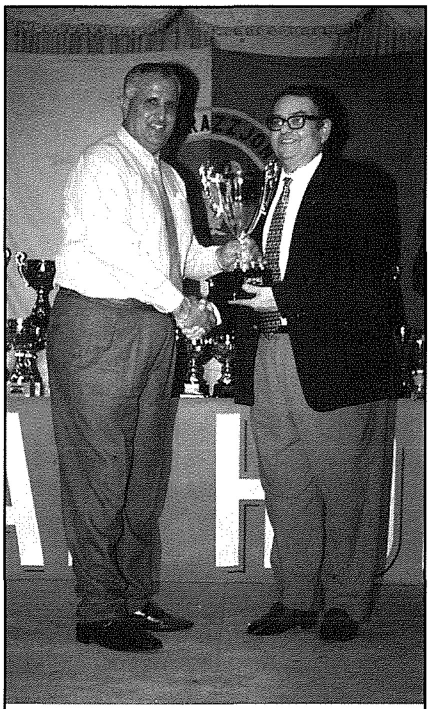
Għażiż Editur,
M'ilux kont qed naqra u ġie f'idejja l-artiklu dwar Jack the Ripper. Jiena ċerta li ħafna mill-qarrejja tiegħek semgħu b'dan il-każ ta' dan il-qattiel, però nixtieq li dawk li ma semgħux bih, isiru jafu dwar dan il-qattiel, li l-każ tiegħu għadu ma ngħalaqx fl-arkivji tal-pulizija Ingliża. Hemm min jgħid li kien kirurgu Russu għaliex l-għemejjel li kien jagħmel, u fi ftit minuti biss, bilfors li kien bniedem imdaħħal sew fil-qasam tal-mediċina. Dan il-qattiel li kien jibgħat ittri ffirmati minn idejh stess lil-pulizija għadu sal-ġurnata tal-lum ma nqabaddx.
Fil-parti l-qadima ta' Londra ta' n-naħa tal-Lvant, ħames prostituti ġew brutalment imqatta mill-leġġendarju Jack the Ripper, li kienu jirreferu għalih bħala l-qattiel ta' White Chappel u Fardal tal-ġilda. L-erba' delitti seħħew fi żmien ta' erba' xhur bejniethom fis-sena 1888. Dawn id-delitti saru il-bogħod minn xulxin u nvolvow id-distrett ta' White Chappel, Spital Fields, Aldgate u l-Belt ta' Londra propja.
Ċertu Donald Rumbleow awtur ta' "The complete Jack the Ripper" kien għadu detective u kuratur fil-Police Crime Museum lura fis-snin sittin. Dak iż-żmien u iltaqa' ma l-evidenza kollha ta' Ripper, li kienet tikkonsisti ittri miktuba mill-pubbliku, rittratti tal-vittmi fil-mortwarju u diversi noti dwar l-inkjesta.
Qtil, sess u mewt dejjem kienu attrazzjoni qawwija għal ħafna nies, iżda l-qtil tar-Ripper u l-fatt li għadu ma nstabx min kien, iżid l-interess ta' ħafna nies.
L-ewwel qtil ta' jack Seħħ fis-sigħat bikrin ta' Awissu 31, 1888 meta hu probabilment stad u qatel lil Polly Nichols, prostituta ta' tnejn u erbgħin sena ta' Lvant ta' Londra. Griżmejha ġew imċarrta sas-sinsla ta' dahra u żaqqha miftuħa berah taħt il-kustilji. Sa Novembru 9 ta' l-istess sena erbgħa iġsma oħra ġew misjuba, l-istess ittrattati bi brutalitá makabra, u b'hekk il-qattiel ħa dan il-laqam ta' "Ripper", wieħed li joftoq. Kien jaffaċja l-vitma tiegħu, u waqt li hi kienet tipprepara ruħha, kien jaqbadha minn griżmejha, jifgaħħha sakemm tintilef minn sensiha jew mejta. Imbagħad kien ibaxxiha lejn l-art, rasha lejn ix-xellug tiegħu, u jiftħilha griżmejha berah.
Lil vittmi tiegħu kollha kien jagħmillhom hekk, u normalment kien jieħu biċċiet mill-imsaren tal-vittmi tiegħu. Dawn il-fatti ġew meħudin mill-awtopsji li saru fuq l-iġsma tal-vittmi u l-pożizzjonijiet li kienu meta kienu jinstabu. Ma kien hemm l-ebda evidenza li l-qattiel kellu x'jaqsam mal-vittmi tiegħu. Hemm min jgħid li r-"Ripper" kellu mibegħda kbira lejn dawn il-prostituti.
Ma nafux kemm inqatlu prostituti propja, però jgħidu li x'aktarx inqatlu ħamsa. Hemm min jgħid erba' oħrajna seba' u iżjed. Ħafna pulizija jemmnu li qatel disa'. Il-ħames vittmi li jafu bihom huma: 1 Maryanne (Polly) Nichols, inqatlet il-Ġimgħa, Awissu 31 1888, 2 Annie Chappman, maqtula s-Sibt 8 ta' Settembru 1888, 3 Elizabeth Stride, maqtula s-Sibt 30 ta' Settembru 1888, 4 Catherine Eddowes, maqtula fl-istess jum, u 5 Mary Jane (Marie Janette) Kelly, maqtula l-Ġimgħa 9 ta' Novembru 1888.
Rumbelow jirrimarka li kien hemm ħafna suspetti li setgħu kienu r-Ripper. Fost dawn kien hemm it-teorija lura fis-sena 1970, illi t-tifel ta' iben jew bint ir-Reġina Vittorja, il-Prinċep Albert Victor Duka ta' Clarence u Avondale kien ir-Ripper però ma għandna evidenza konkreta u r-Ripper għad irid jinqabad.
Min jirnexxilu jżur in-naħa ta' l-Lvant ta' Londra, malajr jinduna li l-post ma tantx inbidel min ta' dak iż-żmien, u malajr jifhem kif dan il-qattiel imsemmi seta jattakka bħal leħħa ta' berqa u jisparixxi f'sekonda mingħajr traċċa ta' xejn. Il-"fog" u d-dawl batut tat-toroq iservi ta' vantaġġ għall-qattiel u x-xena ta' llum għada l-istess ħafna bħala meta kienet fl-1888.
Ftit il-bogħod hemm Spitalfields, suq għall-apert fejn Mary Jane Kelly kienet tħuf ġewwa t-toroq ma prostituti oħrajn biex ifittxu l-klijenti tagħhom. Xi kultant kienu jieħdu drink ġot-tavena "Ten Bells" ġot-triq Goulston. Mary Jane, jew kif kienu jgħajtula Mary Janette ġiet maqtula mir-Ripper il-Ġimgħa 9 ta' Jannar. Jgħidu li hawn hekk, il-Ħadd 30 ta' Settembru, kiteb messaġġ bil-ġibs fuq bieb "Il-Lhud huma n-nies li m'humiex ħatja ta' xejn," ftit wara li qatel it-tieni vittma tiegħu tal-ġurnata, Catherine Eddowes waqt li ħa miegħu bħala tifkira waħda mil-kliewi tagħħha! Elizabeth Stride ġiet maqtula l-istess ġurnata. Sal-ġurnata tal-llum ħadd ma jaf x'ried jgħid il-qattiel b'dan il-kliem.
Fi pjazza Mitre, Rumbelow jirrakkonta l-qtil t'Eddowes probabilment waħda mill-vittmi l-aktar imbiċċra tal-qattiel Ripper. Il-kadavru tal-vittma kien għadu sħun x'ħin il-pulizija sabitu u dan ifisser li mmissjaw lir-ripper bi ftit sekondi. Attwalment il-pulizija kienu stazzjonaw raġel wara ħajt ta' daħla ta' sqaq, biex jonsob il-qattiel x'ħin ifeġġ. Dan ir-raġel għassa ta' bil-lejll kien pulizija fi żmienu. Probabilment, il-pulizija ta' wara l-ħajt iddejjaq u mar jgħid kelmtejn ma l-ex kollega tiegħu Ripper qatel lill-aħħar vittma tiegħu mija w tnax-il sena ilu, u qatt m'hu se joqtol iżjed. Però sal-ġurnata tal-llum dan il-misteru għadu ma solviex ruħu.
Tgħid min kien dan l-individwu? X'kien il-motiv tiegħu li joqtol dawn in-nisa? Dawn il-mistoqsijiet insaqsihom lili nnifsi, però risposta għalihom ma nisbx. Min fejn ġiet din il-mibegħda li nibtet ġo qalbu?

SPORTS

PROFILI
Thomas Spiteri (PC. 1213

DARTS

Bħal ma wegħdkom fil-ħarġa l-oħra ta' dan il-Magazine, ser nibda sensiela ta' Profili dwar membri tal-Korp li rnexxew fl-Isport li jipprattikaw.



Tommy Spiteri (xellug) jirċievi t-tazza "Charity Cup" f'isem il-Klabb Boċċi Luqa, mingħand il-President tal-Federazzjoni maltija Boċċi, is-Sur Colin Cauchi

Illum ser nitkellmu dwar seħibna PC.1213 Thomas Spiteri li fl-imgħoddi jien nafu bħala player tajjeb tas-Snooker, fid-Distrett tal-Belt u li minbarra kompetizzjonijiet individwali, ippreżenta lit-team tad-Distrett f'ħafna logħbiet ma teams rappreżentattivi oħra.

F'dawn l-aħħar snin, Tommy (kif inhu l-aktar magħruf), intefa' għall-logħob tal-Boċċi u jifforma parti mportanti mit-team ta' pajjiżu, Ħal Luqa. Huwa daħal fil-Korp fl-1 ta' Settembru 1969 u serva fid-Distretti tal-Belt, Rabat, Ħamrun u Żurrieq. Għal Tommy, il-Club tal-Boċċi ta' Ħal-Luqa huwa l-uniku Club li lagħab miegħu fejn ghal darbtejn kien iċ-Champion individwali tal-Club. Dan il-Club huwa, normalment, fil-livell tat-Tielet Diviiżjoni, iżda Tommy jiftakar b'sodisfazzjon l-erba' darbiet li t-team irnexxielu jakkwista l-promozzjoni għat-tieni diviżjoni. Dan minbarra okkażjoni oħra meta rnexxielhom jispiċċaw fil-Final tan-Knock Out li fiha ħadu sehem ukoll teams mill-Ewwel Diviżjoni. Huma wkoll kienu c-Champions tas-"SOUTHERN DISTRICT LEAGUE" u, din is-sena, rebħu wkoll iċ-"CHARITY SHIELD". Tommy jħoss bħala l-isbaħ mument f'din il-karriera tal-Boċċi propju din is-sena fejn minbarra r-rebħ tax-Shield li semmejna, rebħu wkoll il-promozzjoni għat-Tieni Diviżjoni.

Parteċipazzjoni sportiva oħra li kellu Tommy fil-passat, minbarra s-Snooker li diġa semmejt, kienet l-Isparar fuq il-Plattini, li bħal fil-każ tas-Snooker, kien Champion ta' Ħal Luqa għal diversi drabi.

Affarijiet li Tommy jixtieq jara fil-futur huma aktar faċilitajiet speċjalment fil-logħba tal-Boċċi, b'ċentri apposta fejn il-logħba tkun tista' tintlgħab anke fix-xitwa, bħalma jsir barra minn Malta, taħt is-saqaf. Barra minn hekk, minbarra l-logħba tradizzjonali, kif nafuha hawn Malta, hemm il-verżjoni l-oħra li l-federazzjoni Maltija tal-Boċċi tieħu sehem fiha barra, u li anke dejjem qagħtet figura tajba.

Minħabba raġunijiet li ma kellux kontroll fuqhom, Tommy din is-sena kellu jirrifjuta offerta mill-Federazzjoni biex jifforma parti mit-team Malti għal kampjonati Ewropej, fl-Italja.

Huwa jispera li għal sena oħra jkun f'pożizzjoni aħjar li jkun jista' jifforma parti mit-team Malti.

Għalkemm Tommy kellu bosta offerti minn Clubs ta' l-Ewwel diviżjoni, biex imur jilgħab magħhom, fosthom B'bugia, qalbu hija marbuta mat-team tar-Raħal tiegħu, li tiegħu huwa kien wieħed mill-fundaturi. Dan minbarra l-fatt li minn mindu twaqqaf dan il-Club, huwa dejjem ifforma parti mill-Kimitat.

Lil Tommy nifirħulu għas-Suċċessi sportivi tiegħu. Tieħu gost tara membri tal-Korp li fil-ħin liberu tagħhom, jipprattikaw l-isport li jħobbu u li jistgħu jkunu ta' eżempju lill-oħrajn bl-isportivita tagħhom.

Uffiċjali vs Veterani 10-01-2001
fil-ground ta' De La Salle College
(Rapport ta' Ps. Pierre Calleja)

Uffiċjali	vs	Veterani
4	(2-1)	5

Insp. J.C. Ellul
P.C. 1082 R. Marmara (2)
Insp. A. Miruzzi
P.S. 621 P. Calleja (2)
Insp. S. Millo
P.C. 960 J. Scerri
Supt.. P. Spiteri

Uffiċjali:
Supts. R. Zammit, P. Spiteri, Insp. A Miruzzi, J.C. Ellul, D. Theuma, G. Bonello, S. Millo, (G.P.) J. Mallia, J, Massa, E. Agius

Veterani:
R. Grech, F. Zammit, N. Bartolo, J. Pisani, P. Calleja, J. Scerri, R. Aquilina, R. Marmara, M. Ellul, J. Lentini

Il-partita, li issa saret parti mil-kalendarju sportiv fi ħdan il korp, saret nhar l-10 ta" Jannar 2001 fil-ground ta' De La Salle College, Bormla ġentilment offrut lilna mil-Brothers tal-kulleġġ, bl-intervent ta' l-ex P.C. J. Mallia li fl-imgħoddi kien weħed mil-pilastri tat-team tal-korp.

Wara biss ħames minuti logħob Insp. J. C. Ellul irċieva ballun min-nofs il-ground, dar ma difensur u hekk kif ra l-goalkeeper Grech barra minn postu fajjar xutt fl-angolu biex fetaħ l-iskor. Dan il-vantaġġ ma tantx dam jitgawda. Azzjoni bejn J. Pisani li għadda l-balun lil R. Marmara li min-naħa tiegħu ġab lil J. Scerri f'qagħda idejali u ta' opportunist, dar bejn żewġ difensuri u tefa fir-rokna tax-xibka.

Għal xi ħin iż-żewġ settijiet ta' players qadu ferm attenti għal xulxin iżda ftit qabel ma għalqet l-ewwel taqsima Insp. J. C. Ellul tefa' cross lejn Insp. A. Miruzzi li daħal bħal vleġġa minn wara P. Calleja u bi ġmiel ta xutt għamel l-iskor 2-1 favur l-uffiċjali.

Fit-tieni taqsima t-team tal-veterani ppressa għall-goal tad-draw u dan wasal minn P. Calleja illi għadda minn mal-linja, tefa' cross għan-nofs. E. Agius interċetta l-cross, il-ballun ħabat ma sieq l-istess Calleja, għadda tul il-lasti u mbaram għal ġewwa; tassew goal fortunat. L-iskor sar 3-2 favru il-veterani meta ż-żewġ muturi f'nofs il-ground F.Zammit u J. Pisani ħadmu ballun bejniethom, dan ta' l-aħħar għadda l-ballun lil R. Marmara li min-naħa tiegħu fajjar xutt b'saħħtu li l-goalkeeper Massa laqa' iżda ma żammx il-ballun waqa f'saqajn P. Calleja li mil-viċin ma żbaljax.

It-team ta' l-uffiċjali ma qatgħux qalbhom meta minn cross ta' E. Agius Insp. S. Millo għola fuq kulħadd u bir-ras għamel l-iskor 4-3. Ħarba min-naħa ta' Supt. R. Zammit spiċċat b'xutt li l-goalkeeper Zammit salva b'diffikulta, bil-ballun jerġa jiġi għand Supt. R. Zammit li t-tieni tentattiv tiegħu ġie mxellef għal corner.

L-iskor sar 4-4 f'azzjoni bejn diversi players tal-uffiċjali l-ballun ġie għand Supt. P. Spiteri illi minn tarf il-kaxxa l-kbira spara xutt bomba li ħalla l-goalkeeper Zammit ihares.

Iżda l-iskor reġa nibdel meta fl-aħħar ħinijiet J. Lentini għadda l-ballun lil J. Scerri, dan qassam lil R. Marmara li għamel l-iskor finali 5-4 favur it-team tal-veterani.

Fl-aħħar tal-partita l-ex P.C. J. Mallia ppreżenta t-tazza lil Captain tal-veterani J. Lentini.

Referee: P.C. 1314 Raymond Ambrogio.

Christmas Football Tournament (Rapport ta' Ps. Pierre Calleja)

Grupp A

Drug Sqd	vs	1P.D.	4-1
7 P.D.	vs	Forensic	6-3
1 P.D.	vs	7 P.D.	1-8
Forensic	vs	Drug Sqd.	1-4
Drug Sqd.	vs	7. P.D.	1-0
1 P.D.	vs	Forensic	5-4

	L	R	D	T	F	K	P
Drug Sqd.	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
7 P.D.	3	2	0	1	14	5	6
1 P.D.	3	1	0	2	7	16	3
Forensic	3	0	0	3	8	15	0

Grupp B

2. P.D.	vs	Special Brc	7-1
Veterans	vs	5 P.D.	5-3
Special Brc.	vs	Veterans	7-1
5 P.D.	vs	2 P.D.	1-6
2 P.D.	vs	Veterans	6-3
Special Brc.	vs	5 P.D.	7-2

	L	R	D	T	F	K	P
2. P.D.	3	3	0	0	19	5	9
Speical Brc	3	2	0	1	15	10	6
Veterans	3	1	0	2	9	16	3
5 P.D.	3	3	0	3	6	18	0

Grupp C

S.A.G. A	vs	W.P.C.'S	11-0
8 & 9 P.D.	vs	S.A.G. B	12-4
S.A.G. B	vs	S.A.G. A	4-10
W.P.C.'S	vs	8 & 9 P.D.	3-10
8 & 9 P.D.	vs	S.A.G. A	2-2
W.P.C.'S *	vs	S.A.G. B	3-0

	L	R	D	T	F	K	P
S.A.G. "A"	3	2	1	0	23	6	7
8 & 9 P.D.	3	2	1	0	24	9	7
W.P.C.'S	3	1	0	2	6	21	3
S.A.G. "B"	3	0	0	3	8	25	0

* WALK OVER

Grupp D

3 & 4 P.D.	vs	Mob/Traff	3-3
6 P.D. *	vs	10 P.D.	3-0
3 & 4 P.D.	vs	6 P.D.	7-3
Mob/Traff *	vs	10 P.D.	3-0
3 & 4 P.D. *	vs	10 P.D.	3-0
6 P.D.	vs	Mob/Traff	3-2

	L	R	D	T	F	K	P
3 & 4 P.D.	3	2	1	0	13	6	7
6 P.D.	3	2	0	1	9	9	6
Mob/Traff	3	1	1	1	8	6	4
10 P.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* WALK OVER

Kwarti tal-finali

8 & 9 P.D.	vs	2 P.D.	1-5
Drug Sqd.	vs	6 P.D.	6-1
7 P.D.	vs	3 & 4 P.D.	6-2
Special Brc.	vs	S.A.G. "A"	4-1

Semi fiinali

2 P.D.	vs	7 P.D.	5-2
Special brc	vs	Drug Sqd	5-2

Finali 3 u 4 post

Druq Sqd.	vs	7 P.D.	7-1

Finali

Special Branch	vs	2 P.D.	9-2
PC 41 (5)		PC 1597	
PC 1015 (2)		PC 208	
PC 818			
PC 963			

REFEREE: PC 1314 Raymond Ambrogio (1 P.D.)

Sedqa Football Tournament (alcohol-Less is better Campaign)

Bħala parti mil-kampanja mnedija mil-aġenzija Sedqa bit-tema "alcohol-Less is better Campaign". l-istess aġenzija organizzat one day football tournament fil-kumpless sportiv tas-Sależjani tas-Sliema.

It-team tal-Pulizija ġie misteiden biex jieħu sehem f'dan it-tournament. Barra t-team tagħna ħadu sehem ukoll: Civil Protection Unit, Sedqa, SATU, KSM, Caritas, San Blas u t-team tas-Sależjani

Dawn kienu r-riżultati

Grupp 1

Civil Protection	vs	Pulizija	1-3
Sedqa	vs	SATU	3-10
SATU	vs	Pulizija	1-7
Civil Protection	vs	Sedqa	5-0
Sedqa	vs	Pulizija	0-9
Civil Protection	vs	SATU	2-5

Grupp 2

KSM	vs	Caritas	3-2
San Blass	vs	Sależjani	14-1
Catia	vs	Sależjani	7-1
KSM	vs	San Blas	1-1
Sależjani	vs	KSM	0-13
San Blas	vs	Caritas	5-2

Final

Pulizija	vs	San Blas	5-5
		(bil-penalties)	10-11

Kull team ingħata trofew kommemorattiv li ġie ppreżentat miċ-chairperson ta' l-aġenzija Sedqa, is-sinjura Sina Bugeja.

GRUPP 1

	L	R	D	T	F	K	P
Pulizija	3	3	0	0	19	2	9
SATU	3	2	0	1	16	9	6
Civil Protection	3	1	0	2	8	8	3
Sedqa	3	0	0	3	3	24	0
GRUPP 2							
San Blas	3	2	1	0	20	4	7
KSM	3	2	1	0	17	3	7
Caritas	3	1	0	2	11	9	3
Sależjani	3	0	0	3	2	34	0

Kompetizzjonijiet Gvern / Parastatali

Min wara l-aħħar ħarġa ta' dan il-Magazine, it-team tal-Korp kellu żewġ inkontri mat-teams tal-Bank of Valletta li rbaħnihom it-tnejn.

1 Knock-Out Copmpetition - It-Tieni Round (Marsa Ground)

Fis-16 ta' Jannar, 2001, lagħbna mal-"B" team tal-B.O.V., logħba li ddominajna mill-bidu sa l-aħħar. L-ewwel goal wasal wara biss tlett minuti meta J.P. Abdilla (PC. 41) wiċċ imbwiċċ mal-goalkeeper avversarju, xieħet barra. Iżda l-goal wasal fl-14-il minuta, minn corner mibrum ta' C. Casha (PC 46). Kien dovut għas-saves tajba tal-goalkeeper tal-Bank li sa l-ewwel half l-iskor baqa' ristrett għal 1-0.

Ir-reazzjoni li stennejna mit-team avversarju ma waslitx u t-team tagħna, immexxi tajjeb minn difiża u nofs il-ground sod, ma damx ma żied goal ieħor permezz ta' J. Farugia (PC. 818). It-tielet goal wasal mill-istess J. Farrugia wara xogħol tajjeb ta' PS. Lentini u C. Vassallo, għal skor finali ta' 3-0.

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Sostituti: R. Grech, A. Lia, G. Borg.

League: Div. Two

Fil-31 ta' Jannar, 2001, fil-ground ta' Corradino, kellna logħba oħra tal-league kontra l-"A" Team tal-B.O.V., logħba li għalkemm iddominajna, irbaħna biss bl-iskor ta' 1-0.

In-numru kbir ta" ċansijiet ta' skor li tlifna kien inkredibbli. Li kieku ħadna nofs l-okkażżjonijiet li fihom morna ferm viċin li nsibu x-xibka, kieku l-iskor finali kien ikun ferm akbar. Il-bidu deher ferm inkoraġġanti meta ħadna biss 20 sekonda biex morna fil-vantaġġ minn goal tajjeb ta' C. Vassallo (PC 306). Imbagħad kellna ċansijiet mitlufa minn J. Farrugia, S. Deguara, J.P. Abdilla. F'logħbiet bħal dawn joħroġ il-fatt ta' kemm huwa mportanti li attakkant ikun fil-pożizzjoni ġusta fil-ħin opportun. B'hekk isiru l-goals.

Intant, b'dawn it-tliet punti, t-team tagħna issa jnsab fl-ewwel post tal-klasifika, wara erba' rebħiet, u jonqosna rebħa oħra mit-tliet logħbiet li fadal biex nirbħu l-promozzjoni għall-ewwel diviżjoni u 5 punti oħra mill-istes numru ta' logħbiet biex ukoll nispiċċaw Champions.

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