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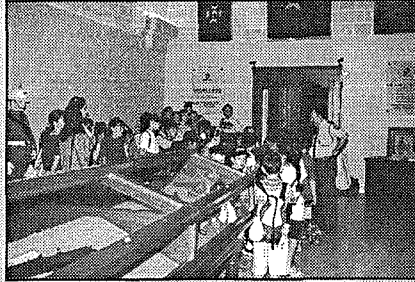
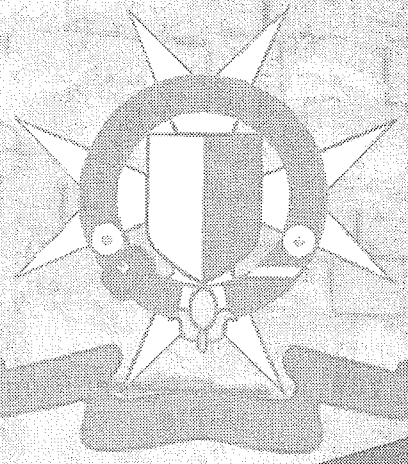


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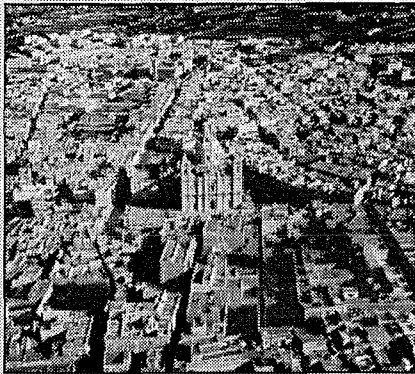
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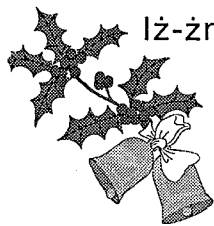


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# Il-Milied it-Tajjeb



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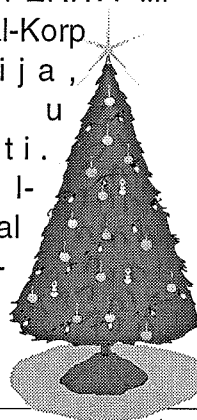
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u għal dawn huwa ferm diffiċli li jidraw.

Madankollu aħna ninsabu ċerti li l-Kumitat ta' l-Entertainment tal-Korp tal-Pulizija jaf b'dawn id-diffikultajiet u ha' ħsieb li l-attivitajiet soċjali organizzati għal dawn iż-żminijiet għall-membri tal-Korp u għall-familjari tagħhom ġew imqassma, matul il-festi kollha biex min ma jkunx jista' jattendi għal waħda jattendi għal oħra. Minn din il-faċċata aħna nixtiequ nħajrukomm biex kemm jista' jkun tipparteċipaw f'dawn l-attivitajiet għaliex hija l-parteċipazzjoni li tagħmel suċċess l-attivitajiet organizzati.

L-attendenza tagħkom għal dawn l-attivitajiet soċjali għandha jkollha żewġ għanijiet, l-ewwel li wiehed jiddeverti flimkien mal-familja u l-ħbieb tiegħu u t-tieni biex aħna lkoll li ta' spiss niltaqgħu ma' l-istess problemi u diffikultajiet nifhmu aktar lil xulxin u nersqu aktar qrib xulxin biex il-ħbiberija tiżdied.

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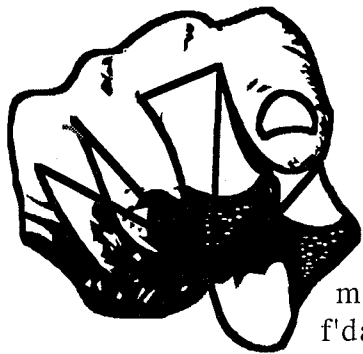
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# M.P.A.



Bhal ma tafu f'dawn l-ahhar xhur, il-Gvern nieda l-proposti tiegħu għal bidu u t-tkomplija ta' White Paper. Bhal parti mir-riforma fil-Korp tal-Pulizija. Fl-ewwel laqgħa formali li kellna fis-sala Vilhena ma l-Onor. Minisiru J. Mizzi fil-preżenza tal-Kummissarju G. Grech u s-sinjuri D. Spiteri Gingell u taw bidu għal ta' din il-White Paper u tkellmu dwar liema diviżjoni hemm il-hsieb li l-korp tal-Pulizija għandu jhars għal millenju ġdid.

Bhal ma jafu hafna mill-membri li kienu preżenti għal din il-laqgħa, jien kont wiehed minn dawk li tkellimt għala l-M.P.A. qatt ma giet ikkunsidrata rigward dak kollu li għandu x'jaqsam magħna. Biex ma niehux fit-tul gie deċiż dak il-hin li M.P.A. għandha tkun preżenti u jikkonsulta u anki tiehu parti attiva f'kull laqgħa li tirrigwardha lil-membri tagħna.

F'kull laqgħa li saret minn dak in-nhar sal-lum il-board eżekuttiv ta' M.P.A. ta kontribut siewi f'ċertu deċiżjonijiet li saru, fejn fil-White Paper. Matul dawn il-laqgħat li saru kemm mas-sur Cauchi assisent kemm u tiegħu ta' Pjannar u Strategiji kif ukoll ma ' Dr. Joe Brincat LL.D. bhala il-bniedem inkarigat mill-Prim Ministru biex ihejji dan id-dokument, u jien nahseb li hafna minn dak li xtaqna ndaħhlu f'dan id-dokument għal ġid tal-membri tal-korp daħħalnieh.

Mal-hruġ tal-White Paper,

deher fiċ-ċar li M.P.A. kien ser ikollha rwol kbir u serju u żgur li ser tkun tarka soda għalina l-membri. Dan qed ngħidu mhux għax kif inhi komposta l-lum M.P.A. kienet bla saħħa, anzi s-saħħa li kellha kienet aċċettata mill-membri preżenti u żgur li dak li għamlet sa' issa kien sodisfaċenti għal hafna mill-membri tagħha. Pero' ż-żmien jinbidel u mill-hruġ tal-liġi tal-kodiċi tal-Pulizija l-ġdida M.P.A. ser ikollha saħħa potenzjal kbar u tmexxija akbar u b'saħħitha, u ngħid għaliex, u nitkellem fuq il-futur saħħa. Il-liġi l-ġdida titkellem fuq 'Għaqda volontarja'.

Fil-preżent kull min jidhol fil-pulizija s-shubija fil-M.P.A. hija awtomatika, però fil-gejjieni d-dhul huwa volontarju, u meta d-dhul ikun volontarju l-għaqda tkun aktar b'saħħitha għax dawk li jmexxuha jigu direttament eletti u meta wiehed johroġ għal elezzjoni fejn hu jitla direttament mill-voti tal-membri, jkun ihossu li hu gie fdat b'impenn li ta' dan l-impenn hu kien ser jagħti rendikont lil membri ta' M.P.A. Rigward t-tmexxija M.P.A. il-ġdida ser tkun involuta aktar minn qatt qabel. Per eżempju qatt ma kelna rappreżentant waqt is-smiegh ta' każi ta' ksur ta' dixxiplina quddiem il-kummissarju, però issa jidher li dan ser jkun possibbli li membru ta' M.P.A. ikun preżenti waqt dan is-smiegh u mhux biss hekk M.P.A. ser tkun tista' tahtarlek persuna biex tiddefendik. Barra minn hekk M.P.A. ser jkollha rwol importanti wkoll fit-

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tmexxija ta' ċertu deċiżjonijiet li ser jittiehdu għal benefiċċju tal-korp kif ukoll tal-membri tagħha.

M.P.A. qed titlob wkoll li kemm fil-welfare kif ukoll f'dawk l-affarijiet soċjali tkun rappreżentata ta' veru, biex f'għaqda ta' l-istess membri tkun tista' torganizza attivitajiet kemm għal membri kif ukoll għal familji ta' l-istess membri biex dejjem jkun hemm aktar għaqda fi hdan il-membri kollha ta' M.P.A. Għalhekk, jien nixtieq li meta jasal dak il-jum li aħna l-membri preżenti ta' M.P.A. nigu mghajta sabiex nitfgħu u naghżlu l-membri ta' M.P.A. jkun aħna minn ta' l-ewwel anki jekk nigu mitluba dik ix xi haġa żejda fix-xahar għax dak li aħna nagħtu u ninvestu fl-istess M.P.A. xi darba għad nigu bżonnu. Għalhekk għal darba ohra nhegġeġ li dawk li fil-preżent qed jahsbu biex meta M.P.A. tiġi volontarja u huma lesti biex jirreżenjaw jirriflettu f'it u jergħu jikkunsidraw l-azzjoni tagħhom.

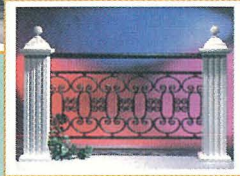
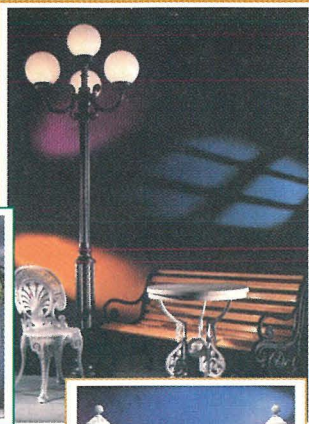
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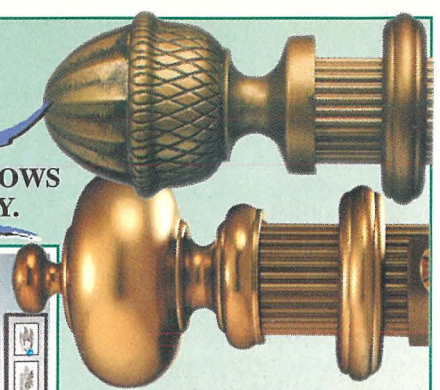
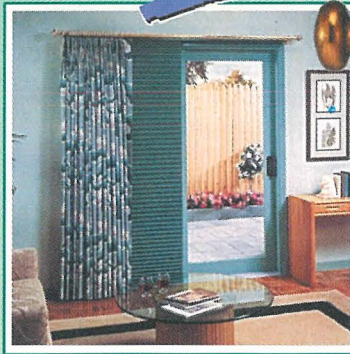
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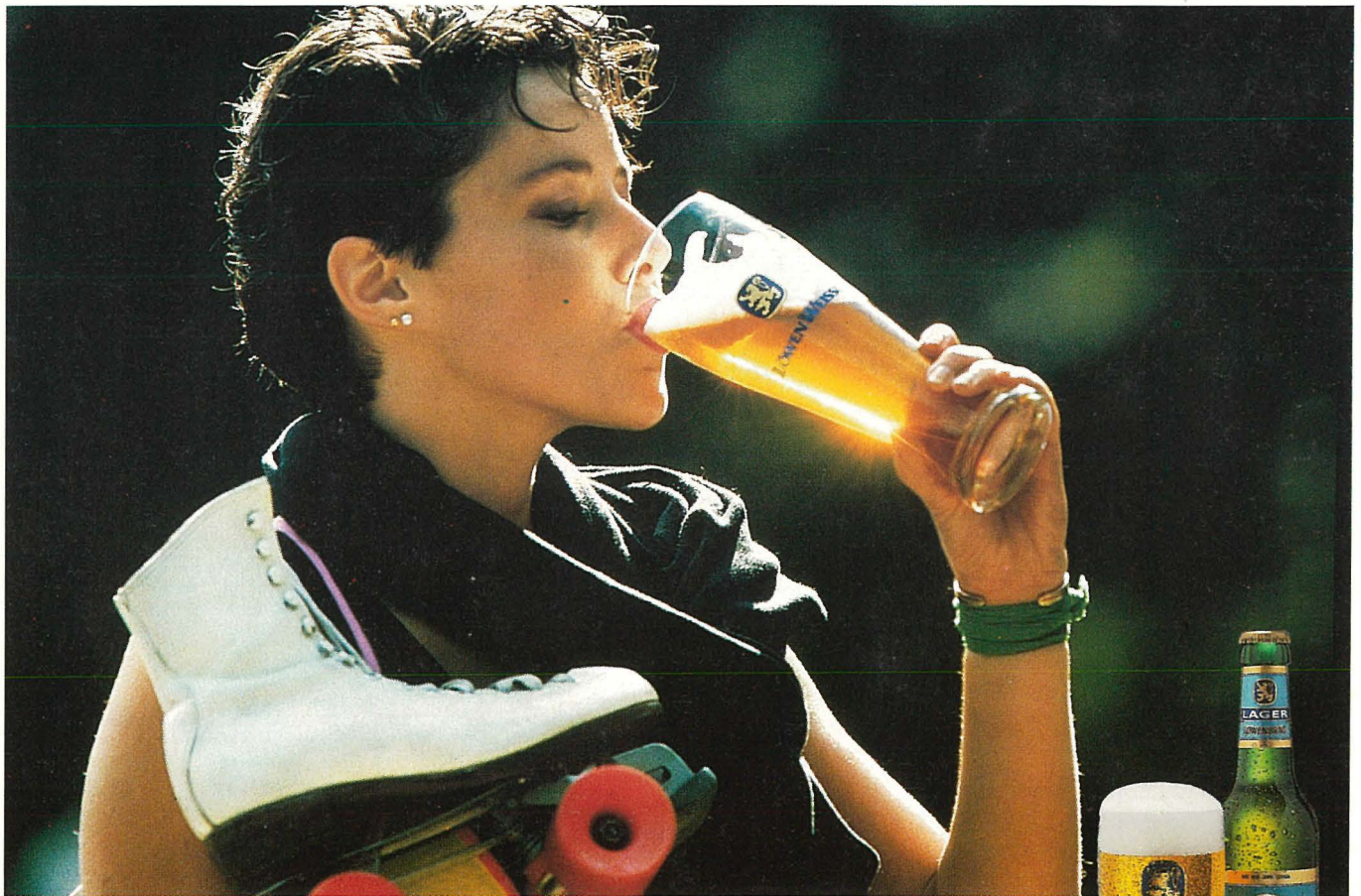
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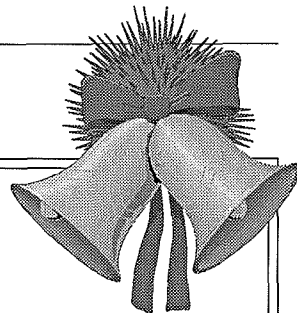
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# Attivitajiet fil-Milied



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# The Dynamics of Domestic Abuse



While on their honey moon, 23-year-old Mike becomes verbally abusive to his wife, Mary, after she suggests that he has had enough to drink. Mary is surprised by Mike's behavior and his hostile reaction to a her. Soon after, however, he apologizes, and because he has always been so kind and gentle, Mary believes him when he tells her that this will never happen again.

Several months later, a similar episode occurs. This time, Mary takes the blame, telling herself that these types of incidents are normal in a new marital relationship. She resolves to do things that will make Mike happy and avert confrontations.

Three weeks later, Mike hits Mary during an argument. After several violent episodes during a 2 month period, Mary finally calls the police because she fears for her safety. Responding officers arrest Mike and charge him with assault under the state's domestic violence laws.

Recognizing the trouble that awaits him, and in an effort to get her back on his side, Mike sends Mary flowers while he is in jail. With the flowers, he includes a

long note, in which he expresses his deep sorrow for the pain he has caused her and promises that the behavior will never be repeated. Because his note is so compelling, Mary believes that he has learned his lesson and that their relationship will improve. The following day, she informs the city attorney's office that she does not wish to cooperate with the prosecution. When the prosecutor concludes that the state's case is too weak without Mary as a witness, the state drops its charges against Mike, and he is released from jail.

Scenarios such as this have long constituted a staple of American policing. In many communities, reports related to domestic abuse make up the largest category of calls to which police officers respond. Yet, until fairly recently, police officers rarely ventured into the private domain of the marital relationship. At most, officers responding to calls for help attempted to calm things down and arrange for one party to leave the home for the evening. While such an approach provided a short-term solution, it rarely helped bring about an end to the violence.

During the 1980s, this response began to change as communities implemented more aggressive strategies to address domestic abuse. Many law enforcement agencies began to explore new ways for officers to respond to domestic violence calls. Gradually, the focus shifted from merely "maintaining the

peace" to arresting offenders, protecting victims, and referring battered women to shelters and other community resources available to help victims of domestic violence.

This move toward fostering a better understanding of domestic violence represents a clear departure from the approach law enforcement agencies once took toward the issue. However, despite the progressive changes that have taken place during the past two decades, law enforcement still does not address domestic violence in the same way it addresses other violent crimes. While investigators attempt to understand the motivations and characteristics of such offenders as rapists or serial murderers, little attention has been given to profiling batterers. Law enforcement officers who must confront batterers on an almost daily basis would be well served to develop a better understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse.

## A CLOSER LOOK AT DOMESTIC ABUSE

Officers called upon to respond to and investigate domestic abuse calls need to have a full understanding of the complex social, economic, and psychological issues that surround acts of domestic violence. To assist in the investigation of these cases and to educate police officers about this type of abuse, New Jersey's domestic violence laws require that all police offic-

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ers receive biannual training in this area. This training brings several pieces of the puzzle together to provide officers with a greater understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence.

### Not a Fair Fight

During training, officers learn that domestic violence is not mutual combat. Domestic abuse is about one person dominating and controlling another by force, threats, or physical violence. The long-term affects of domestic violence on victims and children can be profound. A son who witnesses his father abuse his mother is more likely to become a delinquent or batterer himself. A daughter sees abuse as an integral part of a close relationship. Thus, an abusive relationship between father and mother can perpetuate future abusive relationships.

Battering in a relationship will not improve on its own. Intervention is essential to stop the reign of terror. When intervention is lacking, the results can be dire.

### Types of Abuse

Officers investigating domestic violence should have an understanding of the types of abuse they may encounter. Because domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control founded on and supported by violence or the threat of violence, this abuse may take the forms of physical violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, and/or psychological abuse.

Physical violence includes punching, choking, biting, hitting, hair-pulling, stabbing, shooting, or threats of this type of violence. Sexual violence is characterized by physical attacks of the breast and/or genital area, unwanted touching, rape with objects, and forced sexual relations, including marital rape.

**“ Domestic abuse is about one person dominating and controlling another by force, threats, or physical violence. ”**

Emotional abuse takes the form of a systematic degrading of

the victim's self-worth. This may be accomplished by calling the victim names, making derogatory or demeaning comments, forcing the victim to perform degrading or humiliating acts, threatening to kill the victim or the victim's family, controlling access to money, and acting in other ways that imply that the victim is crazy.

Psychological battering involves all of these features of emotional abuse, but also consists of at least one violent episode or attack on the victim to maintain the impending threat of additional assaults. Destruction of property is violence directed at the victim even though no physical contact is made between the batterer and the victim. This includes destroying personal belongings, family heirlooms, or even the family pet. This destruction is purposeful and the psychological impact on the victim may be as devastating as a physical attack.

### Characteristics of Batterers

Most batterers are masters of deception. Few exhibit violent behavior to anyone other than their victims. Often, batterers possess winning personalities and are well liked in the community. However, they frequently exhibit vastly different public and personal behavior.

In the wake of a violent domestic abuse incident, batterers often attempt to convince responding police officers that their victims are mentally off balance. Many times they fool officers into leaving without conducting a proper, thorough investigation.

Developing a deeper understanding of the characteristics of batterers will help police officers realize when batterers are attempting to manipulate them. To help identify potential batterers, officers should be aware of other common traits they generally possess. These include:

- Low self-esteem. This often results from physical or sexual abuse and/or disapproval or neglect by a parent or authoritarian figure from the batterer's childhood.
- Extreme insecurity and an inability to trust others. Batterers have difficulty establishing close friendships. They tend to be critical or jealous of their partners.
- Denial of responsibility for their behavior. Batterers often deny that abuse has occurred. They also minimize the impact of their assaultive behavior or blame their partners for causing an incident.
- Need to control. Batterers choose to abuse their partners.



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Their purpose is to control them. Batterers use violence or attempted or suggested violence to make their partners comply with their wishes.

### THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Police generally become involved in a domestic abuse situation once it has reached a flash point. However, in most domestic abuse cases, physical abuse occurs during one of the three phases that make up the cycle of violence. By becoming familiar with the features of each phase in this cycle, responding officers can help victims understand that the cycle of abuse is likely to continue if nothing is done to address the underlying causes.

In a battering relationship, the cycle of violence includes three distinct phases. Investigating officers who understand these phases can offer objective insight to victims of the violence. For example, if an officer can advise a victim that the batterer's next step likely will be to apologize and possibly send flowers in order to keep her in the relationship, she may be more inclined to understand that the cycle will repeat itself if no intervention occurs.

#### Tension-Building Phase

During the first—and usually the longest—phase of the overall cycle, tension escalates between the couple. Excessive drinking, illness, jealousy, and other factors may lead to name-calling, hostility, and friction. Unless some type of professional in-

tervention occurs at this point, the second phase of the cycle—acute battering—becomes all but inevitable.

During the tension-building phase, a woman may sense that her partner is reacting to her more negatively, that he is on edge and reacts heatedly to any trivial frustration. Many women recognize these signs of impending violence and become more nurturing or compliant or just stay out of the way.

A woman often will accept her partner's building anger as legitimately directed at her. She internalizes what she perceives as her responsibility to keep the situation from exploding. In her mind, if she does her job well, he remains calm. If she fails, the resulting violence is her fault.

#### Acute-Battering Phase

The second phase of the cycle is the explosion of violence. The batterer loses control both physically and emotionally. Many batterers do not want to hurt their partners, only to teach them a lesson and control them. However, this is the stage where the victim, the batterer, or responding officers may be assaulted or killed.

Unless the battering is interrupted, the violence during this phase will take at least as severe a form as is necessary for the abuser to accomplish his goal. Once he has the victim under his

control, he may stop. In other cases, where the batterer completely loses emotional and physical control, the consequences can be deadly.

The violence may be over in a few minutes or last for several minutes or hours. Although there may be visible injuries, an experienced batterer generally will not leave marks on the victim that would be readily noticeable to others.

After a battering episode, most victims consider themselves lucky that the abuse was not worse, no matter how severe their injuries. They often deny the

seriousness of their injuries and refuse to seek medical attention.

Law enforcement officers who respond immediately after a violent episode may find an abusive perpetrator who appears extremely calm and rational. His

calm demeanor is deceptive; he has just released his anger and vented his tensions at his victim. The batterer may point to the victim, who may be highly agitated or hysterical because of the abuse, and attempt to blame her for the violence. The victim may, in fact, respond aggressively victim's fear that more severe retaliation awaits her if officers arrest the batterer. The victim also may feel desperate about the impending loss of financial support or even emotional support she receives from the abuser.

Although officers should not make any false promises, they should reassure the victim that

“...an experienced batterer generally will not leave marks on the victim that would be readily noticeable to others.”

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the mechanisms are in place for the criminal justice system to help. Officers have a responsibility to provide a complete, professional investigation so that the system will work. A haphazard investigation, or a lack of concern by responding officers, could result in a violent abuser's being released from jail to retaliate against a vulnerable victim.

### **Honeymoon Phase**

The third phase of the cycle is a period of calm, loving, contrite behavior on the part of the batterer. The batterer may be genuinely sorry for the pain he has caused his partner. He acts out of his greatest fear—that his partner will leave him. He attempts to make up for his brutal behavior and believes that he can control himself and never again hurt the woman he loves.

The victim wants to believe that her partner really can change. She feels responsible, at least in a part, for causing the incident, and she feels responsible for her partner's well-being.

It is at this stage that many victims request that complaints against batterers be dropped. If police conducted a thorough investigation, the prosecutor's office can reacquaint a reluctant victim with photographs of her injuries. When the victim sees the cuts and bruises that she received at the hands of her now apologetic partner, she may reconsider the wisdom of dropping the charges.

Likewise, if officers had the

victim provide a statement of events at the time of the incident, this could prove an invaluable tool for prosecutors. Not only does such a statement establish probable cause, but prosecutors can have the reluctant victim review the details of her abuse to refresh her memory.

Officers and prosecutors also can explain that the contrite behavior being exhibited by the batterer may, in all like hood, give way to a new cycle of violence.

For police officers, the possibility that a victim will forgive her abuser during the honeymoon phase underscores the importance of conducting a thorough investigation. The goal of officers responding to a domestic abuse call should be to develop a case that can be prosecuted even if the victim becomes reluctant.

### **Understanding the Cycle of Violence**

While most domestic relationships involving violence include some type of cycle, not all violent relationships go through each phase as described above. Some batterers never express any type of remorse for their actions and, in fact, will continue to use threats and intimidation to discourage a victim from

filing a complaint or testifying in court. For such abusers, the thought of resorting to flowers or apologies would never cross their minds. However, most domestic abuse cases follow a pattern corresponding, in some way or another, to the cycle of

violence.

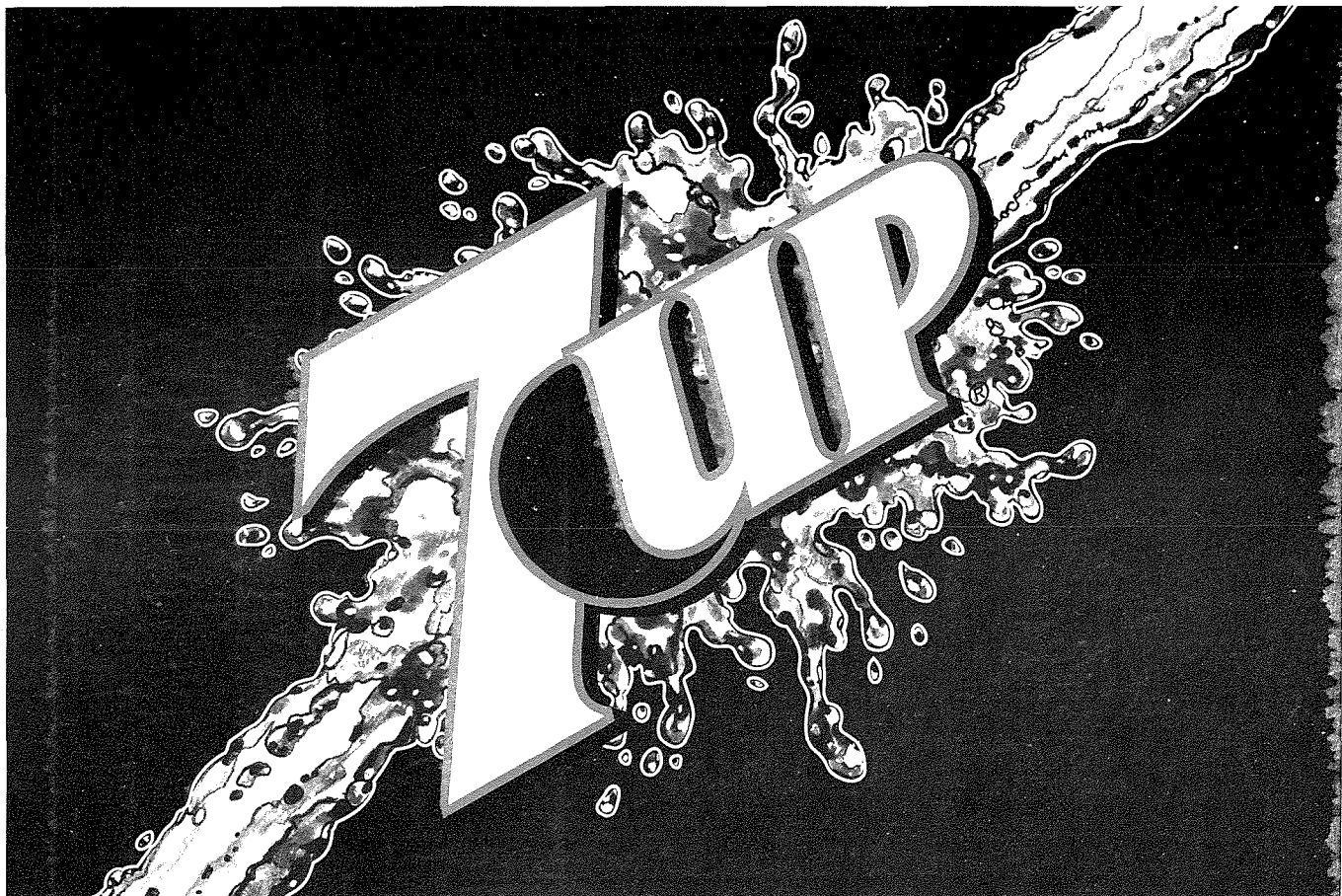
### **CONCLUSION**

In recent years, law enforcement has enhanced its ability to resolve various types of cases by studying the motivations and profiling the characteristics of offenders who perpetrate certain types of crimes. The police can apply this same strategy to help address the issues surrounding domestic violence.

Investigations of domestic violence cases should evolve with a; full understanding of the characteristics of batterers and the cycle of violence. Law enforcement officers- also should make clear to victims clear that the criminal justice system can help protect them and will work for their benefit. But the police must back up such guarantees with thorough, professional investigations.

The abusive relationships of the past were allowed to persist, in part, because restrictive statutes and misplaced social mores concerning violence within the domestic setting tied the hands of police and prosecutors.





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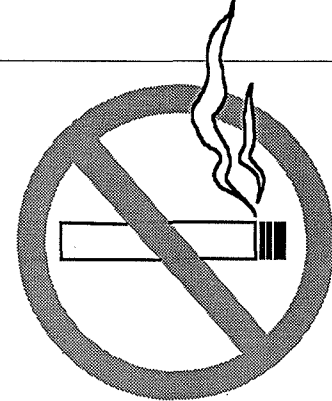
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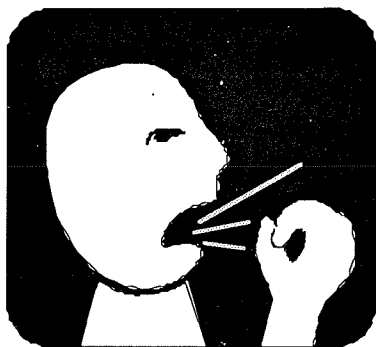
# TOBACCO ABUSE: PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL PUBLIC AREAS



The addictiveness of nicotine has been likened to that of heroin and cocaine, and "research has shown that smoking is frequently the precursor of other drug abuse or conversely it is very rare that non-smoking behaviour is linked to other drug use." (The Sunday Times, 17.3.96 p16) But smoking tobacco does not kill the smoker alone: environmental tobacco smoke puts 'passive smokers' at a greater risk of developing lung cancer. With statements like these, the only option that remains is to prohibit smoking not just from public spaces, but from people's lives.

## Physiology

The variables that influence the composition of the smoke obtained from tobacco depend on the composition of the tobacco used, the density with which the tobacco is packed in the cigarette, the length of the column of tobacco, the filter and the paper used, and the temperature at which the tobacco is burned. Tobacco is known to contain some 4000 different compounds,



amongst which are carbon monoxide and dioxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, nitrites and hydrogen cyanide. Some of these chemicals are documented carcinogens, which introduce carcinogenic chemicals directly into the body. Cigarette smoke also contains radioactive compounds, such as polonium 210 and a small amount of arsenic (Doweiko, 1993, p155). Each cigarette contains approx. 0.5 mg of nicotine which, when smoked, will reach the brain in just 7 seconds. Once in the body, nicotine will be rapidly distributed to virtually every blood-rich tissue in the body, including the brain.

Tobacco-related ill-health is translated into lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, stomach ulcers and stroke. Those who chew tobacco are at risk of developing cardiovascular diseases and cancer of the oral cavity. Tobacco smoke adversely affects fetuses and young children, who are, unfortunately, unprotected by public policies. Health complications can arise, such as ectopic pregnancy, placental abnormalities, bleeding during pregnancy and low birth

weight in babies. In addition, women smoking 20 or more cigarettes a day have an increased risk of spontaneous abortion. Sudden infant death syndrome is more likely in babies whose mothers smoked during pregnancy and after giving birth. The harm continues after infancy, with children having higher rates of pneumonia, bronchitis and other respiratory ailments together with chronic middle ear infections. Consequently, such children spend more days absent from school than their peers from non-smoking households. Women are at risk as much as men. Menopause occurs earlier in a smoking woman and can cause bones to become fragile. In the case of men, the Medical Research Council's Reproductive Biology Unit in Edinburgh has recently concluded that sperm counts in British men have declined by almost half in the past 50 years due to smoking. If a man smokes, his sperm count will be reduced by about 15 per cent (The Malta Independent, 17.3.96 p29).

A final note on non-smokers: environmental tobacco smoke is associated with a 10 to 30 percent increased risk of lung cancer in non-smokers.

## Sociology





In Malta, smokers consume an average of 8.2 cigarettes daily (I-Orizzont, 3.4.96 pages 1,3). According to a recent survey conducted by the Secretariat for Health. The same study shows that two-thirds of the smokers interviewed were men. However, there is a tendency that women between the ages of 30 and 35 are increasing consumption. Most industrialized countries show an inverse relationship between socio-economic status and smoking. That is, people with less education and / or a manual occupation seem more likely to smoke and to smoke heavily than others.

### **Criminal manifestation**

According to Markle and Troyer (1979), a smoker joins the list of deviants by being a food and air polluter. However, no explanation is forwarded as to how a smoker can manifest criminal behaviour because of consuming tobacco, in the same way an alcoholic or a drug abuser consume their respective drugs of abuse. At best, at least according to Maltese Law, a smoker who violates the related laws, is accused of committing a contravention, not a crime.

### **Prevention and treatment**

Unfortunately, no particular cure has been very successful so far - experiments have included the likes of nicotine patches to nicotine-containing chewing gum and nasal sprays. So powerful is tobacco

addiction that it is easier to withdraw from heroin than from nicotine (Doweiko, 1993). It is estimated that within 15 years of the last cigarette smoked, the risk of relapsing is approximately the same as that of a non-smoker.

On the other hand, behaviour therapy can be more effective. Smoking is a learned response that is established by some form of positive reinforcement. Attempts can therefore be made to eliminate the reinforcement through punishment, another form of positive reinforcement or virtual extinction of the habit. (McKim, 1991, p 176). The relationship between the determinants and maintenance of smoking is unclear, but the social environment appears to be especially influential. The long-term nature of tobacco-related illness seems to be an obstacle to achieving the goal of discouraging young people from taking up smoking. In addition to preventive work undertaken in schools and through campaigns aimed at the young, initiatives that target adult tobacco use must be considered. Measures that decrease parental use may result in children's growing up in homes and environment where smoking is unacceptable. Measures for both young people and adults include general and targeted education, cessation support, increased taxation and more

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non-smoking areas. Because tobacco use by young people is primarily opportunistic, the availability of cigarettes and tobacco products should be restricted.

### **Conclusion**

Financially, smoking causes considerable losses to the individual and to the State, which has to provide for health services (in Malta). In adults, for example, smoke-related sickness produces prolonged ill-health, work absenteeism and decreased productivity. This is another aspect which has to be dealt with, and which may have even more impact on local politics and in the consequent prohibition of a national hobby from public places.

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# ORDINANZA DWAR IR-REGOLAMENT TAT-TRAFFIKU (KAP. 65)

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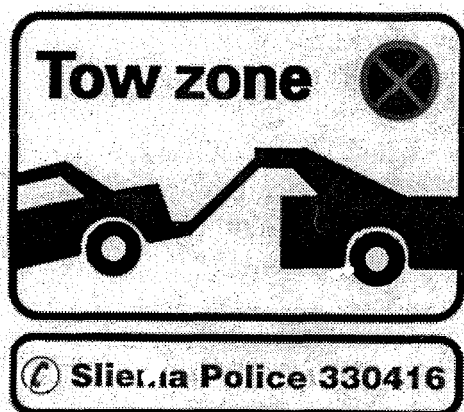
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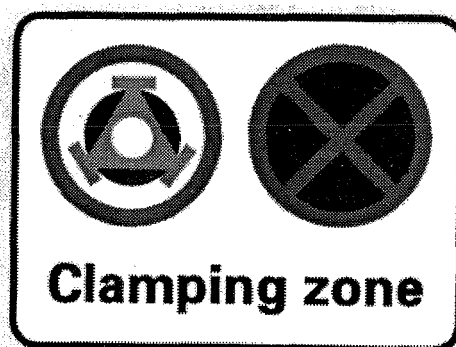
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# HUMAN AGGRESSION

by Inspector Mary Muscat

## Definition

The Penguin Dictionary of Psychology (1985) defines aggression as an extremely general term used for a wide variety of acts that involve attack, hostility, etc. Typically, it is used for such acts which can be assumed to be motivated by any of the following: a) fear or frustration; b) a desire to produce fear or flight in others; c) a tendency to push forward one's own ideas or interests.

Other definitions of aggression are forwarded by Berkowitz (1974) where aggression is "the intentional injury of or harm to another person." Bandura (1977) stated that aggression constitutes "injurious and destructive behaviour that is socially defined as aggressive on the basis of a variety of factors, some of which reside in the evaluator rather than the performer." In other words, aggression damages the victim and can have both positive and negative effects on the aggressor.

The origins of aggression can be both biological and psychological. Research so far has shown that there are two distinct forms of aggression:

### 1) hostile aggression

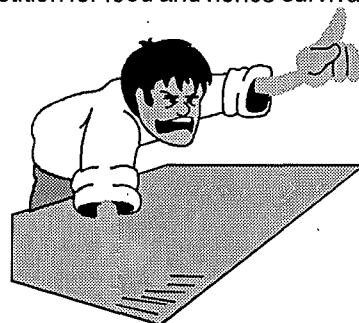
This type of aggression rests on the sole objective is to harm another. It is an instinct or a drive, largely determined by innate biological factors.

**1a)** Ethological definitions of aggression state that it has biological origins. Moyer (1971) listed a set of distinctive kinds of aggression which serve many social and individual functions (in animals and in humans), namely:

- i) predatory,
- ii) intermale, enabling dominance hierarchies to be formed particularly among primates. Aggressive displays in animals are usually ritualized.
- iii) fear-induced,
- iv) irritable, alleviating the individual by removing frustrations through aggression; av.) territorial, ensuring that there is no physical intrusion inside fences
- vi) defensive,
- vii) maternal, as in protecting the young.

All of these forms, except perhaps instrumental aggression, are unlearned stereotyped behaviours aroused by specific stimuli and controlled by neural systems and hor-

monal influences. As regards humans, Moyer concluded that most aggressive behaviour is probably learned and only weakly controlled unless, for instance, psychosurgery is applied to disturbed individuals (unlikely to be as successful in controlling destructive learned aggression as in war like situations). Ethological studies also imply that aggression can be reduced by removing the conditions which are believed to have started it, such as removing overcrowding (which increases aggression as it induces competition for food and hence survival of



the fittest).

### 1b) Freud

Freud called innate aggression and violence the death force, or Thanatos. The life instinct, Eros, and Thanatos are in conflict and the aggression needs to be allowed to vent itself. Usually this is possible through acceptable means such as sport or competitive business, but if the force is not socially dissipated it will come out in the form of violence, either directed to others or on oneself (suicide). Freud did not believe that aggression or self-destruction were the only effective ways of discharging the energy of the Thanatos. Both Freud and the ethologists have looked upon aggressive behaviours as drive-reducing and rewarding in their own right.

Later theorists in the psychoanalytic tradition broadened the frustration-aggression hypothesis by stating that whenever a person's effort to reach any goal is blocked, an aggressive drive is induced that motivates behaviour to injure the obstacle causing the frustration.

### 2) instrumental aggression,

In short, this type of aggression can be defined as using harm as a means to achieve another end.

In practice this distinction is very

hard to make. It involves the learning of responses performed by influential models known as reinforced responding or operant aggression.

### 2a) Social learning theorists

The emphasis of social learning or observational or vicarious learning lies on the rewarding or punishing effect of aggressive behaviours in human societies. One of the major exponents of social learning is Bandura (1977). He argued that a person may not necessarily experience a situation to learn its effect (e.g. there is no need to be hit by a car to know that it hurts but seeing the result of a traffic accident is convincing enough) - by observing others a person becomes reinforced and imitates them. In fact, Bandura's experiment with school children watching a man kicking a Bobo doll (and either rewarding the aggressor with sweets or severely reprimand him for his behaviour) had initiated controversy over the damaging effects of watching violence on the media.

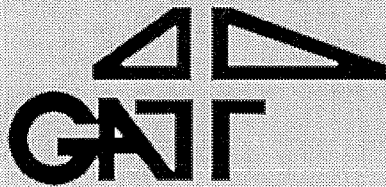
### Conclusion

Besides the biological and psychological legacy, aggression is firmly embedded into our sociological structure through the mass media. Aggression is further enhanced through assertive-disguised defense strategies and foreign policies which our recent history has amply documented especially in the present century with the advent of two devastating World Wars.

On a more positive note, however, aggression on an individual level can be ultimately modified through the process of catharsis, in which an emotion is purged. In fact, social learning theorists also believe that aggressive behaviour is greatly modifiable in the same way as it is achieved, that is, through learning, only this time the contents that is absorbed has positive effects.

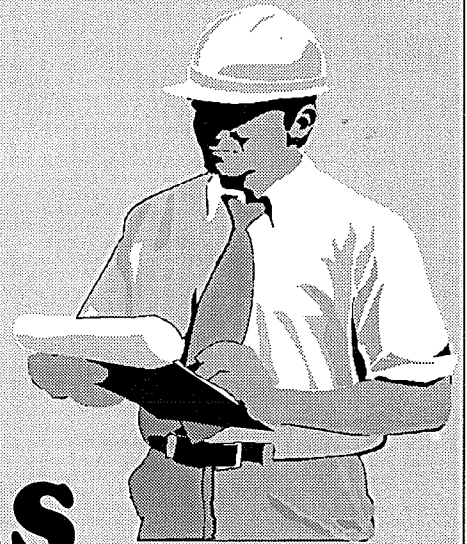
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I-Kunsill tal-Ghaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti giet mistiedna biex tibghat rappreżentanti tal-Kunsill tagħha biex jattendu għall-Konferenza Nazzjonali organizzata mill-Kunsill Nazzjonali ta' l-Anzjani flimkien mad-Divizjoni tal-Gerontoloġija ta' l-Universita ta' Malta. Bis-Suġġett:- INTEJBU SAHHET L-ANZJAN MALTI. Il-Programm kien jibda fid-9 a.m. u jispicċa fil-5 p.m. Id-Diskors tal-Ftuħ sar mill-Onor. Dr. Michael Farrugiv M.D.; M.P. Ministru tas-Saħha, Anzjani u Affarijiet tal-Familja. Hadu parti kelliema importanti għas-suġġetti li tkellmu fuqom. Fic-Ċerimonja tal-Gheluq tkellem l-Onor. Dr. Louis Buhagiar, M.D.; F.R.C.P.(U.K.) M.P. Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Anzjani.

Fl-ahħar tkellem fl-gheluq Uffiċjali l-L.T. Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, LL.D.; B.A.; K.U.O.M. President ta' Malta.

Għal din il-Konferenza attenda s-Segretarju s-Sur Louis Muscat f'isem l-Ghaqda, li saret fil-Preluna Hotel, tas-Sliema.

Stedina oħra li kella l-Ghaqda kienet biex tibghat rappreżentanza għal Seminar ta' Jumejn li beda l-Erbgha l ta' Ottubru u kompli il-Hamis 2 ta' Ottubru 97, li sar fil-Forum Hotel, Ta' L-Ibraq.

Dan kien organizza mill-Istitut Internazzjonali għall-Anzjani fi hdan il-Gnus Magħqda, b'kollaborazzjoni mas-Segretarjat Parlamentari għad-Drittijiet tan-Nisa, bit-"TEMA NISA MALTIN LEJN IT-TIELET ETA"

Is-Segretarja Parlamentari għad-Drittijiet tan-Nisa Helena Dalli fethet uffiċjalment dan is-Seminar billi spjegat li sassen 2020 għal kull 100 mara li jkun f' pajjiżna se jkun hawn 86 raġel u fis-snin ta' wara n-numru ta' raġel għal kull 100 mara se jkun ta' 48. Hija qalet ukoll li dak iż-żmien kwart tal-popolazzjoni Maltija tkun il-fuq minn 60 sena. Dan ifisser li 23% tal-popolazzjoni se tkun anzjana.

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Fl-ahħar għamel l-gheluq Uffiċjali l-Onor. Dr. Louis Buhagiar Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Anzjani.

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# GĦAQDA TAL-PULIZIJA PENSJONANTI



**INTERVISTA KITBA TA' VINCENT P.ZAHRA - VICE-PRESIDENT.**

**I**l-lum qed niktbu din l-intervista li għamilna lil ex-P.C.700 Francis Galea. Minn din l-intervista se naraw kif Frans kellu varjetà mhux hażin fil-ħidma tiegħu barra ż-żmien li għamel fil-Korp tal-Pulizija, matul iż-żmien.

F. Galea twieled 31 ta' Lulju 1927, missieru kien ukoll Pulizija bin-Nru.387, Paul kif kien jismu, kien fil-Kavalerija u kien ħafna dilettant taż-żwiemel, kien jiehu parti fil-Marsa Horse Show, fejn kien dejjem jiġi minn ta' quddiem.

Meta Francis kien għadu tifel żgħir kien jiehu pjaċir innadaf l-uniformi ta' missieru, u kien ikun miegħu waqt li qed jiehu ħsieb iż-żiemel u waqt it-tindif tiegħu.

F'din l-istess 'eta' kien jinzel ma' missieru fil-Police Club li kien f'parti tal-Kwarieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija fid-Depot Triq il-Merkanti l-Belt, quddiem il-Camerata.

Francis beda il-ħajja tax-xogħol tiegħu kif irrakonta hu billi kif bdiet il-Gwerra fl-1939 telaq mill-Iskola biex ikun jista jgħin lill-familja u daħal bħala Apprentice fid-Dockyard Navali.

Fl-1945 bghatu għalih bil-lieva biex iddaħħluh suldat, fejn iddeċieda li jidħol fil-Pulizija, dan kien fil-11 ta' Mejju 1945, fejn tawh in-Nru.700, u gie stazzjonat il-Belt, fejn gie wkoll msejjaħ għal course għal dawk li jkunu għadhom kemm daħlu fil-Korp.

Il-Belt dam 6 snin fejn kien

ħafna għal qalbu minħabba l-għaqda li kienet tezisti bejn dawk li kieu stazzjonati fil-Belt. Wara gie trasferit għal tas-Sliema fejn dam biss għal sena, minn fejn gie mibgħut il-Hamrun, fejn għamel sentejn u għaxar xhur. Meta gie stazzjonat fil-Kavallerija ma kienx għal qalbu għal kemm meta kien żgħir kif għadna kien jinzel ma missieru li kien dam ħafna f' din is-sezzjoni.

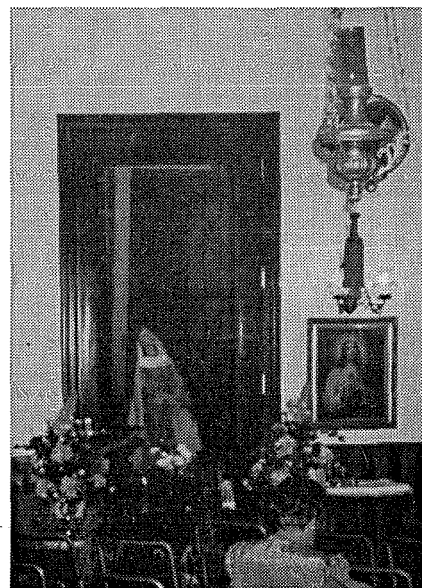
Francis Galea qal li kien jiehu ħafna pjaċir meta kien jiġi magħżul għal Parati, dan kien jiġi msejjaħ spiss peress li hu twil mas-6 piedi, hu kien jiehu pjaċir bihom għax kienu jnisslu fih sens ta' dixxiplina li kien inissel fihom dak iż-żmien l-R.S.M.T.Orr; sal-lum qal li wkoll mat-tfal tiegħu kien jgħamel l-istess mhux b'sens ta' xi kastig imma biex joħroġhom bħala irġiel serji.

Francis ma tantx dam fil-Pulizija għax irriżenja biex mar l-Ingilterra, fejn f'dan iż-żmien kien inqala l-nkiet fil-Lvant nofsani u f'dan iż-żmien kien qed iddaħħlu n-nies fin-N.A.A.F.I. għal fuq il-bastimenti Ingliżi. Hawn dam l-aktar żmien twil billi għamel 22 sena f'dan is-servizz. Peress li kien wasal iż-żmien biex in-Navy tirtira minn Malta, fl-1979 ħaseb biex kif jispiċċa jibda business għal rasu, u hekk għamel kif spiċċa minn NAAFI.

Però hu kif qal tajjeb dejjem baqa miġbud ħafna lejn il-Korp tal-Pulizija, tant li ta' sikwit barra

li hu membru tal-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti u jattendi għal kull attività tagħha. Ta sikwit jattendi għal quddiesi li ssir fil-Kappella tad-Depot, u darba fost l-oħrajn sema' lill-Kummissarju s-Sur Alfred Calleja jgħid kemm jixtieq li fil-Kappella jkollna niċċa ta' Marija Santissima Addolorata. Peress li Sur Calleja kien irtira mis-servizz dak li kien semgħa baqa ġo moħħu u meta sar Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech urieh ix-xewqa li fuq dak li kien semgħa u bħala ringrazzjament għal dak kollu li għadda minnu b'wiċċ il-ġid fil-ħajja tiegħu, offra li jagħmel din in-niċċa kif is-Sur Grech kien aċċetta.

B'din in-nota temmejna l-intervista tagħna ma' Francis Galea u nistiednu li dawk li jixtiequ jiġu ntervistati wara li jkunu r-rtiraw mill-Korp billi jiktbu lis-Segretarju tal-Għaqda.







# Obitwarju



Ex. Pc 435 A. Galea



Ex. Pc 21 C. Bone



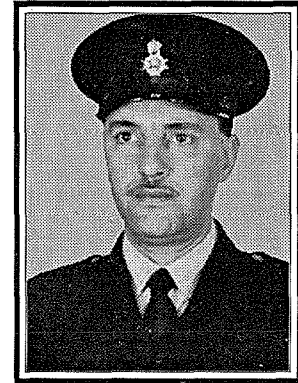
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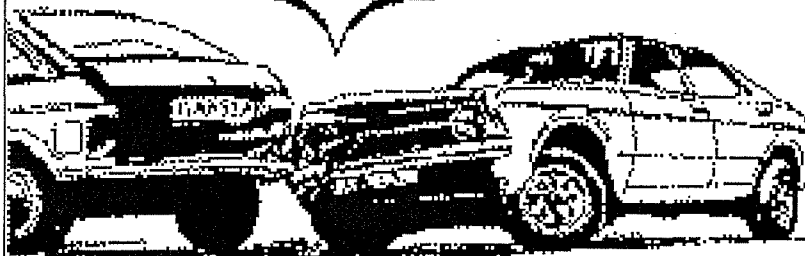
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# Sir George Borg, Kt., M.B.E., LL.D. 1887-1954

.....giet konfermata bir-  
"Regolamenti ta' l-Emergenza ta'  
1-1940 dwar l-Amministrazzjoni  
tal-Haq" (Administration of Jus-  
tice (Emergency) Regulations,  
1940) ippubblikati bin-  
Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Numru  
337 tal-5 ta' Lulju, 1940,  
sussegwentement emendati bin-  
Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Numru  
450 tas-27 ta' Awissu, 1942.

L-ewwel proċess presjedut  
minn SIR GEORGE BORG  
imsieheb mill-Onorabli Mħallfin  
il-Professor Edgar Ganado u Dr.  
William Harding beda fit-30 ta'  
Jannar, 1941 meta fil-Qorti  
Kriminali tressqu Harry Briffa ta'  
21 sena, imwieled l-Imsida, Dino  
Borg ta' 18 il-sena, imwieled il-  
Pietà, Oliviero Xerri ta' 19 il-  
sena, imwieled il-Gżira, Charles  
Schranz ta' 22 sena, imwieled  
tas-Sliema, Anthony Xerri ta' 21  
sena, imwieled Haż- Żabbar,  
Joseph Depasquale ta' 23 sena,  
imwieled il-Birgu, u Louis Gatt ta'  
19 il-sena, imwieled il-Birgu.

Il-Prosekutur Pubbliku Dr. Jo-  
seph H. Reynaud, xlihom li bejn  
l-1 ta' Ġunju u t-8 ta'  
Novembru, 1940, wettqu propa-  
ganda sedizzjuża favur il-għaqda  
tal-Gżejjer Maltin ma' l-Istat  
totalitarju Taljan ta' dak iż-żmien.  
Dan għamluh billi kitbu u qassmu  
bil-posta u ferrxu fit-toroq f'diversi  
lokalitajiet f'Malta hafna fuljetti li  
bihom huma ppruvaw inisslu  
mibgħeda kontra l-Gvern Inġliż u  
mħabba lejn il-Gvern Taljan.  
Barra minn hekk, huma ġew  
mixlija wkoll li kellhom fil-pussess  
tagħhom kwantità ta' hwejjeġ  
stampati u oġġetti oħrajn ta'  
natura sedizzjuża li setgħu  
kellhom xejra direttament jew



indirettament mhux biss biex  
inisslu nuqqas ta' qima lejn il-  
Forzi Armati tal-Maestà Tiegħu r-  
Re, iżda wkoll li iġibu mibgħeda  
u disprezz jew ixewwxu kontra l-  
Gvern tar-Renju Magħqud u l-  
Kostituzzjoni ta' Malta.

Il-Prosekutur Pubbliku, wara li  
stqarr li b'għemilhom, l-  
msemmija akkużati saru hatjin  
talli hađu sehem f'konfossa li  
kellha bħala ħsieb delitt kontra l-  
istabilità tal-Gvern tal-Maesta  
Tiegħu r-Re, talab lill-Qorti biex  
kull wieħed minnhom jiġi  
kkundannat għall-piena ta'  
**"lavuri furzati"** għal minn  
hamsa sa' disa' snin ħabs.

F'dan il-proċess, Harry Briffa  
kellu bħala Avukat Difensur  
tiegħu lill-Professor Carmelo  
Mifsud Bonnici. Il-Professor  
Mifsud Bonnici deher ukoll għal  
Anthony Xerri, għal Louis Gatt u  
għal Joseph Depasquale. Dino  
Borg u Oliviero Xerri kellhom  
bħala Avukat Difensur lill-Avukat  
Dr. Albert Magri u Charles

Schranz kellu bħala Difensur lill-  
Avukat Dr. Joseph Flores.

Il-Qorti kienet sabet lil Harry  
Briffa, Dino Borg, Oliviero Xerri,  
Joseph Depasquale u Louis Gatt  
hatjin ta' kospirazzjoni sempliċi.  
Fil-każ ta' Charles Schranz, il-  
Qorti sabitu hati li kellu kitba ta'  
tixwix mingħajr ġustifikazzjoni  
jew il-jedd li jzommha; fil-każ ta'  
Anthony Xerri, il-Qorti sabitu hati  
li qassam karti ta' tixwix.

Għaldaqstant, il-Qorti  
kkundannat lil Harry Briffa,  
Joseph Depasquale u Louis Gatt  
għall-piena ta' tlett snin ħabs bil-  
**"lavuri furzati"** u lil Dino Borg  
u Oliviero Xerri għall-piena ta'  
erba' snin ħabs bil-**"lavuri  
furzati"**.

Fl-istess waqt, il-Qorti sabet lil  
Charles Schranz u lil Anthony  
Xerri m'humieħ hatjin ta' l-ewwel  
akkuża, iżda sabet lil Charles  
Schranz hati li kellu kitba illegali  
u ta' tixwix u lil Anthony Xerri hati  
li xerred karti ta' tixwix. Il-Qorti,  
wara li studjat iċ-ċirkostanzi ta'  
kull każ, ikkundannat lil Schranz  
għall-piena ta' sena ħabs xogħol  
iebes, u lil Anthony Xerri għall-  
piena ta' tmintax-il-xahar ħabs  
b'xogħol iebes.

Wara li l-bini tal-Qorti fi Triq  
Irrjali, l-Belt Valletta safa' milqut  
u mgarraf mill-attakki ta' l-għadu  
fit-13 ta' Mejju, 1941, il-Qorti  
Superjuri nklużi dak Kriminali  
kienu ġew trasferiti fil-bini tas-  
Seminarju ta' l-Arcisqof, il-  
Furjana. Ta' min jgħid ukoll li  
matul is-snin tat-Tieni Gwerra  
Dinjija u minkejja l-attakki  
kontinwi ta' l-għadu, s-seduti  
baqgħu jsiru xorta waħda fix-



xelters biex ma jinholoqx dewmien fis-smiġh tal-kawzi. Ta' min jgħid ukoll f'dan ir-rigward, li SIR GEORGE BORG innifsu kien ġarrab griehi ħfief waqt attakk ta' l-għadu meta huwa kien qiegħed jamministra l-ġurament ta' fedeltà lill Lord Gort f'Kalafrana.

Fil-Qorti Kriminali fil-Furjana, sar proċess ieħor presjedut minn SIR GEORGE BORG flimkien ma' l-Onorabbli Mħallfin il-Professor Edgar Ganado u Dr. William Harding.

F'dan il-proċess, Pawlu Micallef ta' erbgħin sena, imwieled il-Belt Valletta, kien ġie mixli mill-Prosektur Pubbliku Dr. Joseph H. Reynaud, l-Avukat Anzjan tal-Kuruna, li fit-13 ta' Mejju 1939, f'Birkirkara, dolożament u malizzjożament, bil-ħsieb li jqiegħed f'periklu ċar u joqtol lill martu Giorgia Micallef xebba Bianco, ikkaġunalha ferita f'sidirha li biha hija mietet f'tit sigħat wara f'dak l-istess jum. F'tit qabel ma kkommetta dan id-delitt, Pawlu Micallef kien ra lill martu tkellem raġel ieħor li qanqal fih is-suspett li seta' kien il-maħbub tagħha. Għaldaqstant, huwa kien influwenzat minn passjoni instantanja fil-mument tad-delitt li ma ħallietux jirrifletti sewwa l-gravità u l-konsegwenzi ta' dak li kien sejjer jagħmel.

Għaldaqstant, Pawlu Micallef sar ħati ta' omiċidju volontarju, iżda skużabbli għaliex wettaq dan id-delitt taħt influwenza ta' passjoni instantanja li ma ħallietux jirrifletti sewwa dwar il-konsegwenzi ta' l-għemil tiegħu u fuq din l-akkuża, il-Prosektur Pubbliku talab lill-Qorti biex tikkundanna lill-akkużat għall-piena ta' għoxrin sena ħabs.

Fil-bidu tal-proċess, l-Avukati Difensuri l-Professor Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici u Dr. Vincent Scerri, ressqu t-talba biex l-

akkużat jiġi dikjarat mhux f'sensieh waqt li wettaq id-delitt imsemmi fl-Att ta' l-Akkuża. Il-Prosekuzzjoni opponiet għal din it-talba peress li t-Tabib tal-Ħabs kien diġa' ċertifika li kien sab lill-akkużat mentalment f'siktu, iżda l-esperti mediċi maħturin mill-Qorti biex jeżaminaw u jirrapportaw dwar l-istat mentali ta' l-akkużat, ikkonfermaw li Pawlu Micallef fil-fatt kien dementi waqt it-twettiq tad-delitt. Dan ir-rapport kien ġie eventwalment aċċettat kemm mill-Prosekuzzjoni kif ukoll mid-difiża.

Għalkemm kien tqanqal id-dubju jekk Pawlu Micallef kienx f'qagħda mentali tajba biżżejjed waqt li kien qiegħed jiġi pproċessat, il-guri tkompla jinstema'. Wara li l-ġurati fil-verdett tagħhom ta' sitt voti kontra tlieta, iddikjaraw li l-akkużat ma kienx f'sensieh kemm waqt li kkommetta d-delitt kif ukoll waqt il-proċess tiegħu, il-Qorti ddikjarat lill-akkużat dementi kemm fil-waqt tad-delitt kif ukoll waqt il-ġudizzju u għaldaqstant ordnat li Pawlu Micallef jinżamm rigorożament fl-isptar tal-Mard tal-Moħħ.

Ftit wara li ntemm dan il-ġuri, is-Seminarju fil-Furjana ġarrab bosta ħsarat waqt attakk ta' l-għadu u allura, l-Qorti kellha titlaq minn hemm ukoll u tmur fl-iskola primarja ta' Ħal Bażan.

Il-proċess ta' Karmenu Borg Pisani beda fit-12 ta' Novembru, 1942 quddiem il-Qorti Kriminali magħmula minn tloġ imħallfin. Dawn kienu SIR GEORGE BORG bħala President, u l-onorabbli Mħallfin il-Professor Edgar Ganado u Dr. William Harding. L-Avukat Difensur kien Dr. Alberto Magri mgħejjun minn Dr. Paolo Borg Grech, kuġin ta' l-akkużat.

L-Att ta' l-Akkuża kien

magħmul minn tleġt Kapi. Fl-ewwel Kap, il-Prosektur Pubbliku, Dr. Joseph H. Reynaud, Avukat Anzjan tal-Kuruna, akkuża lill Borg Pisani talli ħa sehem f'kongura biex iwaqqa' jew ifittex li jwaqqa' l-Gvern tal-Maesta Tiegħu r-Re billi b'xi mod jew ieħor ta għajna lill-għedewwa tar-Re. Għal din il-ħtija, l-Prosektur Pubbliku talab li l-akkużat jiġi kkundannat għall-piena ta' minn ħamsa sa' disa' snin ħabs bil-**"lavuri furzati"**.

Fit-tieni Kap, Borg Pisani kien akkużat talli bħala membru fir-Rigment "San Marco", huwa wettaq, flimkien ma' sħabu, attività sovversiva f'diversi postijiet okkupati mill-Italja fosthom Patras u Atena, u għaldaqstant, atti kontra l-Greċja kienu meqjusin bħala atti kontra l-Ingilterra peress li l-Greċja kienet allejata fil-gwerra ma' l-Ingilterra. Għal din il-ħtija, l-Prosektur Pubbliku talab li Borg Pisani jiġi kkundannat għall-piena tal-mewt.

Fit-tielet Kap, Borg Pisani kien akkużat illi bħala "sottotenent" fl-eżerċitu Taljan, kien imbarka bil-moħbi f'Malta bil-iskop li jittrasmetti lill-għadu fl-istazzjon li kien twaqqaf apposta fi Sqallija fl-iktar post viċin ta' Malta, u jagħti tagħrif militari u strateġiku dwar il-Gżejjer Maltin. L-akkużat kien niżżel miegħu erba' xkejjer bil-ikel għal għoxrin jum, "radio transmitter/receiver", "cipher code book", mappa ta' Malta, "revolver", "hand grenades", torċi, ħbula u £200 li kellhom iservu biex ikun jista jixtri xi nies li jkun jridu jgħinuh fil-missjoni tiegħu. Għal din il-ħtija, il-Prosektur Pubbliku talab li Borg Pisani jiġi kkundannat għall-piena tal-mewt.

Meta fetaħ il-proċess, id-Difiża ressqet żewġ eċċezzjonijiet: waħda, dwar il-kompożizzjoni tal-





Qorti fis-sens li minhabba l-gravita tad-delitti msemmijin fit-tieni u fit-tielet Kapi ta' l-Att ta' l-Akkuża, il-Qorti kellha tkun magħmula minn ħames imħallfin u mhux minn tlieta, u l-oħra, dwar il-kompetenza tal-Qorti peress li l-atti ta' l-imputat imsemmija fl-ewwel u fit-tieni Kapi ta' l-Att ta' l-Akkuża twettqu barra minn territorju Malti. Dawn iż-żewġ eċċezzjonijiet ġew eventwalment miċħuda mill-Qorti b'żewġ sentenzi differenti mogħtija fit-12 ta' Novembru, 1942.

Fid-19 ta' Novembru, 1942, il-Qorti presjeduta minn SIR GEORGE BORG, wara li rat l-Att ta' l-Akkuża magħmul minn tlett Kapi msemmija aktar 'il fuq, wara li rat id-deċiżjonijiet dwar L-eċċezzjonijiet imressqin mid-Difiża, wara li semgħet il-provi kompriża x-xhieda ta' l-istess akkużat fuq talba tiegħu stess, u wara li kkunsidrat dak kollu li kellhom jgħidu kemm l-Avukat Anzjan tal-Kuruna għal Prosekuzzjoni kif ukoll id-Difensur ta' l-akkużat, iddikjarat lill-akkużat ħati skond l-Att ta' l-Akkuża u kkundannat lill-imsemmi Karmenu Borg Pisani għall-piena tal-mewt

Ftit granet qabel ma twettqet is-sentenza, d-Direttur tal-Habs ta' Kordin, il-Kaptan Joseph Agius kien irċieva twegiba negattiva għat-talba tal-klemenza.

Il-"Warrant" għall-esekuzzjoni tas-sentenza tal-mewt kontra Karmenu Borg Pisani kien ġie ffirmat mill-Gvernatur ta' Malta Lord Gort fit-23 ta' Novembru, 1942. Karmenu Borg Pisani ġie mgħallaq fil-Habs ta' Kordin fit-28 ta' Novembru, 1942. Il-Konfraternità tar-Rużarju u tal-Ħniena bħas-soltu kienet ħadet sehem u tat l-għajnuna tagħha. Ta' min jgħid li dan kien l-ewwel każ ta' Malti li kien ġie mgħallaq minhabba tradiment lejn l-Istat minn mindu Malta saret kolonja

Ngliza.

Fit-30 ta' Marzu, 1943, quddiem il-Qorti Kriminali magħmula mill-onorabbli SIR GEORGE BORG bħala President u l-onorabbli Mħallfin il-Professor Edgar Ganado, Dr. Luigi Camilleri, Dr. Antoine J. Montanaro Gauci u Dr. William Harding, tressqu għall-proċess Ġuzeppi Zammit ta' 39 sena, mwieled Hal-Qormi u ħuh



Karmenu Zammit ta' 32 sena, mwieled Hal-Qormi, it-tnejn imlaqqmin **"Ta' Mohh"**.

L-aħwa Zammit ġew akkużati mill-Prosekutur Pubbliku Dr. Joseph H. Reynaud, l-Avukat Anzjan tal-Kuruna, talli fit-2 ta' Novembru, 1942, fil-limiti ta' Hal-Luqa, huma serqu £400 u ċurkett tad-deheb lil Spiru Grech, imlaqqam **"L-Ixkawx"** jew **"il-Għannej"**, u qatluh wara li kienu ftehm u miegħu biex imur fil-ħanut li l-imsemmi Ġuzeppi Zammit kellu fit-telgħa ta' Hal-Luqa bl-iskuża li jbiegħulu kwantità kbira ta' qamħ u xgħir. Huma qalulu biex imur waħdu u jjeħu l-flus miegħu. Meta daħlul biex jara l-qamħ u x-xgħir fil-ġnejna li kien hemm mal-ħanut, huma ħabtu għalih, u wara li tawh bil-ġebel u b'affarijiet oħrajn

ippuntati fuq rasu, sparawlu żewġ tiri ta' "revolver" u laqtuh f'rasu, bil-konsegwenza li bil-feriti li ġarrab, Spiru Grech miet.

Fuq din l-akkuża, l-Prosekutur Pubbliku talab li iż-żewġ aħwa Ġuzeppi u Karmnu Zammit jigu kkundannati għall-piena tal-mewt.

Fil-bidu tal-process, l-Avukat Joseph Salomone Reynaud bħala Difensur ta' l-akkużat Karmnu Zammit, qajjem l-eċċezzjoni tad-demenza fir-rigward tal-klijent tiegħu. Wara li dan kien intbagħiat għal tlett xhur taħt osservazzjoni fil-Isptar tal-Mard tal-Moħħ, Karmnu Zammit reġa' tressaq quddiem l-istess Qorti fit-22 ta' Gunju, 1943 biex jigi deciz jekk kellux moħħu f'siktu jew le.

Il-Professuri Hyzler u Vassallo flimkien mat-Tabib Paris ipprezentaw ir-rapport tagħhom minfejn irriżulta li Karmnu Zammit fil-fatt ma kienx miġnun kemm fiż-żmien tad-delitt kif ukoll fiż-żmien tal-ġudizzju.

Ta' min jgħid li Karmnu Zammit kien stqarr li lil Spiru Grech qatlu hu filwaqt li difnu ħuh. Ġuzeppi Zammit kien qala' b'ħalqu ċ-ċurkett minn id il-mejjet.

Il-Qorti sabet lill-akkużat Karmnu Zammit ħati ta' omiċidju voluntarju filwaqt li sabet lill-akkużat Ġuzeppi Zammit ħati ta' kompliċità fid-delitt tas-serq aggravat bil-qtil. Fuq din il-ħtija, l-Qorti kkundannat liż-żewġ imputati għall-piena tal-mewt.

Il-**"Warrants"** għall-esekuzzjoni tal-mewt ġew iffirmati mill-Gvernatur Lord Gort fit-30 ta' Gunju, 1943. Ġuzeppi Zammit u Karmnu Zammit ġew imgħallqin fil-Habs ta' Kordin nhar il-5 ta' Lulju, 1943. Dan attwalment kien l-aħħar tgħallieq li twettaq f'Malta qabel ma' l-piena kapitali kienet ġiet eventwalment abolita fis-Sena 1971.



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# ĠABRA TA' APPELLI KRIMINALI

MISAPPROPAZZJONI - DUBBU RAĠONEVOLI

*Ikun hati tar-reat ta' misapproprazzjoni min idawwar bi profitt għalih haġa ta' haddiehor li kienet giet fdata lilu taht titolu li jgib mieghu l-obbligu tar-radd jew li jsir użu minnu speċifikat.*

**Il-Pulizija vs Anthony Frendo**  
ż4 ta' Marzu, 1977  
Imħallef: Onor. F. Mizzi LL.D.

Il-Qorti,

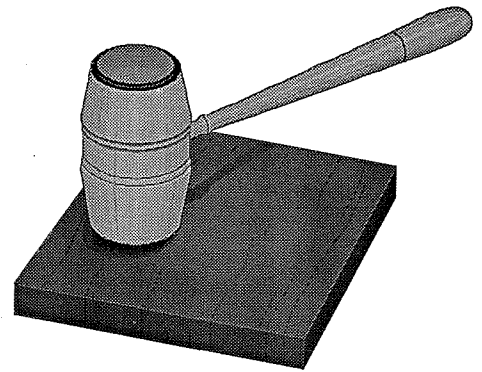
Rat l-atti tal-kompilazzjoni magħmula mill-Qorti Kriminali tal-Maġistrati tal-Pulizija Ġudizzjarja ta' Malta kontra Anthony Frendo talli f'din il-Ġżira, fil-5 ta' Mejju, 1976, iddenunzja lill-Pulizija Eżekuttiva reat li jaf li ma kienx sar, inkella b'qerq, holoq traċċi ta' reat b'mod li setgħu jibdew proċeduri kriminali sabiex jiżguraw li dan ir-reat sar billi għamel rapport lill-Pulizija illi kien gie attakkat vjolentement minn numru ta' persuni mhux magħrufa u misruq waqt li kien qiegħed isuq van numru 75594 fi Triq il-Kanun, Santa Venera, meta, fil-fatt, dan il-fatt ma garax, barra minn hekk, f'dawn l-aħħar sentejn approfitta ruħu billi dawwar għalih bi profitt issomma ta' flus li teċċedi Lm100 li hija proprjeta tal-Kumpanija "Edible Oil Refining Company Ltd." wara li din is-somma ta' flus kienet giet fdata jew ikkonsenjata lilu minhabba professjoni, industrija, kummerċ, amministrazzjoni, kariga jew servizz taht titolu li jgib mieghu l-obbligu tar-radd;

Rat in-nota ta' rinviju ta' l-Avukat Ġenerali tal-31 ta' Jannar, 1977 li bih l-istess atti ġew mibgħuta lura lil dik il-Qorti sabiex, fin-nuqqas ta' oġġezzjoni da parti ta' l-

imputat a tenur ta' l-Artikolu 382(3)(d), dik l-istess Qorti tiddeċiedi dwar il-htija jew htijiet li jistgħu jinstabu taht l-artikoli (a) 307 u 308, 324(1)(b) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali u (b) taht l-artikolu 109(2) tal-Kodiċi Kiriminali;

Rat is-sentenza mogħtija fit-23 ta' Frar, 1977, li biha dik il-Qorti sabet lill-imputat hati tar-reati dedotti kontra tiegħu bil-fuq imsemmi rinviju ta' l-Avukat Ġenerali u lliberatu taht il-kundizzjoni li ma jikkommittix reat fi żmien sentejn u tenur ta' l-artikolu 9 ta' l-Att XII ta' 1-1957, wara li kkunsidrat:

"Illi l-imputat 'salesman' mal-Edible oil Refining Co. Ltd. u kien joħroġ ibiġh bil-vann tal-kumpanija. Fl-4 ta' Mejju 1976, kellu żejt, 'margarine' u boilers tal-kumpanija li jiswew f'daqqa Lm45.25,0 li mar biex ibiġh. L-ghada għal xis-1.30 a.m. l-imputat mar l-Għassa tal-Pulizija ta' Raħal Ġdid, jibki b'idejh marbutin wara b'faxxa ma' għonqu. Kellu wkoll l-qmis imqattgħa. Dak il-hin irrapporta li P.C. 745 Italo Tufigno li kien ilu mill-5.30 p.m. tal-ġurnata ta' qabel marbut. Qal li kien isuq il-vann mir-'round-about' ta' Fleur-de-Lys 'l isfel, waqqfu wieħed biex jagħtih 'lift' u appena tela' fil-vann dan hareġ revolver u ffirmah bih u qallu "Tibżax ma nweggħgħekx, aġhtini li għandek." Minnufih telgħu tnejn oħra fil-van u ħadulu 'cheque' ta' Lm70 u Lm300 flus. Zied jgħid li rabtulu jdejh wara, qattgħulu l-qmis, għamduh u baqgħu sejrjn jigrū bih 'l hawn u-'l hinn bil-vann sakemm niżżluh fir-'round-



about' ta' Paola Hill u huma baqgħu sejrjn bil-vann;

"Dakinhar stess fil-ghaxija għamel stqarrija taht forma ta' rapport bil-miktub lill-Ispettur Salvu Galea. F'dan ir-rapport biddel xi ċirkostanzi minn dawk li kien qal lill-kuntistabbli. Qal li huwa u għaddej bil-vann wieħed raġel fetaħlu l-bieba tan-naħa tax-xellug u daħal ġewwa l-vann. Dak il-hin kellu revolver u ppuntah lejh, ħatfu minn sidru għan-naħa tiegħu u niżżillu rasu għal taht id-"dashboard". Dan ir-raġel qabad u ħadlu l-flus li kellu fil-but u beda jgħebdu mill-qmis. Ħadlu wkoll ġizirana u salib minn għonqu. Wara, l-vann beda miexi waqt li huwa kien għadu b'rasu taht id-"dashboard". Dan ir-raġel rabatlu jdejh wara b'faxxa u għamillu faxxa oħra ma' għajnejh. Il-vann baqa' sejjer, jieqaf u jimxi, sakemm telquh fejn ir-'roundabout' ta' Casal Paola. Jaħseb li kellu lil xi ħadd miegħu dak ir-raġel. Wara li niziluh ipprova jneħhi l-biċċa minn quddiem għajnejh billi kellu jdejh marbutin wara u rnexxielu jneħhiha billi ġibidha 'l isfel minn fuq għajnejh;

"L-espert l-Ispizjar Victor Gatt, inkarigat biex jeżamina l-qmis ta' l-imputat, irrelata li t-tiċritiet fil-qmis saru f'partijiet

ikompli fuq paġna 30 ➔



# ....ĠABRA TA' APPELLI KRIMINALI

minnhom bl-użu ta' xi apparat li jaqta', bħal mus jew imqass. Qal ukoll li, meta inqatgħu l-buttni, il-qmis ma kinitx maqfula għax ma saret ebda ħsara fl-aċċetti;

"Ir-reati dedotti kontra l-imputat huma: (a) misappropriazzjoni, billi dawwar bi profitt għalih ħaġa ta' ħaddieħor li kienet giet fdata lilu taħt titolu li jgħib miegħu l-obbligu tar-radd jew li jsir użu minnu speċifikat u (b) rapport falz, billi ddenunzja lill-Pulizija reat li jaf li ma sarx jew ħoloq traċċi ta' reat b'mod li setgħu jibdedw proċeduri kriminali sabiex jiżguraw li dan ir-reat kien sar;

"Dawn iż-żewġ reati sejrjn jiġu kunsidrati fl-ordni invers, ċjoe l-ewwel sejjer jiġi kunsidrat it-tieni reat dedott għaliex, jekk ma jirriżultax dan ir-reat, lanqas jista' jkun hemm l-ewwel wieħed;

"Il-Prosekuzzjoni għandha tipprova, mingħajr dubbju raġjonevoli, li l-imputat għamel rapport li kien sar reat meta kien jaf li ma sarx jew ħoloq traċċi ta' reat;

"Fil-fehma tal-Qorti, il-Prosekuzzjoni rnexxielha tasal għal din il-prova. Dak li l-imputat qal lill-kuntistabbli Tufigno ma jaqbilx għal kollox ma' dak li qal lill-Ispettur Galea. Fl-ewwel verżjoni qal li waqqfu wieħed biex jagħtih 'lift' u, appena tellgħu fil-vann, ħareġ revolver u ffirmah u, minnufih, telgħu tnejn oħra u ħadulu 'cheque' u Lm300. Tit-tieni verżjoni qal li huwa u miexi, wieħed fetaħlu l-bieba u daħal. Kellu revolver u ppuntah lej. Gibdu minn sidru u nizzillu rasu taħt id-'dashboard'. Wara, qabad u ħadlu l-flus li kellu fil-but. Qal li ma sema' lil ħadd jgħid xejn lil xi ħadd li jahseb li dan ir-raġel kellu miegħu;

"L-espert qal li t-ticritiet fil-qmis saru bl-użu ta' xi apparat bħal mus jew imqass. Dan ifisser li mhux kif qal l-imputat. Inoltre, anke l-buttni li kellu mqattgħin, dawn ma tqattgħux waqt li l-qmis kienet maqfula;

"L-imputat qal li meta telquh fejn ir-'round-about' ta' Raħal Ġdid, kellu faxxa imdawra quddiem għajnejh u jdejh marbutin wara. X'hin mar l-Għassa l-faxxa ta' quddiem għajnejh kienet madwar għonqu, waqt li jdejh kienu

għadhom marbutin wara. B'idejh marbutin wara ma setax iniżel ilfaxxa li kellu ma' għajnejh sa għonqu;

"Fl-aħħarnett hemm il-fatt li l-imputat fl-ebda okkażjoni ma kkonferma r-rapport tiegħu bil-gurament, la quddiem il-Magistrat Inkwirenti u lanqas quddiem il-Qorti.

"Fil-fehma tal-Qorti dan ir-reat jirriżulta;

"Dwar it-tieni reat dedott, jirriżulta li l-imputat, bħala 'salesman', kellu merkanzija tal-kumpanija li kien jaħdem magħha. Huwa biegh din il-merkanzija u ma ħallasx il-flus li daħhal. Irriżulta li l-ammont li baqagħilha tiegħu l-kumpanija huwa Lm288.24,0. Dawn il-flus kienu f'idejh bl-obbligu li jgħaddihom lill-kumpanija. Għalhekk anke dan ir-reat jirriżulta pruvat";

Rat ir-rikors li bih l-imputat appella u talab li s-sentenza fuq riportata tiġi revokata u li huwa jiġi meħlus minn kull htija u piena;

Trattat l-appell;

Ikkunsidrat:

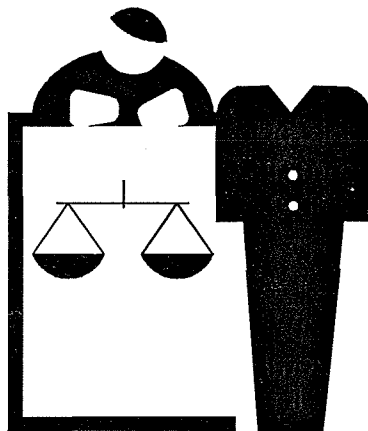
L-appellant qed jinvoka favur tiegħu l-benefiċċju tad-dubju - benefiċċju li ovvjament għandu dritt għalih purkè si tratti ta' dubju raġjonevoli.

Issa, ir-rapport formali, bażi ta' l-istanza preżenti, li l-appellant għamel lill-Ispettur Salvu Galea huwa mhux biss, minħabba ċ-ċirkostanzi partikolari ta' fejn, x'hin u kif ġara r-reat denunzjat, gravament suspettuż fih innifsu, imma talli, kif irrilevat l-ewwel Onorabbli Qorti, ma jaqbilx u dina l-Qorti żżid tghid li ma jaqbilx f'partijiet *sostanzjali* - la ma' dak li, fl-istess jum, l-appellant kien irrifera lill-P.C. 745 Italo Tufigno u lanqas mar-riżultanzi tal-perizja kondotta mill-Ispizjar Victor Gatt - liema diskrepanza l-appellant bl-ebda mod ma offra li jispjega, kif kjarament, fil-fattispeċje tal-każ, kien jinkombi lilu li jagħmel.

Fić-ċirkostanzi dina l-Qorti bl-ebda mod ma tħossha assillata b'xi dubju lontanament raġjonevoli dwar il-kolpevolezza ta' l-appellant.

Għal dawn il-motivi u għal dawk ta' l-ewwel Onorabbli Qorti, li qegħdin jiġu adottati:

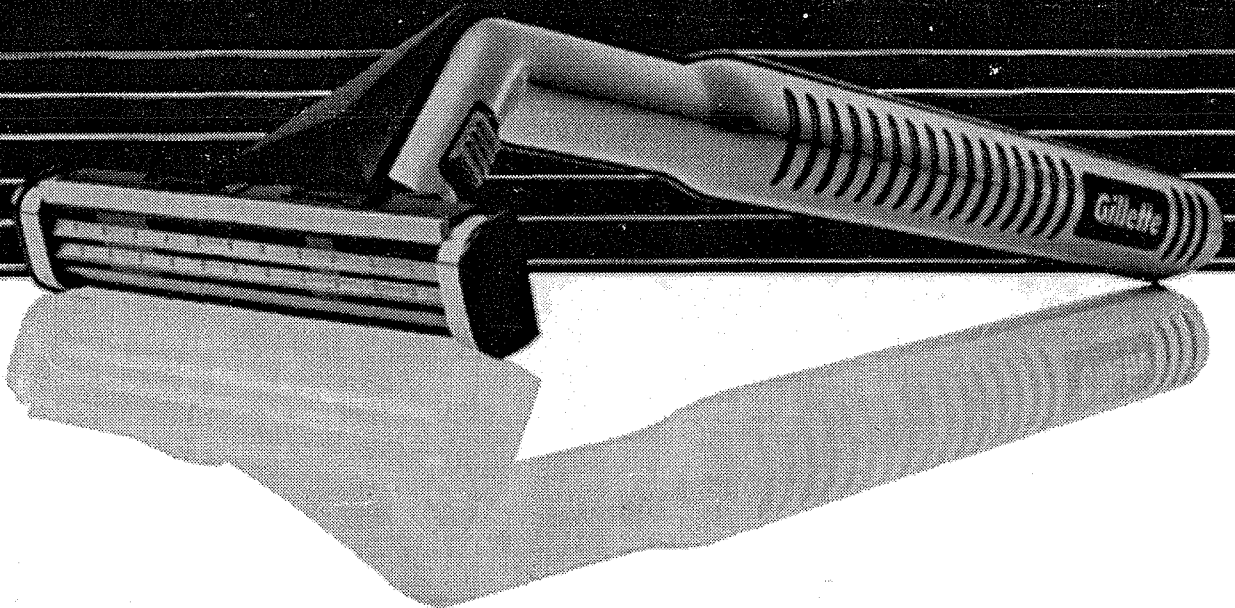
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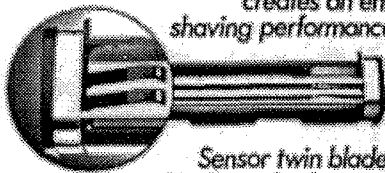




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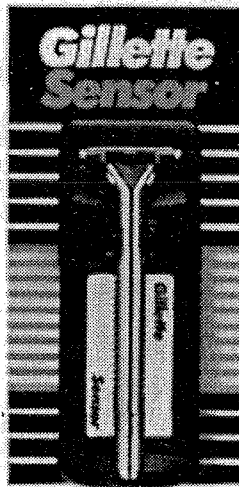
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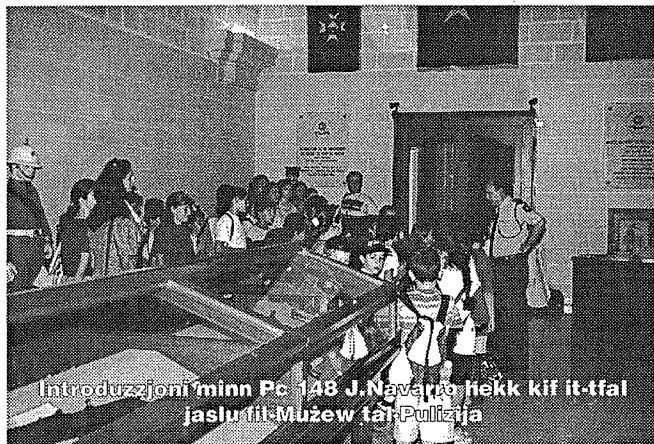
## ŻJARAT MILL-PUBBLIKU

Fil-harga tal-magazin tal-Pulizija Vol. 9 No. 10 kont ktibt dawr il-Mużew tal-Pulizija, fejn

spegajt kif inhu mqassam u fhiex jikkonsisti f'dawk li huma esebiti. Kienu bosta dawk il-persuni li ma kienux jafu bl-eżistenza tal-mużew, biss wara li kienu qraw l-artikli fil-magazin "IL-PULIZIJA", urew interess li

jigu u jżuruh. Saru bosta appuntamenti lil hafna nies fejn raw b'ghajnejhom stess l-oġġetti li kienu esibiti u li ftit li xejn kienu jafu dwar il-pulizija ta' Malta u lis-storja twila u nteressanti li ghandha.

Kien hemm kummenti ta' tifhir u ta' nkoraggiment mill-pubbliku li attenda, kemm rigward ta' esibiti kif ukoll ghal ma min kellu x'jaqsam mat-twaqqif ta' l-istess mużew. Wiehed bi pjaċir jghid illi kien hemm persuni li wara ż-żjara taghhom, rregalaw diversi ritratti antiki li ghandhom b'xi mod jew iehor x'jaqsmu ma l-istorja tal-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta.



Introduzzjoni minn Pc 148 J. Navarro hekk kif it-tfal jaslul il-Mużew tal-Pulizija

### Skola Sajf għat-tfal

Fis-16 ta' Lulju 1997, bdew attivitajiet kulturali organizzati mid-Dipartiment ta' l-Edukazzjoni jew ahjar kif inhija aktar maghrufa bhala 'SKOLA SAJF'. Dawn l-attivitajiet kulturali kienu jikkonsistu fi żjarat lill-Mużew tal-Pulizija ġewwa d-Depot minn tfal ta' eta' u sess differenti. Minn barra l-mużew, it-tfal ġew mehuda wkoll iżuru s-sezzjoni tal-FIRE BRIGADE ġewwa l-Furjana w anke s-Sezzjoni tal-KAVALLERIJA tal-korp maghrufa bhala 'MOUNTED POLICE'.

### ŻJARAT FIL-MUŻEW TAL-PULIZIJA

Għall bosta mit-tfal li l-eta' taghhom kienet tvarja bejn is-sitt snin u l-għaxar snin, kienet l-ewwel opportunità li jiltaqaw

*minn Pc 248 J. Navarro*

personalment ma pulizija. Kien hemm numru mhux hażin ta' tfal, speċjalment dawk żghar fl-età taghhom li wrew xi ftit tal-biża' jew misthija li jkunu fil-preżenza ta' uffiċjal tal-pulizija. Ma kienitx daqshekk faċli li tispjega lil dawn it-tfal fuq l-istorja tal-pulizija għaliex ma kienx hemm dik l-esperjenza ta' għalliem jew edukattur tat-tfal biss xorta bhala genitur, stajt nifhem sewwa l-aġir ta' ċerta tfal li għall-ewwel darba forsi f'hajjithom, f'eta' hekk tant żghira kellhom l-opportunità li jiltaqaw tant mill-qrib ma pulizija kif ukoll li jkunu fil-post minn fejn jitmexxa l-Korp tal-Pulizija.



Tfal jaghmlu xi domandi dwar uniformijiet lil Pc Navarro

Però, biż-żmien kelli è-ċans li nipperswaduhom li l-pulizija huwa tassew habib taghhom u qieghed hemm biex jiproteġihom u għaldaqstant ma naqsitx xi ċajta jew tnejn sabiex nirbah il-kunfidenza taghhom.

### F'hiex jikkonsistu dawn iż-żjarat kulturali?

Dawn iż-żjarat kulturali jikkonsistu billi t-tfal flimkien ma' l-għalliema taghhom jingabru ġewwa l-Mużew tal-



Spjegazzjoni fuq ix-xarretta, wanda mill-esibiti li hemm fil-Mużew





It-tfal jirkbu x-xarabank

pulizija. Hemm hekk issir introduzzjoni żgira sabiex it-tfal ikollhom idea ta' x'cer jaraw u fejn sejin. Ta' min jinnota li ċerti tfal tassew jiġu preparti għal din l-okkażjoni billi jgħibu magħhom 'Lunchpacks', cameras u xi min daqqiet lapes u pitazz sabiex inizzlu xi notamenti, ta' dak li jisimghu jew jaraw. Hekk kif nispiċċaw mill-mużew, nirkbu il-'bus' li tehodna l-garaxx tal-pulizija halli nżuru t-taqsimat ta' Tifi tan-Nar tal-Furjana. Kif naslu hemm naghmlu daqs għaxar minuti ta' rikreazzjoni u wara t-tfal jittiehdu jżuru l-FIRE ENGINES. Minn hawnhekk nixtieq niringrazzja għan-nom tat-tfal lil kull membru tat-taqsimat ta' tifi tan-nar, għad

dedikazzjoni u l-paċenzja li wrew sabiex it-tfal mhux biss raw kif jahdmu l-FIREMEN iżda anke ukoll jitgħallmu dwar kif wiehed għandu jiehu prewkwazzjoni dwar hruq.

Ma naqsitx li t-tfal jittellgħu fuq xi 'FIRE ENGINE' u jittiehdu dawra żgħira sabiex jidhlu f'atmosfera kważi vera ta' x'toffr, l-hajja ta' 'FIREMAN'. Wara li nispiċċaw mill-'Fire Brigade Section', nerhulha għat-Taqsimat tal-Kavallerija ġewwa l-Marsa. Hawnhekk ta' min jinnota li wiċċ t-tfal jinbidel f'wiehed ta' ferh u gost għaliex hafna minnhom qatt ma kienu raw jew resqu viċin daqshekk ta' ziemel.



Grupp ta' tfal minn 'Skola Sajf' ta' Hal-Taxxien waqt iż-żjara tagħhom lil-'Fire Brigade' flimkien ma' P.C. Navarro u membri tat-Taqsimat tan-Nar tal-Furjana

Hekk kif naslu l-'Mounted' jinkiser dak is-skiet u l-attenzjoni u jibda l-qbiż u l-aghjat tat-tfal. Nixtieq għal darba oħra minn hawn niringrazzja għan-nom ta' kulhadd lil kull membru tat-taqsimat tal-kavallerija għall-



It-tfal attentu għal dak kollu li qed jiġi spjegat lilhom mill-membri tal-'Fire Brigade'

paċenzja u d-dedikazzjoni li wrew sabiex jintlaħaq l-għan li għalih morna.

J'Alla żjarat bħal dawn jibqgħu jsiru fil-futur, għaliex hija haġa ċerta li l-gid u li johroġ minn dawn iż-żjarat huwa kbir hafna u b'hekk lis-storja tal-pulizija Maltija tigi mifruxa ma' l-istudenti tagħna.

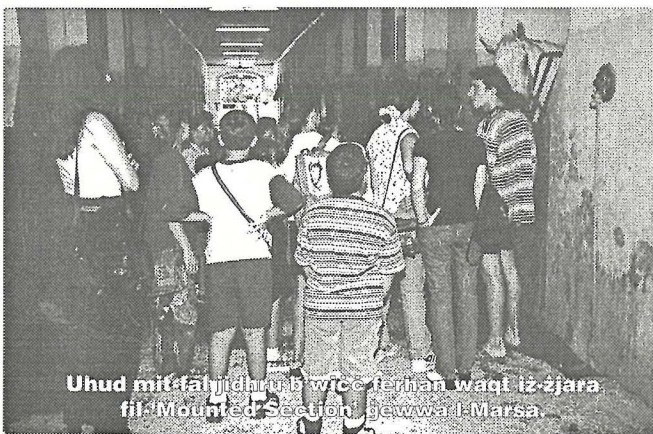
**Attenzenza**  
**(fil-Mużew tal-Pulizija)**

Sena 1996  
Żjarat kulturali għal kulhadd  
700 student

Sena 1997  
Skejjel tal-Gvern u Privati  
964 student

Skola Sajf (sa Settembru 97)  
795 student

Total 1,759



Uhud mit-tfal jidhru b'wiċċ ferhan waqt iż-żjara fil-'Mounted Section' ġewwa l-Marsa.



It-tfal jidhru jmissu wiehed miż-żwiemel tal-Kavallerija





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## Partita football bejn it-team tal-Pulizija ta' Malta u team magħmul mill-Guardia di Vigilanza tal-Vatikan.

Nhar il-Gimgha 3 ta' Ottubru 1997, it-team tal-football tal-Korp tal-Pulizija tal-Malta lagħab logħba football mat-team tal-Guardia di Vigilanza tal-Vatikan fil-ground 'Victor Tedesco' fil-Hamrun Qabel il-logħba ż-żewġ kaptani: għat-team tal-Pulizija Maltija P.S.509 John Lentini biddel rigal mal-kaptan tat-team tal-Pulizija Taljana li kienu jikkonsistu f'banner bl-arma tal-Korp rispettiv. Il-logħba, li kienet irrefjata mis-Sur Tonio Brigulio, kienet ferm pjaċevoli u ż-żewġ teamijiet harġu b'determinazzjoni li tal-inqas ma joħorgux telliefa. Fil-fatt it-team tal-Pulizija kellu bidu feliċi għaliex f'nofs l-ewwel taqsima mar fil-vantaġġ meta P.C.49 Jean Pierre Abdilla daħal tajjeb bejn difensur u l-goler biex bir-ras tefa fix-xibka. Għal-bqija tal-ewwel taqsima l-logħob

kompla bilanċjat bit-team Taljan jipprova jikseb il-goal tad-draw pero' t-team tal-Pulizija Maltija ddefenda tajjeb biex l-iskor baqa jaqra 1-0 favur it-team tal-Pulizija Maltija. Fil-perjodu tal-mistrieħ kien hemm wirja mit-Taqsima tal-klieb tal-Pulizija Maltija li ntlaqat tajjeb mill-pubbliku preżenti. Għat-tieni taqsima t-team Taljan kompla fejn halla fl-ewwel taqsima jipprova jgħib il-goal tad-draw bit-team tal-Pulizija Maltija jkun ferm perikoluż f'diversi azzjonijiet tal-kontro attakk. Li ma kienx għal xi interventi tajbin tal-goler jew azzjonijiet moħlija mill-attakanti, t-team Malti kellu numru ta' okkazzjonijiet fejn ikabbar l-iskor fejn f'okkazzjoni minnhom laqat ukoll il-lasta l-mimduda minn free kick tat P.C.818 Joseph Farrugia. Kontra x-xejra tal-logħob it-team Taljan għab id-



draw f'nofs it-tieni taqsima minn penalty wara li attakant tat-team Taljan twaqqja fil-kaxxa l-kbira minn P.C. 46 Charlo Casha. Il-logħba għalhekk spiċċat fid-draw ta' 1-1. Preżenti għall-logħba kien hemm ukoll diversi

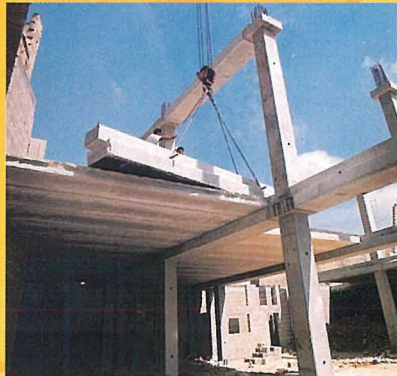
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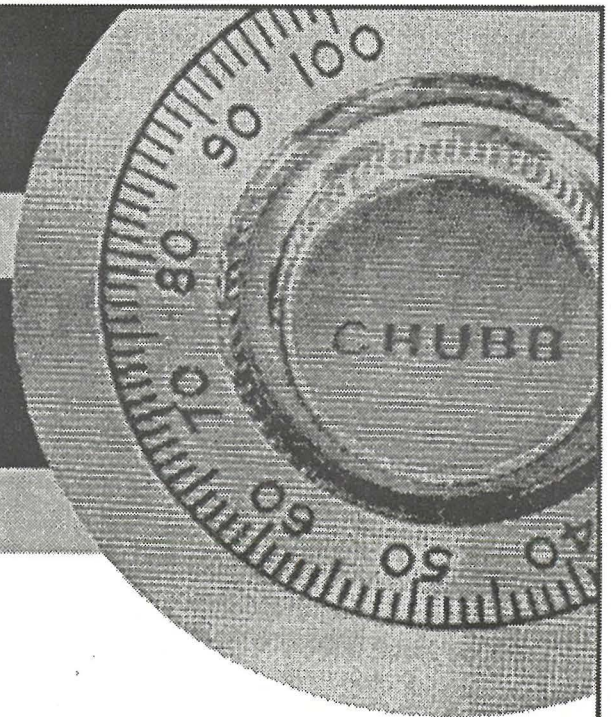
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# JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 1997/98

**P**aul Mangion was born in Valletta 46 years ago. He now resides at San Gwann. He is married to Marthese and has a 22 year old son and a 17 year old daughter. He started photography in 1986 by taking family shots. He joined the Malta Photographic Society in 1993, from which he learned a lot. Paul started photography in possession of a Minolta XGM, and now changed into a NIKON FM2 with 50 mm F1.2 normal lens, a NIKKoR 35-105 mm F3.5 zoom lens, a SIGMA 70-300 mm F3.5 zoom lens and several creative filters and accessories. Since joining the club in 1993, he never looked back. Two years after joining the club he won "The Amadeo Buontempo Award" by scoring the highest points over all three sections, that is colour prints, colour slides and monochrome prints. He also won "The Antoine Bianchi Tro-

phy" for being first in colour slides.

This year, Paul was once again rewarded for his creative works by winning several awards. He won the O & V Trophy" for his portfolio "Fruit", "The Varta Trophy" for placing first in the monthly competitions in colour prints, "The Custom Lab Trophy" for first place in colour slides for the second consecutive year and the progress award 1996/97 Sony Shield ( Junior Photographer of the year ). In the yearly competition ( Former Dunhill Competition ) although not rewarded, his works were always accepted and this is quite an achievement, considering



the number of entries.

His ambition is to take part in the international competitions in the slide categories. We wish him every success for the future.

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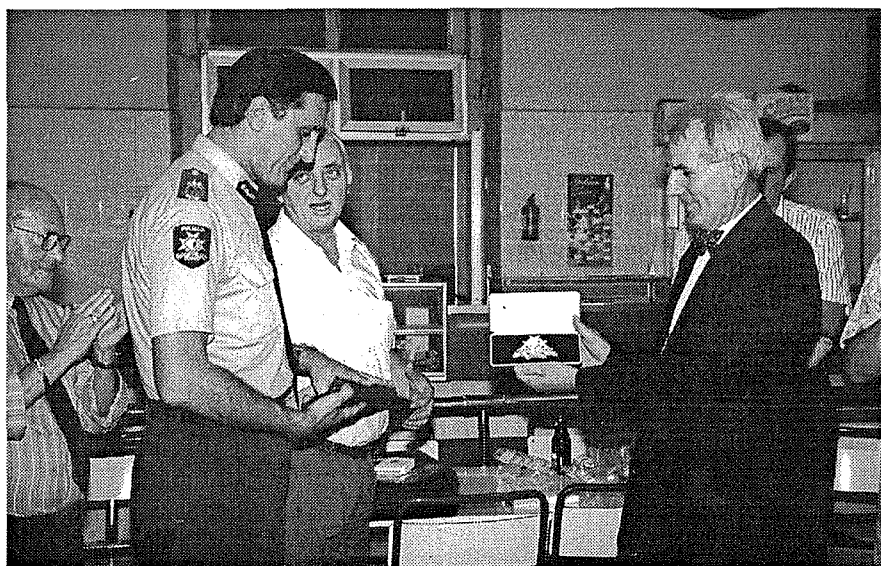
dirigenti, uffiċjali u qraba tal-team tal-Guardia di Vigilanza. Wara l-logħba iż-żewġ teamijiet flimkien mal-Uffiċjali u qraba kienu mistiedna għall-

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riċeviment żgħir fil-Mess tal-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija fejn l-Uffiċjali taż-żewġ naħat biddlu rigali tal-okkażżjoni u saru diskorsi ta'

ringrazzjament.

Il-Kumitat Sports tal-Pulizija jixtieq jirringrazzja lill-Kummissarju tal-pulizija għall-ghajnuna tiegħu f'okkażżjoniet bħal dawn fejn bis-saħħa tagħhom jinbnew aktar relazzjonijiet tajbin ma'Korpi ta' Pulizija barra pajjiżna. Lis-Sur Cremona mill-ambaxxata tal-Holy See li bis-saħħa tiegħu dan l-avveniment seta jseħħ. Lis-Sur Victor Tedesco li offra l-facilitajiet tal-ground tal-Hamrun. Lill-membri tas-Sezzjoni tal-Kelb tal-Pulizija għal-wirja li taw fil-ground u lil dawk kollha li b'xi mod jew ieħor taw kontribut tagħhom biex din il-logħba tkun suċċess.







# IL-QALBA TAR-RAĦAL QED TĦABBAT.....

iffortifikata, jigifieri biħha kbira fin-nofs, imqawel dawramejt, xi remissa fejn jitqiegħed il-karrettun, is-setaħ li titla' għalih b'taraġ mikxuf u l-ghorof fuq. Fost il-kmamar ta' fuq kien ikun hemm il-kočina li kienet tkun kamra žġħira maqtugħa għaliha weħida billi fl-antik kienu jsajru bil-ħatab u l-kamra tal-ġbejniet fejn kienu jdendlu l-qannič biex jitnixxu l-ġbejniet. Fuq wara ir-razzett, aktarx, għalkenm mhux dejjem, kien ikollu wkoll il-mandra.

Imma fl-irħula l-kbar fejn wieħed kien isib nies li m'humieħ bdiewa, allura hawn hekk djar sinjorili bdew jieħdu post ir-razzet. Dawn id-djar aktarx kien ikellhom strata, kamra jew aktar laterali, għorfa kbira fuq bil-gallerija għal barra u li kont titla' għaliha minn taraġ, minn ġewwa. Il-galleriji ta' dawn id-djar ħafna drabi kienu jkunu tassew artisiči u fil-poġġaman tagħhom kien jkollhom minquxa għelieħ li juru ž-żmien ta' meta saru: slaleb tal-Kavaleri, l-istilel ta' Garzes, il-fjurdilis ta' Wignacourt, il-kukkarda ta' Zondadari, in-nofs qamar ta' Pinto, balavostri, għelieħ reliġjuzi, u għelieħ naturali bħal fjuri, weraq, u mazzettuni.

Fil-qalba tar-raħal kien ikun hemm il-ħwienet kemm biex jinbiegħu l-affarijiet meħtieġa mill-poplu u ħwejjeġ ta' l-ikel, kif ukoll fejn isir čertu xogħol bħal ngħidu aħna xogħol tal-ħjata, ta' l-iskarpar, tal-landier, tas-sellar, tal-pasturi u ta' l-istatwetti, u xogħlijiet ta' argenterija u ġojjelliera. Il-ħwienet tal-merča, ta' l-inbid u l-fran kienu l-postijiet fejn n-nies kienet tiltaqa' u titkellem fuq l-aħħar aħbarijiet. Fit-truf tar-raħal wieħed kien isib il-maħžen fejn kienu jsiru xogħlijiet aktar tqal bħal dawħ ta' l-injam - mastrudaxxi u karpentiera, tal-ħaddieda - tal-ghodod u tan-nagħal, tal-karrettuni, u oħrajn, iżda billi raħal kien dejjem jespandi, għalkemm bil-mod, biž-żmien dawn il-ħwienet tax-xogħol sabu ruħhom ukoll fil-qalba ta' l-irħula tagħna.

Il-ħwienet tax-xogħol ta' l-irħula tagħna dari ma kienu jdejqu lil hadd. Ir-raġuni hi li x-xogħol kien isir kollu b'idejn. Ma kinux jeżistu magni tqal ta' l-elettriku li barra l-ħsejjes insopportabbli li jagħmlu jxorbu wkoll l-energija elettrika tal-linji ta' l-inħawi. Il-ħwienet tax-xogħol fil-qalba tar-raħal kienu wkoll jispiraw liž-žġħażaġħ ta' l-imġhoddi liema karriera għandhom jaqbd. Is-servizz ta' *guidance* għaż-žġħażaġħ dari ma kienx jeżisti. Iż-žagħżuġħ kien sempličement jidħol jaħdem bħala apprendist ma' xi mġħallem tar-raħal, dejjem b'paga baxxa ħafna, u mbaġħad meta jitkisser fis-sengħa, jiftaħ għal rasu u jiġi aččettat minn šħabu bħala bniedem li jista' jipprattika dik is-sengħa. M'għandix għalfejn hawn noqgħod nidħol fid-dettal kif dari ħaddiem tas-sengħa kien

kien isinn is-skieken u jsewwi kull xorta ta' borom u rečipjenti oħra mitqubin, jew tal-ħobž b'dik il-kaxxa mdaqqsqa ta' l-injam mimlija ħobž b'rifa taqsam u li tiflaħlek qalbi. Mill-bqija, tfał jilagħbu u jaqbzu, moġħož u ngħaġ tar-raħal li kien iġħaddi jbiġħ il-ħalib, f'xi pjazzetta, t-tjur kienu jithallew jiġru fit-triq bħalli kieku t-triq kienet xi biħa, u fil-għaxija l-kebbies tal-fanal jidher għaddej bis-sellum fuq spalltu biex idawwal it-toroq b'dawl inemnem ġo fanal tipiku ta' erba' faččati tal-ħġieġ. Fil-ħinijiet kollha tal-gurnata wieħed kien jista' jara bosta nisa u rġiel iġorru l-ilma f'kull xorta ta' rečipjenti bħal bučan u bramel mill-ispiera jew għajn tar-raħal, inkella aktar qrib lejna mill-vitiet publiči li kienu mxerrda mat-toroq tar-raħal kollu. Tiskantawx, deħra bħal din wieħed kien

jista' jaraħa f'inqas minn mit sena ilu. Minkejja li din id-deħra nostalgika għandha mnejn issaħħar lin-nies ta' žmienna, iżda kien hemm fattur wieħed li kien negattiv: il-mard li kien jaħkem ta' spiss lill-irħula tagħna minħabba n-nuqqas ta' iġenè li dari kien jeżisti f'pajjiżna u b'xorti ħażina l-mard kien jagħmel herba akbar fost it-trabi u t-tfał.

Minn wara t-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija l-hawn din il-ħajja antika ta' dari bdiet titbidel. In-nies bdiet taqla aktar flus, bdiet titgħallem, tdiet tfittex il-kumdità'. Il-karrozzi bil-mod il-mod, imma bl-aktar mod žgur, invadew it-toroq li ma baqgħux iktar it-teatu tal-logħob għat-tfał tagħna, lanqas il-

biħa fejn jiġgerrew it-tjur u l-moġħož tar-raħal. Il-vitijiet publiči u l-eġħjun għebu fix-xejn. In-nies bdiet tirraŋġa darħa, tagħmel il-kamra tal-banju, daħħlet id-dawl elettriku u hekk ukoll spiččaw il-lampi tal-pitrolju u l-fanal mit-toroq. Mad-dħul tat-televiżjoni u žjeda kollaterali tat-traffilku ntemm għal kollox il-logħob folkloristiku tat-tfał fit-toroq. Imma dan kollu ma qeridx il-ħajja fil-qalba ta' l-ibliet.

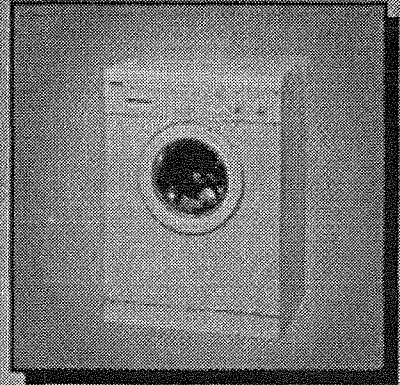
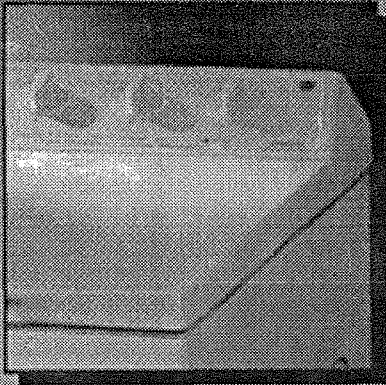


jingħaqad mal-fratellanza tal-qaddis protettar tas-sengħa tiegħu, iżda nsemmi biss dan il-fatt għalix dari n-nies tas-sengħa kellhom ukoll il-għaqdiet tagħhom bir-regolamenti ħalli jkunu jistġħu jħarsu aħjar l-interessi tagħhom.

Id-deħra tal-ħajja fil-qalba tar-raħal ta' dari kienet ferm differenti minn dik ta' llum. It-toroq kienu bla traffiku xejn ħlief ta' xi karrettuni miexi bil-lajma, iehor ibiġħ kull xorta ta' merkanzija ta' ħieġa għad-dar, inkella dak tas-sennien u l-landier li



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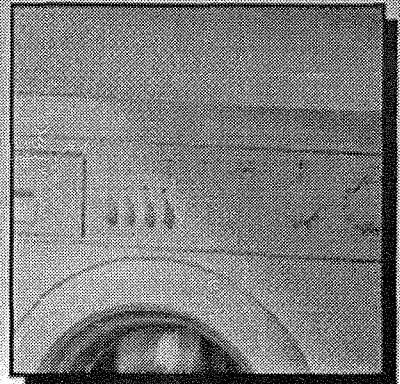
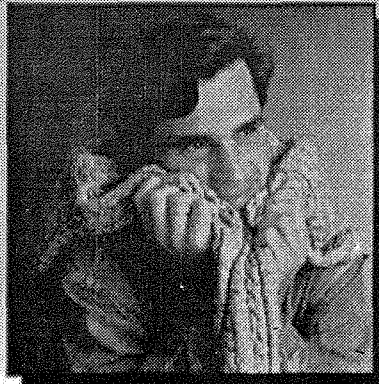
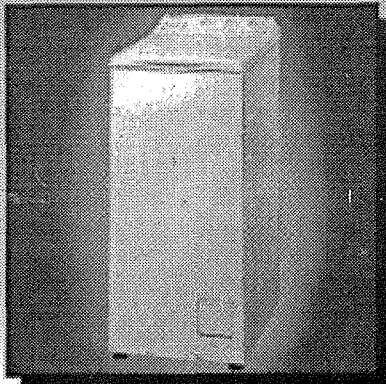


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# IL-QALBA TAR-RAĦAL QED THABBAT....

Mat-tqassim ta' l-enerġija elettrika fl-ibliet u l-irhula taghna, n-nies tas-sengħa, l-aktar il-mastudaxxi u l-haddieda, bdew idahhlu magni tqal li jagħmlu hafna hsejjes u jixorbu l-enerġija. Hawn beda l-inkwjet. Il-kwistjonijiet mal-ġirien ma kienx ftit u hafna drabi kien jispiċċaw billi r-raġel tas-sengħa kien imur jarma banda oħra inkella r-residenti jwarrbu biew imorru joqogħdu f'postijiet aktar kwiet. Ċerti snajja tradizzjonali bdew imutu l-mewta naturali. Ix-xogħol tas-sellar, tas-sennien, tal-landier u ta' l-iskarpar, biex inkun semmejt xi eżempji beda jonqos. Dan ġara, fil-każ tas-sellar, għaliex il-bhejjem tat-tagħbija bdew jonqsu u flokhom daħlu kull xorta ta' vetturi tannar bħal vannijiet, u trakkijiet. Fil-każijiet l-oħra dahlet is-sistema tad-disponiment ta' l-oġġett wara li jintuża minflok wiehed joqogħod isewwi fih kemm minhabba l-gholi tax-xogħol inkella għaliex ċerti kontenituri moderni bħal borom kzazel u reċipjenti simili magħmulin mill-aluminju jservu wisq iżjed minn dawk tal-landa.

Dawn l-aħħar tletin sena, mbagħad komplejna naraw esodu shif ta' nies mill-qalbiet antiki tal-bliet u l-irhula taghna minhabba li n-nies bdiet tipprefexi tibni d-dar ġdida f'xi Skema tad-Djar kemm tal-Gvern kif ukoll tal-privat. Mil-lat ekonomiku ż-żgħażaġh bdew isibu li kien jaqblilhom jibnu dar ġdida, komda u moderna, u kif iridu huma, milli joqogħdu jaħlu flushom li hafna drabi jissellfuhom b'imgħax mhux zghir, halli jsewwu u jirranġaw xi dar qadima li kif iġid il-Malti, tirranġa kemm tirranġa, dejjem tibqa' qadima. Għalhekk illum il-gurnata għandna hafna rhula f'Malta u Għawdex li t-tfal u l-familji zghar aktar jinsabu fil-periferiji milli fil-qalba tal-lokal. Il-ftuħ tas-supermarkets jew hwienet kbar komplew taw daqqa ta' hartu lill-qalba tal-bliet u l-irhula taghna bl-ghelug tal-hwienet iż-zghar. Spiċċaw il-hafna fran zghar li kien hawn jaħdmu bil-hatab. Għalqu biex qatt ma jerġgħu jifthu. Spiċċaw il-hwienet ta' l-imbid ta' dari u flokhom għandna s-swali tad-discos f'postijiet imbiegħda. Sahansitra s-swali tat-Talkis li f'xi postijiet kienu ferm popolari spiċċaw bies għalqu u llum bdew jifthu f'postijiet oħra mbiegħda.

Nerġa' mmur lura għal żmien is-sittinijiet. Dan kien żmien il-boom tal-bini. Hafna postijiet antiki ġew imwaqqgħa u mibnija mill-ġdid, iżda bil-miġja tal-barranin fostna: il-Maltin u l-Għawdxin ndunaw li fil-bini antik tagħhom kien

hemm teżor. Hafna barranin bdew jaraw li l-istil antik tal-bini tagħhom kien wiehed tassew affaxxinanti u għalhekk bdew jippreferu li jixtru djar antiki rinnovati milli xi flat jew xi dar ġdida. Minhabba dan hafna bini antik beda jaqa' f'idejn xi koppja barranija mdaħhla fiż-żmien u bla tfal. Dan il-proċess li kien beda bil-kbir f'dawn iż-żminijiet baqa sejjer, kultant imajna u kultant jerga' jiehu r-ruħ. Laqat hafna l-akar postijiet zghar f'Għawdex bħall-Għarb u l-Għasri li spiċċaw tista' tgħid irhula ddomnati mill-barranin bil-popolazzjoni lokali dejjem tonqos u tickien.

Dan il-proċess għadu sejjer fiż-żewġ gzejjer. Imma fil-każ ta' Għawdex issa qiegħed jiġri li l-Maltin qegħdin jikkupjaw lill-barranin għaliex dawk li jistgħu qegħdin jixtru proprjeta' f'Għawdex fejn ikollhom il-kumditu' kollha biex jiġu jqattgħu l-vakanzi f'Għawdex meta jridu u kif iridu; Id-djar kbar u antiki aktarx jinxtraw minn dawk li jkunu jifilhu jhallsu kemm għall-akkwist tal-proprjeta' kif ukoll għall-irrinovar u l-manutenzjoni taghna. Dan kollu b'xi mod inaqqas il-hajja normali f'lokal għaliex min ikollu proprjeta' bħal din ma jkunx qiegħed juzaha l-hin kollu, anzi aktar iva milli le tagħmel xhur shaħ magħluqa.

Hawnhekk ma rridx nagħti wiehed x'jifhem li l-qalba tal-bliet u l-irhula taghna issa ġiet bħal ċimiterju jew xi post okkupat mill-barranin. Kieku verament wasalna f'dan l-istat, kieku kien ikollna biex ninkwetaw. Meta ċ-Ċittadella ta' Għawdex sftat abbandunata, spiċċat bħal barriera fejn kulmin ikien ikollu bżonn xi xorok jew ġebel ieħor, kien jitta' sa hemm fuq u jisraq kemm irid bla ma jkellmu hadd. Ma nemminx li l-qalba ta' l-irhula taghna tista' tmissha l-istess xorti għaliex illum il-propjeta' tiswa hafna flus u n-nies tgħallmet li l-antik mhux bilfors għandu jitwaqqa' jew jifhalla fi stat ta' abbandun. Iżda l-periklu li wiehed iwaqqa' l-qadim biex jibni l-ġdid kien qiegħed dejjem hemm u għalhekk saret il-liġi ta' l-Awtorità ta' l-Ippjanar biex dak li hu antik u ta' preġju fih innifsu jiġi konservat.

Iżda l-konservazzjoni ma ssirx billi wiehed sempliċement jistaġna l-iżvilupp. Il-konservazzjoni ssir billi jsir pjan ta' azzjoni biex il-qalba tar-raħal issirilha manutenzjoni xierqa, rijabilitazzjoni halli terġa' tiġi popolata minn familji zghazagħ, u propaganda turistika biex il-barranin iżuru postijiet bħal dawn. Irridu ninsew li l-attrazzjonijiet turistiċi tal-gzejjer taghna huma biss it-tempji

preistoriċi taghna u l-bini storiku li hallew warajhom il-Kavaleri ta' San Ġwann. Iċ-ċentri storiċi u antiki ta' l-irhula taghna għandhom is-sabiħ, il-preġju u l-interess tagħhom meta dawn ikunu rranġati u mogħtija d-dehra oriġinali tagħhom nieqsa għal kolloxx minn dak li daħal żejjed u kerrah l-ambjent matul iż-żmien bħalma huma wires u fili ta' l-elettriku, fanali stil modern bla bżonn, toroq imħarbtin, u faċċati ta' djar sfigurati b'kull xorta ta' alterazzjonijiet u tabelli. L-ambjent qadim tal-qalba ta' l-irhula taghna għandu seher fuq it-turist, speċjalment ta' dak li jkun ġej minn pajjiżi ta' l-Ewropa ta' fuq, għaliex għandu dehra kompletament differenti minn dik li soltu jara f'pajjiżi. B'xorti hażina hafna Maltin u Għawdxin dan il-fatt ma jifhemx mill-ewwel u għalhekk mhux dejjem jagħtuh importanza

Il-Kunsilli Lokali ta' l-irhula taghna għandhom jiġu inkoraġġiti biex jagħmlu xogħlijiet ta' konservazzjoni u rijabilitazzjoni fil-qalba ta' l-irhula tagħhom. Wiehed għandu wkoll jinkoraġġixxi attivitajiet kulturali fl-inhawwi antiki ta' kull belt u raħal u li turisti jittieħdu jaraw postijiet bħal dawn bit-toroq dojoq tagħhom, dawl in-nieċċ antiki, il-kappelli u l-knejjes zghar tagħhom, id-djar qodma, il-palazzini zghar li nsibu mxerrda l-hawn u '1 hemm bil-faċċati u l-galleriji helwin tagħhom u li minn jaf kemm ngħaddu minn quddiemhom kuljum bla ma nagħtu każhom. Hwienet fejn jista' jinħadem artiġġjanat bl-idejn u li ma jdejjaq 'il hadd għandhom jiġu inkoraġġiti f'dawn l-inhawwi għaliex huma intapriżi u attivitajiet bħal dawn li jagħtu l-hajja mill-ġdid lill-qalba antika ta' kull raħal, Wiehed għandu wkoll fejn jista' jrazzan bla ma joħnoq għal kolloxx it-traffiku mill-qalba tar-raħal biex kemm jista' jkun jitnaqqas ukoll it-tniġġis li hafna drabi jifga t-toroq dojoq bi dħaħen velenużi li aktar iva milli le huma wkoll waħda mill-kawzi għala nħawi bħal dawn illum qegħdin jiġu abbandunati.

Jekk il-qalba l-antika ta' l-irhula taghna tingħata dehra ġdida, hajja ġdida, kwietta imma mhux mejta għal kolloxx, importanza turistika u kulturali, u tkun reklamata bħala alternattiva ideali għal residenza fil-kwiet u ambjent tipikament Malti, allura għandna nserrhu rasna li postijiet bħal dawn mhux talli ma jmutux imma jkomplu jilagħbu parti mill-aktar importanti fil-hajja soċjali-ta' dawn il-gzejjer.



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