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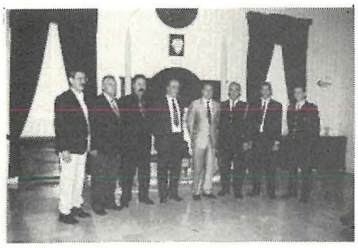

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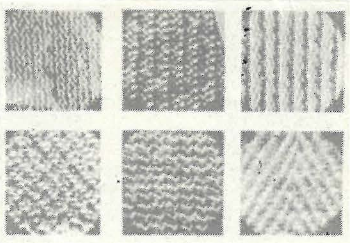

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Għeluq id-dsatax il-sena mill-pubblikazzjoni tal-magażin

Minn din il-ħarġa, dan il-magażin daħal għad-dsatax-il sena tiegħu u minkejja xi diffikultajiet, bqajna noħorġuh regolari kull xagħrejn, għalkemm kien hemm xi żminijiet verament diffiċli.

Id-dewmien fil-ħruġ tal-magażin kien dejjem dovut minħabba n-nuqqas ta' materjal għall-pubblikazzjoni u kieku mhux għax kienu l-isforzi ta' ċertu nies, kien ikollna nieqfu.

Mhux faċli daqskemm wieħed jaħseb li takkwista l-materjal għall-pubblikazzjoni fil-magażin tagħna, meta niftakru li dak kollu li jiġi ppubblikat huwa konnes jew kważi konnes mal-pulizija.

Għalkemm saru u għadhom isiru diversi sejħiet lill-membri tal-Korp, kif ukoll lil nies oħra barra l-Korp biex jgħinuna bil-kitba tagħhom, iżda ftit kienu dawk li wieġbu għas-sejħa tagħna u wisq nibżgħu li il-pożizzjoni ser tibqa' l-istess.

Qegħdin ukoll naraw kif nistgħu nagħmlu l-magażin aktar attraenti kif fil-fatt qed tinnotaw saru diversi bidliet.

Ta' min wieħed ifakkar li fil-passat qabel ma saret il-pubblikazzjoni ta' dan il-magażin, kien isir ħafna tgergir għaliex kienet tinħass il-ħtieġa li anke l-pulizija jkollha l-pubblikazzjoni tagħha.

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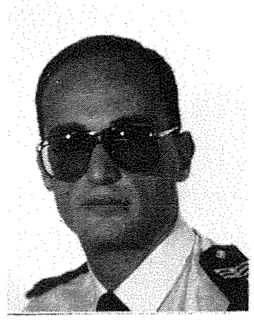

Xahar wara xahra u sħana diġa bdiet tagħmel tagħha. F'dawn ix-xhur tas-sajf l-Entertainment Ċommittee fi ħdan il-korp tal-pulizija tkun fl-aqwa tagħha fit-thejjiet tagħha għas-summer camp, għall-ulied il-membri tagħna. Attivita' li issa ilha ssir għal bosta snin u tinżel għasel għal dawk it-tfal li jieħdu sehem. Għall-organizzaturi, dawn il-ftit jiem ifissru aktar xogħol, imma madankollu jservu biex jieħdu ftit 'break' ukoll. Il-helpers u l-organizzaturi, id f'id flimkien, iħarsu lejn dan l-avveniment bħala 'challenge' u wieħed jista' jgħid li sar appuntament fil-kalendarju ta' kull sena. Ngħiduha kif inhi biex tieħu ħsieb dawk it-tfal kollha, trid daqsxejn paċenzja. Finalment, huwa wkoll ta' sodisfazzjon meta fl-aħħar jgħaddi kollox b'wiċċ il-ġid u kulħadd ikun ħa gost.

Ta' min jgħid li l-ispejjes għal dan is-summer camp jitħallsu nofs bin-nofs, bejn il-fond ta' l-assoċjazzjoni kif ukoll fond ieħor magħruf bħala l-'general fund'.

Ta' min wieħed jinnota wkoll li l-ispejjes kollha tas-'summer camp' jammontaw għal madwar Lm1100.

Warajh ikun imiss il-party tal-Milied

Attivita' oħra li l-assoċjazzjoni toħrog; nofs l-ispejjeż flimkien mal-fond 'general fund' huma l-attivitajiet li jiġu fit-tmien is-sena u cioe' l-party tal-Milied tat-tfal.

Din l-attivita' taqa' taħt ir-responsabilta' ta' l-'entertainment committee' ukoll, fi ħdan l-istess korp u ta' kull sena dan il-party jiġi organizzat b'ċertu pompa, hekk kif ser naraw!!!

Ta' min ifakkar li s-sena l-oħra l-'entertainment committee' għamel eżerċizzju żgħir li għalkemm ġie kkritikat, sewa mhux ftit lill-'entertainment' biex jiġu ffrankanti ammont konsiderevoli ta' flus. Is-sena l-oħra l-membri tal-korp li uliedhom kienu jikkwalifikaw għar-rigal kellhom jipproduċu kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-twelid.

Dan l-eżerċizzju bħalma diġa' għedt ġie kkritikat minn bosta, iżda sewa ħafna għax b'hekk inxtraw ir-rigali li kien hemm verament bżonn.

Sfortunatament, fis-snin ta' qabel, ġara li kien hemm min seta' abbuża u kiteb aktar tfal milli verament kellu, u b'hekk kienu jieħdu rigali t-tfal tat-tfal, u tfal tal-ġarr, insomma, b'din il-miżura kienet mezz ta' kif wieħed seta' jikkontrolla kif ukoll jikkonferma dak li kien qed jitniżżel, allura ċ-ċertifikat elimina ħafna problemi. Kif ukoll weġġa' ftit l-inegrita ta' bosta membri, iżda bħalma dejjem jiġri, dan kien każ ieħor fejn mal-ħażin weħel it-tajjeb.

Ta' min jgħid li r-rigali u l-party li jsir fiż-żmien il-Milied, bħas-summer camp ukoll jinqassmu bejn l-MPA u l-general fund. Ir-rigali għalkemm jinxtraw bi prezzijiet moderati ferm xorta waħda l-ammont ta' spejjeż li jintefqu kull sena jaċċedu 'il fuq minn Lm8,000.

Figura allarmanti ferm meta wieħed iqis li mhux kull wield tal-pulizija huma ntitolari għar-rigal, iżda s-sistema użata hija dik fejn tfal ta' ċertu age groups bejn 2 sa 12 huma eliġibbli.

Inkwetanti huwa l-fatt ukoll li ta' kull sena din il-figura qedgħa tiżdied b'mod li qed toħroġ 'way beyond proportion'.

Pożizzjoni ġdida mill-MPA

L-assoċjazzjoni trid tagħmilha ċara mill-bidunett li din is-sena ser tipproponi kambjamenti drastiċi sabiex ma jibqgħux jintefqu dawn l-eluf ta' liri f'rigali. Liema rigali wara kollox nistgħu ngħaddu mingħajrhom u l-flus jintużaw aħjar.

Jien personalment diġa' tkellimt mal-Kummissarju u esprimejt ix-xewqa ta' l-assoċjazzjoni fuq dan ir-rigward u nista' ngħid li huwa stess huwa preokkupat ferm dwar l-infieq ta' dawn il-flus meta l-istess ammont jista' jiġi użat aħjar u aktar bil-għaqal. Ta' min iqies li l-korp għandu numru sabiħ ta' membri żgħar li għada pitgħada, ukoll ser ikollhom it-tfal tagħhom u għalhekk l-ispejjeż se jikbru fil-ġejjieni u mhux jonqsu. Wisq nibża' li jekk wieħed ma jarafx jikkontrolla minn issa, l-iskop li l-MPA jkollha ċertu ammont ta' flus taħt rasha se jisfaċċa fix-xejn.

Għalhekk irrid nagħmilha ċara minn issa lill-membri ta' entertainment commitee li kontra kif kien isir fis-snin ta' qabel u ċioe' id-drawwa li l-ewwel jinxtraw ir-rigali u jagħtuna l-irċevuta għas-sempliċi raġuni li hemm l-assoċjazzjoni tippompja l-flus, din trid tispiċċa darba għal dejjem. Iżda din is-sena qabel ma jsir xi xiri ta' rigali, il-kumitat għandu javviċina l-board eżekuttiv tal-MPA biex japprova in-nefqa ta' dik is-sena partikulari.

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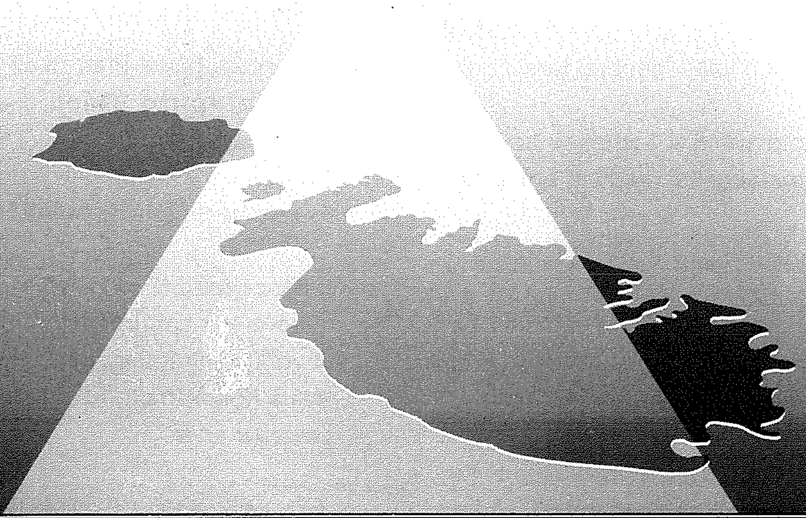

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Qabel ma' wieħed jaqbad u jgħaddi xi kumment dwar dan il-proponiment fil-bdil ta' xiri tar-rigali dawn huma ftit mir-raġunijiet ewlenija li wieħed irid jirrifletti ftit fuqhom.

Sas-sena l-oħra l-entertainment committee kienu jiġbru lista tat-tfal tal-pulizija u jagħmlu nota ta' l-etajiet tagħhom. Wara kienu kklassifikawhom f'age groups, u mbagħad jixtru r-rigali.

Eluf kbar ta' liri...

Kien jiġri li tifla ta' pre-eżempju, tliet snin kienet tieħu l-istess pupa bħal dik ta' tifla ta' sitt snin għax jaqaw fl-istess age group. Jiġri wkoll li tifla ta' tliet snin wisq probabli tieħu l-istess rigal għal bosta snin sakemm titla' f'age group ieħor, u b'hekk nisimgħu ħafna kummenti bħal ara bħal tas-sena l-oħra!!! nista' nibdlu!!! għax hekk qalet is-sena l-oħra!!! u kif nasal id-dar ser tgħidli pupa oħra bħal tas-sena l-oħra, pa, pa...

Fatt ieħor huwa li xi kultant filwaqt li l-pupa (per eżempju) tkun ferm addatta għal tifla ta' tliet snin din tkun 'childish' wisq għal dik ta' sitt snin.

Din il-problema tinsab fi kwalunkwe 'age group' sew tas-subien kif ukoll tal-bniet. Min-naħa l-oħra biex tikkuntenta l-kulħadd hija ħaġa mpossibbli. U ta' min japprezza dan il-fatt ukoll.

Fl-opinjoni tiegħi din is-sistema ħolqot ukoll diskriminazzjoni peressli wield ta' 12-il sena jieħu rigal ta' ċertu ammont ta' flus waqt li wield ta' eta' żgħira ovjament jieħu anqas sa ċertu punt tifhima wkoll pero' ta' spiss tisma kumenti bħal jien mhux Lm5.00 kull tliet xhur bħal ħaddieħor inħallas!!! u nerġa' ngħid sa ċertu punt għandhom raġun ukoll. Għandhom raġun ukoll dawk il-ġuvintur kemm żgħar fl-eta' u oħrajn li għad m'għandhomx tfal jew dawk li kellhom tfal u kibru. Dawn jargumentaw li ma jieħdu xejn lura mill-Lm5.00 li jħallsu, anzi jsostnu li qed jiffinanzjaw lil ħaddieħor.

Argument ieħor validu huwa meta xi membru jkollu ħafna tfal u oħrajn forsi jkollhom wieħed biss. It-tnejn iħallsu Lm5.00 kull tliet xhur.

Dawn l-argumenti huma kollha veru u nissimpatizza magħhom kollha.

Ma nistax ma nsemmiex ukoll l-ammont ta' flus li jintefqu għal ulied il-fizzjali, biex jingħad kollox il-fizzjlai sar rank ta' spettur iħallas sehmu lejn l-MPA allura issa kif l-istess MPA qed toħroġ il-flus għal fizjali kollha 'l fuq minn spettur.

Madanakollu biex niġi lura għall-argument, irrid nispjega lill-membri kollha li l-assoċjazzjoni għal diversi raġunijiet ovji ma tridx tibqa' toħroġ dawn l-eluf ta' liri għar-rigali li ftit li xejn jiġu apprezzati minn uliedna stess. U ngħid huwa kif inhi liema pulizija joqgħod jistenna r-rigal tad-depot biex jagħtihom lill-uliedu. Żgur li barra dan nixtrulhom oħrajn akbar u aktar sbieħ u addattati. Dak li jingħata mid-depot huwa biss rigal ieħor suplimentarju.

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Nappellaw lil kulħadd sabiex jagħmel ir-riflezzjonijiet tiegħu dwar dan kollu, bil-ħsieb li ntejbu l-'welfare' tal-membri. Wara kollox... 'xemx u xita, Alla jaf meta!'

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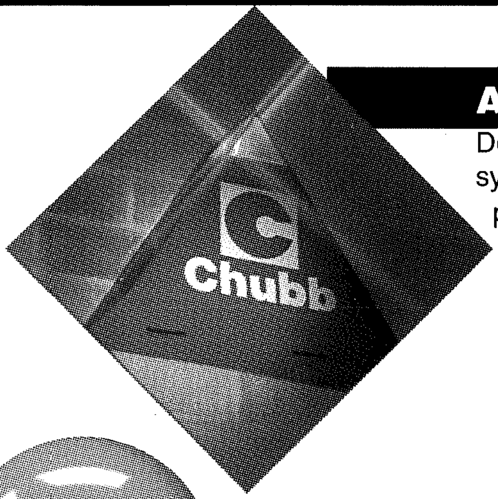

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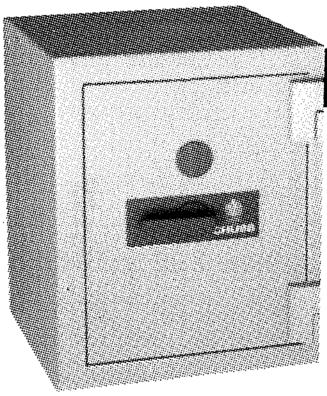

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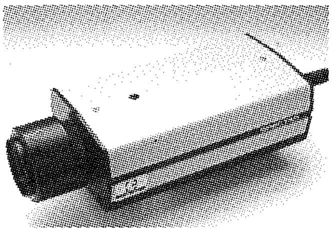

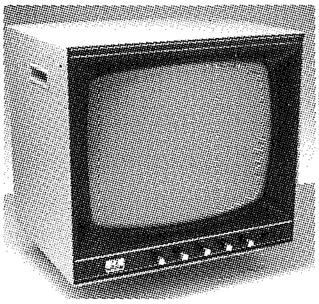

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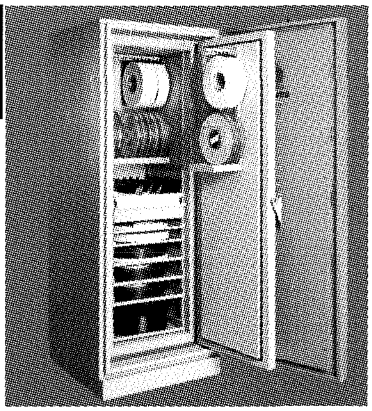

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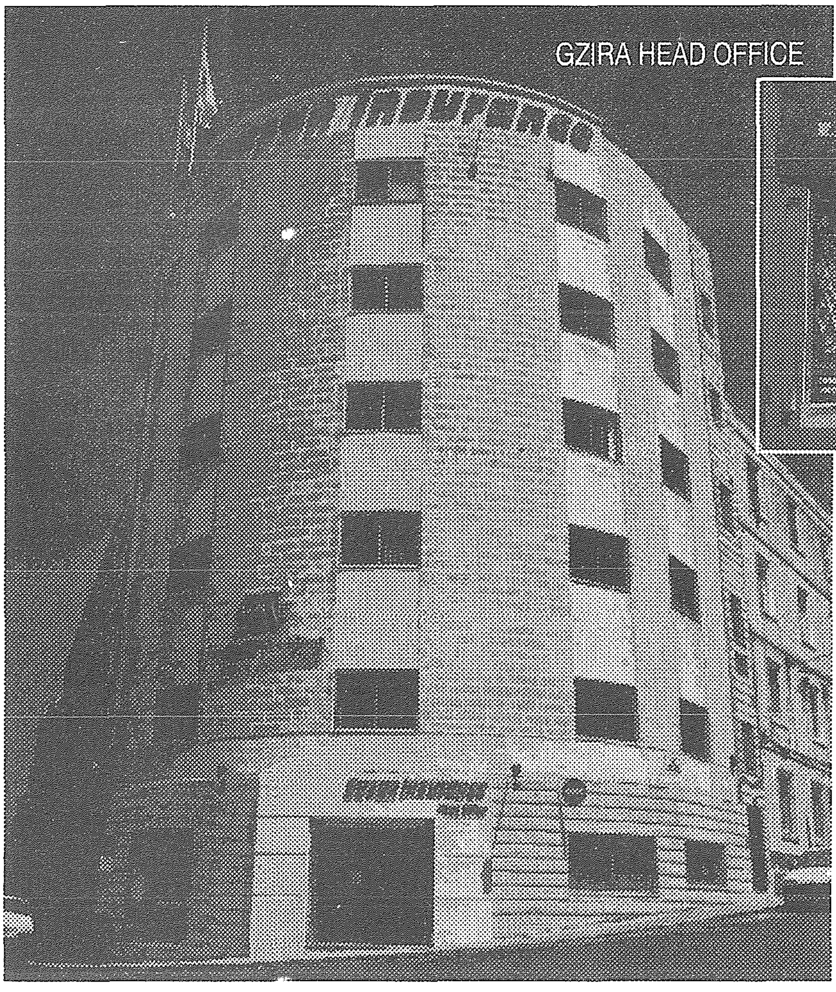

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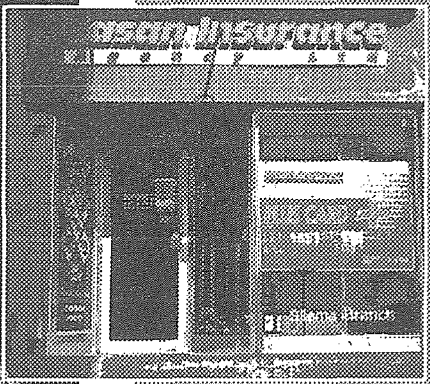

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(b) Sam Brown belts with swords will be worn when:
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(2) Attending Commissioner of Police Orderly Room
(3) Attending Naval, Military or Air Force Courts Martial
Police Order No. 85
16th January 1923

• **Punishments**

PC 185 G. Galea 'A/s' Div.
Awarded 168 hours solitary confinement 'neglect of duty'

PC 486 H.Q.
Dismissed the service committed acts to the prejudice of good order and discipline
Police Orders No.89
16th March 1923

St. Elmo Married Quarters

The attention of Police Sergeants occupying the St. Elmo married quarters is drawn to circular dated 19.7.20 House refuse should not be thrown down the sink in future. Traps are being manufactured and will be fitted to sinks as soon as possible
Police Order NO 43
20th August 1920

• **Economy**

a) Clothing and Equipment
In future uniform equipment will only be issued on the certificate of Superintedents that the issue is necessary.

b) Stationery
As the price of paper is still rising, it is most important that the most stringent economy by exercised in its use. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following means of economising stationery;
(1) Drafting of letters and all other rough work is to be made on old scraps of paper.
(2) Full use of old and obsolete police forms is to be made for departmental correspondence.

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L-ewwel esperjenza fil-korp tal-pulizija

Kien propju fit-12 ta' Frar 1996, li fuq daqsxejn ta' ittra ċkejkna, ġejna nfurmati li ser nibdew it-taħriġ fl-Akkademja tal-Pulizija li hemm fil-Forti ta' Sant'Iermu.

Kien f'din il-ġurnata li għamilna l-ewwel pass fil-Korp tal-Pulizija.

Konna mad-90 ruħ li għall-ħabta tas-7.30 ta' filgħodu inġbarna kollha fil-bitħa tal-parati, fejn l-Ispettur H. Harrison tana l-istruzzjonijiet. Wara dan, ġejna mlaqqgħin mas-Surġenti PS6 A. Barbieri, PS1036 S. Mallia u PS1226 F. Debono li dawruna mal-post.

Dakinhar stess, Fr. R. Bonnici, il-Kappillan tal-post, qaddes quddiesa biex ikollna bidu tajjeb.

Lili Personali, l-aktar ħaġa li laqtitni kienet id-dixxiplina, hekk kif għandu jkun f'korp iddixxiplinat bħal dan.

Fl-aħħar nixtieq nirringrazzja lill-istaff kollu li f'dan iż-żmien li ilna fl-Akkademja tawna appoġġ kbir.

Grazzi
Joseph Attard (Trainee)

Amedeo Buontempo Memorial Award

We would like to congratulate you on your success in winning this year's Amedeo Buontempo Memorial Award.

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Whilst wishing you continuous success for the future, we remain,
Yours sincerely
Michael Azzopardi
Managing Director.

My wife and I are writing to express our appreciation and thanks to 4 young police officers:- ALE Section - PC826 Kevin Farrugia; PC389 Silvio Bonnici; PC73 Josef Camilleri; Envt. Inspector Mario Gauci.

We are senior citizens spending 2 weeks holiday with a very dear friend whol lives in Mellieħa. Whilst returning from Gozo on the 11pm ferry on Tuesday 11th June, I was approached by 4 young men who began questioning my identity and whether I'd mislaid anything. They produced their ID cards, which I did not study too closely as I was somewhat nervous about the situation, but it transpired that they were police officers who had found my bank-card and a Lm5 note, which I had accidentally dropped whilst boarding the ferry. On production of my passport they happily handed my card and the money over. They politely refused my offer of the Lm5 as a reward but agreed to give me their names and numbers so that I could report my thanks officially to you.

These 4 young men are a credit to the Malta police force and have helped restore our faith in human nature, as one hears so many stories these days about beatings and theft against the elderly.

Thank you once again,

Yours faithfully,
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Il-'Caution' - volontarjeta' ta' l-istqarrija

L-effett tal-'caution' huwa li f'ħafna każi telimina kwistjonijiet li jistgħu jinqalgħu dwar il-volontarjetaÏ ta' stqarrija. Iżda darba jirriżulta - oneru ta' prova dan li jaqa' fuq il-prosekuzzjoni - illi l-istqarrija ttieħdet volontarjament fis-sens tar-rekwiżiti ta' l-art. 654 tal-Kod. Kriminali, dik l-istqarrija tista' ttieħed bi prova kontra min ikun stqarrha.

Il-Pulizija vs Anthony Cassar
30 ta' Novembru, 1978
Imħallef: Onor. O. Gulia B.A. LL.D.

Il-Qorti,
Rat is-sentenza mogħtija fis-17 ta' Ottubru, 1978 mill-Qorti Kriminali tal-Maġistrati tal-Pulizija Ġudizzjarja għall-Gżira ta' Malta li biha, l-imsemmi Anthony Cassar instab ħati talli f'dawn il-Gżejjer f'dawn l-aħħar sitt xhur xjentement kellu x'jaqsam fin-negozju ta' għaxar (10) 'televisions' tal-kulur ta' valur Lm2,000 - dazju Lm1,200, li l-importazzjoni tagħhom hija projbitaÏ u li fuqhom id-dazju ma ġiex imħallas jew kawtelat bi ksur ta' l-artiklu 60 (a)(b)(c)(f)(g)(h)(i)(k) ta' l-Ordinanza tad-Dwana u li biha wara li dik il-Qorti kkunsidrat xierqa l-applikazzjoni ta' l-artiklu 23A tal-Kodiċi Kriminali kkundannat l-istess imputat elf u sitt mitt lira (Lm1,600) multa pagabbli b'rati mensili ta' Lm100-il waħda mill-1 ta' Novembru, 1978;

Rat ir-rikors li bih l-imputat appella u talab ir-revoka ta' dik is-sentenza u l-liberazzjoni tiegħu minn kull imputazzjoni u piena;

Semgħet bil-ġurament ix-xhieda prodotti;

Trattat l-appell;

Ikkunsidrat:

L-aggravji ta' l-appellant jaġġiraw dwar l-istqarrija ta' l-appellant u n-nuqqas ta' 'caution' relattivament kif ukoll dwar il-valur kif stabbilit tat-'television sets' u d-dazju relattiv;

Dwar l-istqarrija li għamel l-appellant u esibita a fol 4 tal-proċess din il-Qorti hija sodisfatta illi l-prosekuzzjoni resqet provi suffiċjenti min-naħa tagħha li minnhom jirriżulta illi dik l-istqarrija ġiet meħuda mit-theddid jew b'biża', jew b'wegħdiet jew bi twebbil ta' vantaġġi. Dan jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti essenzjali tal-liġi fir-rigward a tenur ta' l-artiklu 654 tal-Kodiċi Kriminali. Għandu jingħad ukoll bħala fatt illi l-appellant ingħatatlu l-'caution' ossija t-twissija fil-bidunett ta' l-interrogatorju għalkemm immedjatament qabel l-istqarrija msemmija il-'caution' ma ngħatatx. L-effett tal-'caution' huwa li f'ħafna każi telimina kwistjonijiet li jistgħu jinqagħlu dwar il-volontarjeta' ta' l-istess stqarrija, iżda darba jirriżulta - oneru ta' prova dan li jaqa' fuq il-prosekuzzjoni - illi l-istqarrija tkun ittieħdet volontarjament fis-sens tar-rekwiżiti ta' l-artiklu 654 tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, dik l-istqarrija tista' tittieħed bi prova kontra min ikun stqarrha;

Illi dwar il-valur tat-'television sets' u d-dazju relattiv dawn huma stabbiliti fil-kors normali taħt il-provedimenti rilevanti ta' l-Ordinanza tad-Dwarna (Kapitolu 60) u jirriżultaw ukoll mid-Dokument A, l-awtorita' tal-Kontrollur tad-Dwana għall-proċediment skond il-liġi, esibit u konfermat minn rappreżentant ta' l-istess Kontrollur tad-Dwana. Għandu bil-kemm jiġi osservat illi mill-provi ma jirriżultax illi sar xi lment mid-difiża quddiem l-ewwel Qorti f'dan ir-rigward u mhuwiex il-każ illi jingħad issa, kif sottomess fir-rikord ta' l-appellant, illi l-proċess huwa monk fl-istess rigward;

Għal dawn il-mottivi:

Tiċħad l-appell u tikkonferma s-sentenza appellata b'dan illi l-ewwel rata mensili ta' Lm100 mill-multa ta' Lm1,600 inflitta mill-ewwel Qorti għandha titħallas fil-15 ta' Diċembru, 1978.

GĦANDEK BŻONN L-GĦAJNUNA MALAJR?

☛ Meta ma tibqax attiv daqs qabel, il-kuntatt bit-telefon jiżdied. Jekk ikollok bżonn l-għajnuna, Telecare se jgħinek. Telemalta tagħraf l-importanza li l-individwi kollha jikkomunikaw bejniethom ~ għalhekk dejjem u f'kull ħin tipprovdi l-aqwa servizz anke għal dawk li għandhom bżonnijiet speċjali: bħall-anzjani li jgħixu waħedhom. Għal dawn Telemalta toffri apparat speċjali tat-Telecare. Telemalta tagħmel minn kollox biex taqdi l-bżonnijiet tal-membri kollha fis-soċjetà. **Għal aktar tagħrif ċempel lil Gabriella Bugeja fuq 249499.**

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Jessica Scerri, tifla ta' tliet snin ukoll fil-lista ta' nies li kellhom bżonn xi forma ta' għajnuna. Jessica hija l-ewwel wild tal-familja Scerri minn B'Bugia. Din it-talba saret miz-zija ta' Jessica li hija WPS97 Carmen Zammit. Jessica kellha u għad għandha bżonn ta' kura medika speċjali urġenti ġewwa UK.

U propju ma' din it-talba għal għajnuna finanzjarja ingħata bidu għal ġbir ta' fondi. Propju waqt attivitaÏ organizzata għall-festi tal-Milied għall-membri ta' l-SAG inġabret is-somma sabiħa ta' flus, biex bi ftit iktar sforz din is-somma telgħet għas-somma ta' Lm700.

Finalment, nhar il-Ħadd 25 ta' Frar, 1996, is-Sinjura V. Grech - mart il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija preżentat dawn il-flus lin-nanniet ta' Jessica li huma Mary u Carmelo Scerri.

Bħas-soltu l-preżentazzjoni saret ġewwa l-istess kwartieri, wara s-servizz reliġjuż li jsir kull nhar ta' Ħadd ġewwa l-Kappella fid-depot. Grazzi għas-servizz u ta' l-ieħor li jsir mill-kappillan tal-korp Fr. Raniero Zammit Kappuċin.

Hawn nixtieq ngħid grazzi lil kull min għen biex din is-somma setgħet tintlaħaq, speċjalment barra sħabi ġewwa ta' Kandja lill-ħbieb oħra personali li huma, RAY XUEREB (LUQA) CHARLIE PACE (MOSTA) ANTHONY CALLEJA (CALFAM) PAUL XUEREB (SALINA)SALVU CAMILLERI (ŻEBBUĠ MALTA) GEORGE BARBARO SANT (ALBERTA) FIRE TECH, JOHN PACE KIF UKOLL LILL-ISTAFF TA' ST. PHILIPS HOSPITAL. Insomma grazzi lil kulħadd, iżda grazzi kbira tmur lil Alla li dejjem tagħna kuraġġ biex ma naqtgħux qalbna milli nkomplu nagħmlu dan.

Żgur li din ma kienetx l-unika għajnuna li ċ-ċkejkna Jessica ngħatat, għax wieħed malajr jiftakar kemm il-Maltin huma ġenerużi f'talbiet bħal dawn. Iżda, żgur li wieħed għadnu jkompli l-ġenerożita' tiegħu bili joffri talb ħalli Jessica terġa lura fi ħdan il-ġenituri tagħha qawwija u sħiħa kif ukoll infejqa għal kollox.

Hekk kien l-appell li għamel in-nannu ta' Jessica meta tkellem fuq wieħed mill-istazzjonijiet tar-radju u ċert li dan l-appell ser jinstema'.

PS Le ħbieb, taħsbux li dan kollu hu xi forma ta' ftaħir, la għalija u lanqas għal xi ħadd ieħor. Lanqas ma hi xi forma ta' karita' li wieħed jaħseb li għandu dritt jagħmel f'ħajtu, iżda huwa sens ta' dover qawwi, ta' mħabba kbira kif ukoll ta' rispett li lkoll kemm aħna għandna nuru lejn xulxin.

Grazzi.

Għajnuna finanzjarja lid-dar tal-Providenza

Matul il-festi u l-perjodu sabiħ tal-Milied, ħafna huma dawk li joffru xi forma ta' għajnuna, kemm lill-qrabathom, lil xi familjari xi ħbieb etc. Huma wkoll ġranet li kulħadd jieħu pjaċir b'dik ix-xi ħaġa posittiva anke jekk sempliċiment tkun tbissima sinċiera jew kelma ta' faraġ.

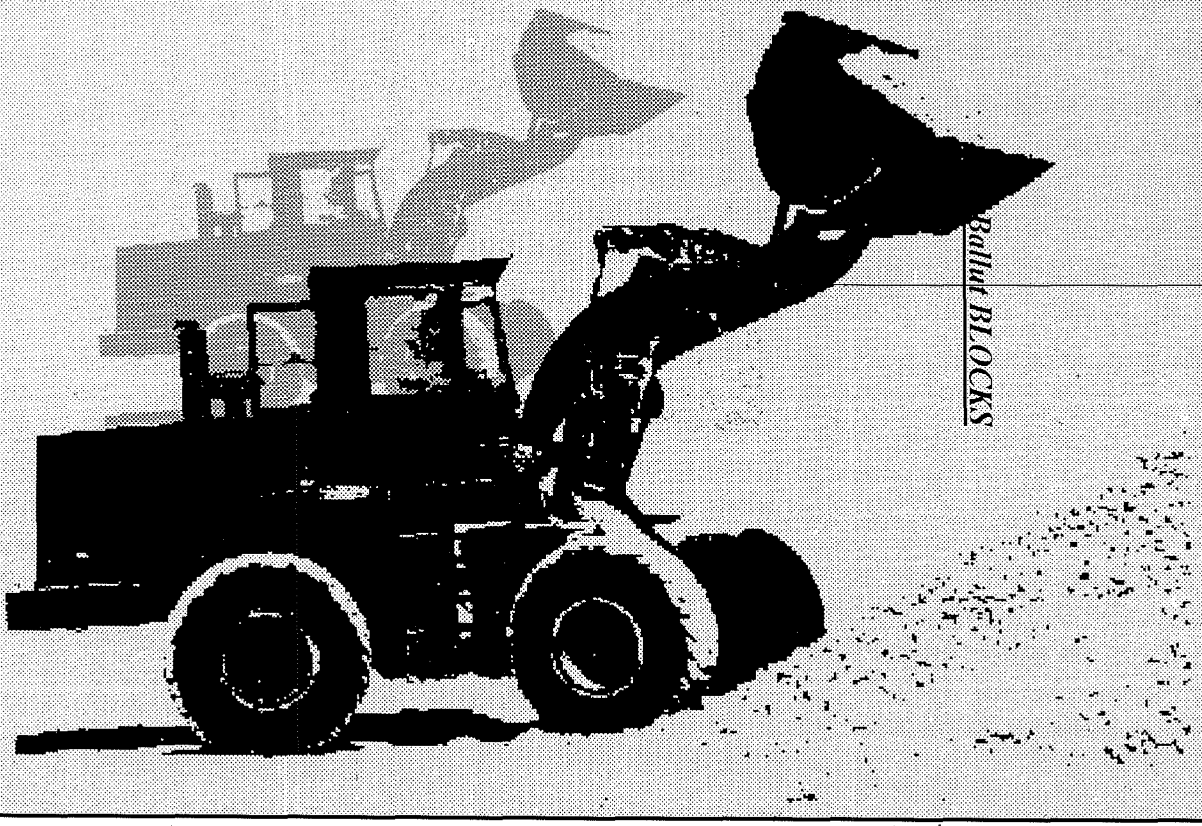
U hekk ġara din is-sena min-naħa tat-taqsima ta' l-SAG. Bħalma jsir ta' kull sena tingħata ftit għajnuna finanzjarja lil ħutna b'diżabilita' residenti ġewwa d-dar tal-providenza ġewwa s-Siġġiewi.

Iżda, fejn is-soltu drabi titella' attivita' ferrieħa, b'ikel u xorb ippreparat għal dawn ħutna, din id-darba din l-attivita' kellha titħassar ħesrem propju fl-aħħar mumenti preċiżament fil-ġurnata li kellha tittella' din l-attivita'. Kmieni filgħodu waqt li kienu qegħdin jitħejjew l-aħħar preparamenti ġejna nfurmati li waħda mir-residenti ħallietna meta għaddiet għal għand il-Ħallieq. Fost dispjaċir kbir din l-attivita' tħasret. Għedt b'dispjaċir mhux biss għax ħallietna waħda minn ħutna iżda għax tlifna dak iċ-ċans ukoll li għal darba nferħħu lil dawn ħutna. Tlifna wkoll dak iċ-ċans li naraw aktar volontiera li minn sena għal sena rajniehom jikbru dejjem fin-numru. M'hemmx x'tagħmel, dak li hu mfassal minnHu huwa wisq akbar minn dak maħsub minna.

Nagħlaq billi ngħid li riċentament ġiet preżentata s-somma ta' Lm200 lil Monsinjur Lawrence Gatt li f'kelmtejn li għamel faħħar din l-attivitaÏ li issa saret parti mill-kalendarju ta' l-SAG. M'hemmx għalfejn ngħidu, nistennew Milied ieħor. Grazzi ħafna.

Spettur R. G. Zammit

Jessica Scerri



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Transport in Malta part 2

The Traffic Control Board consists of not less than eight and not more than twelve members including the chairman. The establishing of the Traffic Control Board from time to time, for the better of the smooth running and better organisation of the motor omnibus and ferryboat passenger transport service. It has the responsability of the following:-

(a) to establish routes for the conveniance of passengers from one part of the island to another.
(b) group together two or more routes or all routes.
(c) determine which motor omnibus shall operate on any such routes.
(d) alloting the service of any route to any company or companies or one individual person or persons.
(e) vary, cancel or revoke any route or grouping of routes or any allotment of service.

It is important that owner of the motor omnibus performs a service on any day but if he fails alternative motor omnibus of the same type, class or category is to report for duty at the appointed time and day so that the total number of buses on duty is not less then the determined number in order to continue the service for the whole day.

From the Law point of view, the penalty in court for this breach of law if such service is not given to the public the owner of the motor omnibus is deemed to be guilty of an offence and shall be guilty and fined (Multa) of fifty Maltese Lira. For a second or subsequent offence and in the case of the third offence the cancellation of the licence of his motor omnibus.

The service must be given to a motor omnibus indicate the time, manner and conditions in which the service is to be given and the place from which orders, agreements or arrangements for this service are to be made, requiring the distribution among the owners of the omnibuses all fares, fees and other receipts collected by them in the manner, terms and conditions concerning the construction of equipment conditions and maintenance of motor cars and the periodical examination of motor cars by official experts.

Motor Omnibus or Unscheduled Service

Motor omnibus could be hired for unscheduled service from the central office.

THe owner of any omnibus shall keep a register recording all hires which will include the date - time of commencement and termination of hire the journey performed, the fare agreed for such hire, the name of the driver and the particulars of the person responsable for the hire.

The register is kept at the residence of the owner or at an authorised place.

Any motor omnibus while on unscheduled service display on its windscreen a white board marked 'unscheduled' in black letters and on authorisation given by the public transport office.

Motor Omnibus on Service Hire

Motor omnibus may be permitted to ply away from their route and run a service between two specified points.

Motor omnibus on service hire display on its windscreen a board marked 'service' infront or at the rear of the vehicle painted white and the letters and the seize are 75mm high and 50mm broad.

Passengers are picked up from between each point on the route. It is strictly prohibited to smoke tobacco on any motor omnibus which is waiting to the public present who could be suffering from an illness.

On public festivities or other special occasions permit a limited number of extra motor omnibus to run on selected routes, fixed at its discration, the hours of service. It is most important to introduce uniforms with badge or medallions to drivers or conductors of a motor omnibus, could present a more disciplined outlook and worn while on duty, a uniform as the case may be of a pattern and colour and it shall be worn from the first day of October of any year to the 31st day of May and the summer uniform shall be worn from the 1st day of June to the 30th of September of any year.

Ticket Inspectors shall wear while on duty a black peak cap and a uniform of a pattern and colour were it is to be kept in a clean and in good state of repair.

For the better of supervision the public transport service promoted Ticket Inspectors to see that route buses perfomr their appointed route in time and the inspection of tickets issued to passengers on every trip.

If any person hinders any ticket Inspector a passenger owner, driver or conductor of a motor omnibus is charged and brought before the court and is liable on conviction be fined (Multa) of not less than five Maltese Lira on first conviction and on a second conviction a fine (multa) of not less than thirty Maltese Lira and a third or subsequent conviction to a fine (multa) of not less than one hundred Maltese Lira but not exceeding two hundred Lira and where the offender is the owner, the court in addition order the cancellation of the licence of the motor omnibus or ferryboat as the case may be.

The licence may be suspended or cancelled if the holder of the licence permits his motor car to be run on the road if not covered by an insurance policy or does not provide security on the road traffic and transportation of passengers.

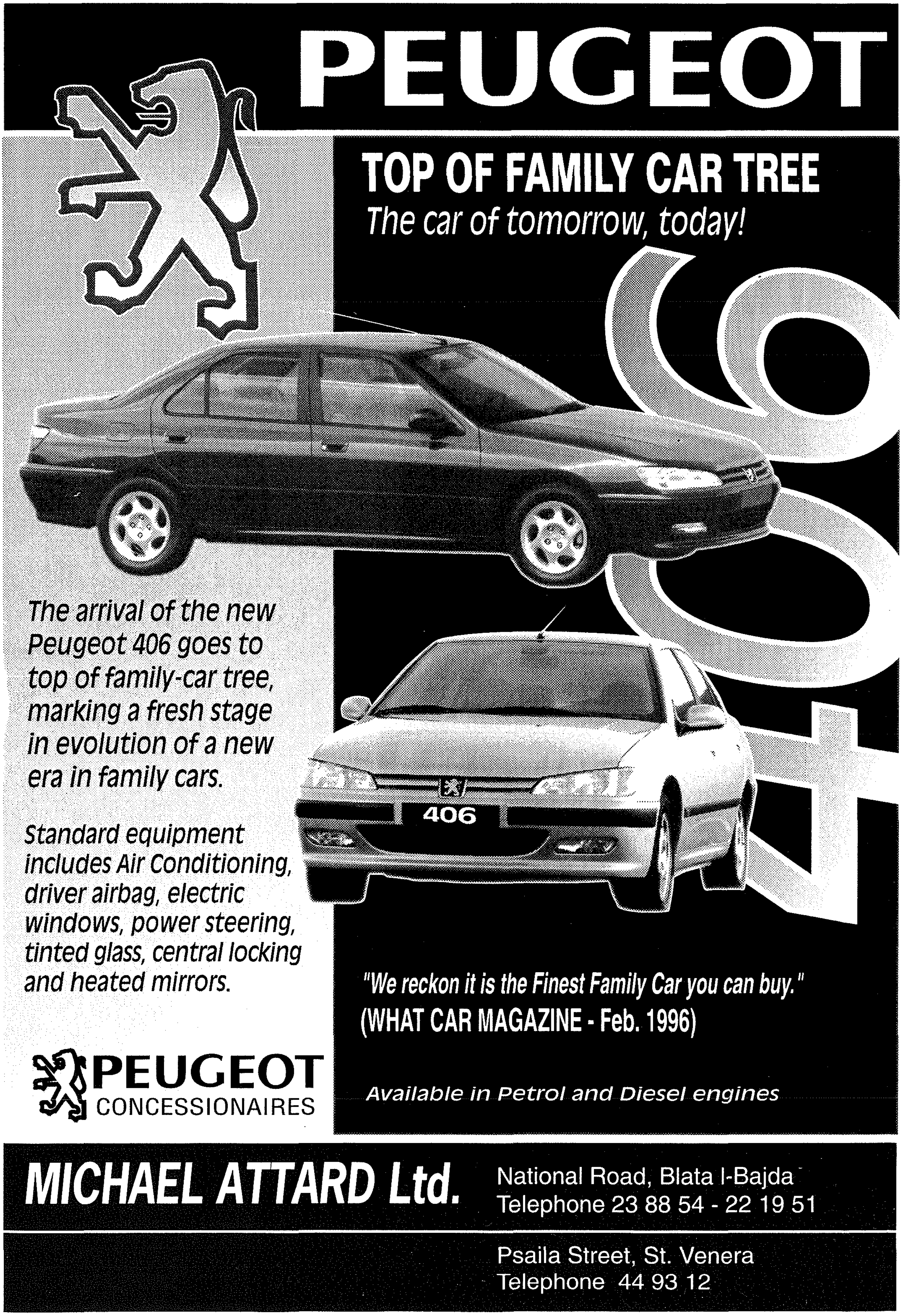
It is a must that all route bus conductors be introduced again (though these were abolished due to expances and increase in fare for every day service) to increase employment and at the same time have a more efficient service as the driver is restricted to do a two men job considering also the long hours of service performed each day.

A serious of lectures from time and time are to be launched to drivers, conductors, ticket inspectors and all those involved in the running of this service to be aggorned with new regulations to achieve a high standard in the way these employees conduct themselves towards the public and to observe the public transport regulations in a more scruplious way.

When the introduction again of conductors rules are to be applied to regulate the system.

These rules are to be observed at all times and by these rules the conductor could guide or help the driver due to fatigue in the better of operating the bus on the road.

The conductor will not be allowed to site next to the driver on a motor omnibus when it is in motion or when passengers are being carried. The conductor shall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remain near the entrance of the motor omnibus when stopping at a stage to pick up or putting down passengers.

It is also the duty of both the conductor and the driver to see to it that all passengers will have taken their place in the motor omnibus before it is set in motion.

The driver or the owner are responsable for the maintenance and driving of the vehicle on the road.

Route Buses Destination Boards

Before the late 70's route buses were constructed and coloured in a different way as we know them today.

Every route bus proceeding from Valletta to its respective towns or village were assigned with different colours to there respective destination.

A new system was introduced and all motor omnibuses were later painted in one colour bearing only distinctive words, mark figures or numbers as may be directed.

All motor omnibuses while on scheduled service show their destination and the route number and while on unscheduled service, indicate such fact in a manner and in such place on the advice of the traffic-control board.

Bus Routes - Malta

Route	Number of Routes	Route	Number of Routes
Għarmier	50/51	Mġarr	46
Attard	40	Mosta	53
Balzan	74	Mqabba	35
Birkirkara	71/72/78	Msida	All the buses to Sliema
Birżebbuġa	11	Naxxar	54
Buġibba	49	Paola	5
Buskett	81	Pieta	All the buses to Sliema
Ċirkewwa	45/48	Qormi	90/91
Cospicua	1/2/3	Qrendi	35
Dingli	81	Rabat	80
Fgura	18	Safi	34
Floriana	All buses	St. Andrews	68
Għadira	44	S' Anton Gardens	74
Għ'Tuffieħa	47/52	St. Julians	62
Għar Lapsi	From Siġġiewi	San Ġwann	65
Għargur	55	St. Paul's Bay	52
Għaxaq	8	St Lucia	15
Gudja	8	St Venera	78
Gżira	All buses to Sliema	Senglea	3
Ħal Far	13	Siġġiewi	89
Ħamrun	73	Sliema	60-68
Kalkara	4	Tarxien	8/11/26
Kirkop	34	Vittoriosa	1
Lia	40	Żurrieq	32/38
Luqa	36	Xgħajra	21
Mgħarfa	45	Żabbar	18
Marsa	5/8/11/18	Żebbuġ	88
Marsascala	19	Żejtun	26
Marsaxlokk	27	Mellieħa	43

Bus Routes - Gozo

Route	Number of Routes	Route	Number of Routes
San Lawrenz	1/11	Munxar	50/55
Kerċem	14/18	Ta' Pinu	61
Marsalforn	21/22	Xagħra	64/69
Mġarr	25/26	Xewkija	73/78
Nadur	29/30/31	Xlendi	87
Għajnsielem	40/44	Għasri	91/94

Every passenger are to pay the appropriate fare for the journey he wishes to take on a motor omnibus.

All intending passengers take their turn in an orderly queue to board the bus and consequently pay the appropriate fare on the vehicle alloted for the trip.

The new introduced destination marks and colours at present in Malta are coloured yellow/orange, with a white roof. The interior part of all omnibuses are painted white unless the material adopted in the construction are of a finish

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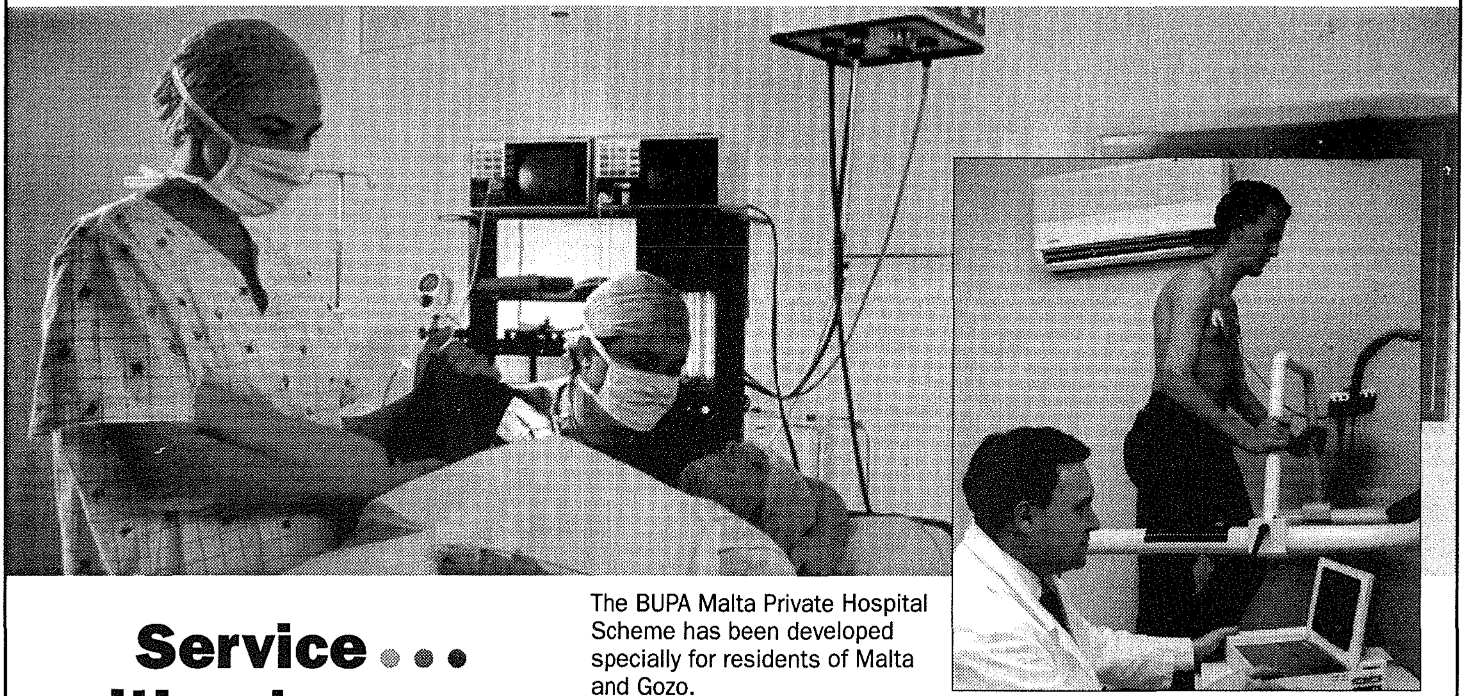

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which renders painting unnecessary.

The construction of the roof as we know it is made of wood or of other suitable material which is also painted white. All glass fitted to windows or windscreen must be safety glass, a type of glass so constructed or treated if involved in an accident, when the glass is fractured it does not fly into fragments capable of causing severe cuts to passengers or pedestrians.

Advertisement stickers are strickly prohibited in any place on the bus especially were the obstruction of full view of the driver or passengers.

In future to educate more the public on traffic regulations a small seize sign board is placed in a frame showing and explaining what these traffic signs are used for when encountering them in the street so as these signs are kept as a remainder.

Motor omnibus operating on destination routes are regulated to stop at established points indicated by a 'bus stop' or 'fare stage' set up for the purpose of setting down passengers or loading those actually waiting infront such signs.

Passengers wishing to go down at an authorised bus stop are to signale the driver by pulling a string attached to the ceiling of the bus and automatically the bell rings indicating to the driver that passengers are intended to disend at the next stage.

The driver or conductor obtaines the daily tickets fare from the secretary traffic control board.

Fare tickets consist of different fares changeable to passengers which differ in size and colour and shape. Every driver or conductor when affecting a destination to a particular town or village must be in possession of fare tickets of all fares relative to the particular route.

A passenger mounting route buses they are to pay a ticket fare to the driver (in the present procedure being taken) or the conductor as they enter and take their place either seated or if all benches are occupied remain standing in the passage situated in the middle of the bus passage.

Construction of Motor Omnibus

Motor omnibus are constructed in a way that its wieght and equipment include all body-work, upholstery and fittings and properly constructed with suitable materials well finished and in good servicable condition and the design has to be capable of with standing the loads and stresses likely to be met with in operation.

The bus scheduled service have imported second hand more advanced motor omnibus or coaches from the United Kingdom being used for the convenyance of local inhabitants or coaches used for the touring of tourist around the Island visiting the most interesting historical places.

These more advanced motor omnibus are replaceing the old wornout buses. The new advanced buses are constructed in a totally different way in seize and capacity and equipment, some are fitted with an air condition system which help during the hot summer months to reduce the hot air accumulated inside although ventilation system is constructed on the roof of the bus. These kind of buses provide a more worm confortable atmosphere whilst travelling from one place to the other during the winter season.

Each bus is constructed according to the approved rules. The body has to be securely affixed to the chassis and has a capacity of twenty six passengenrs but not more then forty six passengers.

One must distinguish between the traditional buses as some are still in use today and those imported for example the engine capacity of a newly imported or locally constructed motor omnibus or when the engine is replaced it must not exceed twelve tones.

One of the most important part of the bus that has to be functioning in a very good condition are the brakes.

The brakes system must be regularly inspected to ensure the good and safe running of the bus during when it is being operated when the need arises to stop abruptly in the case to avoid a serious traffic accidents could have been avoided if more precautions were taken whilst driving even if the speed limit according to the classification of the road inside or outside a town or village.

Every motor omnibus is constructed in a way to have an entrance and exit and emergency door capable of being opened by one operation of the locking mechanism. The reason for requiring these devices are made for the purpose of securing the vehicle when unattended and in case of emergency in case of an accident.

These newly imported more advanced motor omnibus have also another particular advantage as entrance and exit doors and emergency exits are operated automatically by pushing a lever or button from the inside the vehicle is either locked or opened when passengers are discending from the bus.

During the time the motor omnibus is in motion suitable fastenings are to be provided to hold doors securely open when no automatic device is provided to the bus to hold put such door.

All doors including those of emergency exits are also requiring to be so designed as to be readily opened in case of need from both the inside and outside of the vehicle. Emergency exits are to be fitted with doors which open outwards.

The actuating mechanism of all emergency exits are to be easily accesible to persons of normal height standing on ground outside the vehicle.

Motor omnibus are fitted with a permanent top and there are not less then two means of entrance and exit, one of which is situated at the front and on the near side of the vehicle and is used as the ordinary entrance and exit of the omnibus and the other at the back of the vehicle to be used in case of emergency door situated on the right and left side.

These doors are clearly marked 'emergency door' and be so situated that in case of emergency, passengers can step directly from the passage to the outside of the vehicle.

Every vehicle is designed in a way that the driver has adequate room and space and easily reach and quickly operate the controls.

The steering pillar is positioned on the right or offside of the vehicle and the driver's seat is so placed as to permit him to give by hand the usual traffic signals on the offside of the motor omnibus.

It is most important that accomodation is so designed so as the driver has adequate protection during inclemant weather and means to prevent light from the interior of the vehicle from incommoditating the driver.

Before, every motor omnibus is put to service if either it is constructed locally or imported it passes through an examination carried out the police mechanical expert before they are let to be operated on the road. The owner of the motor omnibus has to furnish the necessary information for example full details and sketch of the chassis and a declaration in writing giving details of the vehicle.

The body of the motor ominbus both externally and internally and all windows and fittings and all seats for passengers be maintained at all times in clean and good condition and the seating capacity is clearly marked in a conspicious position inside the vehicle.

All motor omnibuses are inspected annually and those not complying according to regulations or carries some mechanical diffect are replaced with new road worthy buses and in greavious cases the bus is scraped and the licence is cancelled and a new modern important or new locally constructed bus is put in operation.

One of the many things Malta inherited through colonial domination was the importation of double - decker buses. These kind of buses were operated under the Sliema Bus Company in the late 30's.

These double-decker buses were of a kind that their construction was totally different from the once that used to run in the streets, instead of a single deck vehicle these buses were constructed under two decks on ground floor and first floor.

The difference from other buses, the double-deck bus had no first floor deck roof top exposing the passengers to the daily weather elements conditions.

This kind of transport could be introduced again under experiment bases during the tourist summer time.

Double - Decker Buses could operate on a small scale on routes which require more route buses to perform trips during the high volume of passengers going to centralised destinations. These will led to immense expansion in sub-urban areas carrying more people on this form of public transport - as well as the recently introduced coaches and buses were they have more capacity for the present demand.

The new double-deck buses show an advanced design incorporating lower step heights, lower noise levels and imporved suspension. They are operated also by drivers who also collect fares (one person operation). These type of buses operate on high level of passenger traffic and during high volume of traffic mainly over short distances.

This kind of transport is also can be used as coaches for touristic purposes.

Mini Bus Service

Every means of transport is used in various circumstances to serve the needs of the public.

Mini Buses is also another means of transport, it is mainly used for the carrying of school children having affixed behind the windscreen and behind the rear window a sign showing two school children in similar in type, shape, colour and seize to a sign exhibited while the vehicle is trasporting school children. The capacity of Mini Buses are licensed to carry twelve passengers and the driver, thirteen in all and in the case of school children eighteen persons including the driver.

Besides Mini Buses are used to transport school children it is also used for the conveyance of workers in factories industries or other enterprises.

They operate in industrial areas especially during early morning when workers are going to work or during rush hours when workers are leaving their place of work, saving the number of private cars used on the road at the same time reducing traffic congestion in centre meeting points in towns.

Mini buses are constructed or imported to be operated privately by one owner driver under one licence. This type of vehicle must have a red colour body with a white painted roof. The side doors of the mini bus are to have the number of passengers in capacity printed in white figures against the red back ground.

The interior part is painted black in colour or if the material used in the interior construction is of a finish which renders painting unnecessary. The identification number plates assigned to Mini Buses are of black figures on a red background.

Ghaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti

jikteb Vincent P. Zahra, Viċi-President

Il-Ħadd 14 ta' April, il-Kummissjoni għall-Attivitajiet Soċjali kif avżajna organizzat ħarġa għaċ-Ċentru ta' Taħriġ tal-Pulizija f'Targa Gap, il-Mosta, ġentilment offrut mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, s-Sur Gorg Grech.

Numru sabiħ Pulizija Pensjonanti bin-nisa tagħhom u ħbieb attendew għal din il-ħarġa. Kulħadd ħa gost jiġi mdawwar dan iċ-Ċentru, b'Panorama mill-isbaħ, bogħod mill-istorbu tal-ħajja ta' kuljum, u fuq kollox miżmum nadif u attrezzat għal Seminars u lagħat speċjali tal-Pulizija.

Ġejna mdawrin maċ-Ċentru mill-Pulizija li kienu għassa tal-ġurnata. Nistgħu ngħidu li meta ġejna mdawrin mas-Sezzjoni tal-Klieb, li tikkonsisti f'dawk ta' ħidma kontra d-doga u dawk għal xogħol Ġeneral tal-Pulizija, kulħadd baqa' mpressjonat biż-żamma tagħhom. Li jolqtok l-indafa li miżmuma fiha u wkoll ir-riċipjenti użati kemm għall-ikel u għax-xorb, tagħhom.

Wara kien imiss lis-Surġent Maġġur Agius li jieħu ħsieb dan iċ-Ċentru u l-istaff tiegħu li jservu t-te, kafe, pastizzi, sandwiches u ħelu ieħor.

Grazzi lil dawk kollha li ħadu ħsieb għal dak kollu li kien hemm bżonn biex din il-ħarġa kellha s-suċċess li wieħed xtaq u ma ninsewx lis-Sezzjoni tal-Garage tal-Pulizija li ħadu ħsieb it-Trasport ta' dawk li attendew.
Aħna nawguraw lill-Kummissjoni għall-Attivitajiet Soċjali għall-ħarġiet bħal dawn.

Laqgħa Ġenerali u elezzjonijiet għall-Kunsill - 1996 - 98

Kif ħabbarna, nhar il-Ħadd 28 ta' April 1996 saret il-Laqgħa Ġenerali ta' l-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti fid-Depot tal-Pulizija.

Din il-Laqgħa bdiet fil-quddiesa fid-9 am għal konvenjenza ta' dawk li attendew. Bħas-soltu qaddes il-Kappillan tal-Korp, ir-Rev. Patri Ranieri Zammit OFM Kap fejn fl-Omelija tiegħu ħeġġeġ lil dawk preżenti għall-Festa tal-Pentekoste, li fiha tiddomina l-qawwa ta' l-Ispirtu s-Santu, skond kif kien ħabbar u wiegħed Sidna Ġesu Kristu stess.

Patri Raniero ħeġġeġ ukoll lil Pulizija Pensjonanti biex jieħdu ħsieb xulxin, wara l-ħidma twila tagħhom fil-Korp u awgura li l-Laqgħa Ġenerali u l-Elezzjonijiet li għandhom wara din il-quddiesa jkunu ta' fejda u ħidma għalihom u għandhom jieħdu nteress u jgħinu lill-Kunsill ta' l-Għaqda tagħhom.

Wara l-quddiesa li kienu preżenti għaliha l-Kummissarju, is-Sinjura G. Grech, Supretendenti, Spetturi u membri oħra tal-Korp, il-Kunsill stieden lil dawk kollha preżenti biex jingħaqdu mal-membri ta' l-Għaqda għat-te fil-Canteen.
Fl-10.15 am inġbarna fis-Sala Vilhena, fid-Depot, biex nibdew il-laqgħa, jiddispjaċina ninnotaw li minn numru ta' membri li għandna kienu preżenti numru żgħir, li ħadna l-impressjoni li l-maġġoranza riedu jsibu kollox lest, aħna nirringrazzjaw lil dawk li ħadu l-interess u ġew.

Fetaħ il-laqgħa l-Aġent-President billi ta' merħba lil dawk kollha preżenti, wara s-Sur Joe M. Azzopardi talab lis-Segretarju Louis Muscat biex jaqra l-minuti ta' l-aħħar laqgħa, fejn wara ġew approvati.

L-Aġent President is-Sur J. M. Azzopardi beda d-diskors tiegħu billi rringrazzja ħafna lis-Sur Anthony J. Saliba għall-ħidma kbira tiegħu lejn l-Għaqda matul iż-żmien tiegħu bħala President, u kien ta' dispjaċir kbir għall-Kunsill li kellu jirtira mill-kariga li kellu minħabba pressjoni ta' xogħol.

L-Aġent President irringrazzja wkoll lis-Sur Ġorġ Grech li dejjem sibnieh ta' għajnuna għal kull bżonn li kellha l-Għaqda, u li għadu s'issa jagħti l-għajnuna tiegħu bieb insibu lokal għall-Għaqda.

Huwa qal li kien ta' sodisfazzjoni li għal dawn l-aħħar sentejn in-numru ta' membri żdiedu, u dan kien fattur li jħeġġiġna li nibqgħu naħsbu għall-interess ta' dawk kollha li jkollhom bżonn, dan deher sew fil-laqgħa li jkollna kull l-ewwel Ħadd tas-sena fejn ikollna l-istedina tal-Kummissarju, għalina u għan-nisa tagħna.

Dwar il-ħarġa li kellna għaċ-Ċentru ta' Taħriġ tal-Pulizija, f'Targa Gap, il-Mosta, fejn dawk kollha li attendew kellhom sodisfazzjon kbir li rajna dan iċ-Ċentru tant sabiħ u miżmum sew.

F'dak li jirrigwarda l-pensjoni, semma' l-laqgħa li saret ma' l-Onor. Ministru Dr. L. Galea, kif ukoll laqgħa nformattiva mal-Kap ta' l-Oppożizzjoni Dr. Alfred Sant, fejn wara ġiet segwita minn laqgħa oħra ma' Dr. M. Farrugia MDMP fejn ġejna mitluba jispjegaw l-ilmenti u l-problemi li jiffaċċjaw membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija wara li jirtiraw mix-xogħol.

L-Għaqda tagħna għamlet ukoll donazzjoni lill-familjari tal-vittmi tat-traġedja fil-Malta Drydocks.

Rappreżentanti ta' l-Għaqda ħadu parti f'seminars, konferenzi, u laqgħat konnessi mal-pensjonanti jew anzjani. Il-Kunsill għamel u jipprometti li jkompli jagħmel dawk kollu possibbli għall-ġid u l-avanz tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti. Il-Kunsill iddiskuta u qiegħed jistudja l-possibilta' li midalja ta' servizz twil u effiċjenti tingħata wkoll lill-pulizija pensjonanti.

Finalment irringrazzja lill-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech li offra is-Sala Vilhena għal din il-laqgħa, lil Patri Raniero Zammit il-Kappillan tal-Korp għal quddiesa liż-żewġ Abbatini Żgħażagħ, u lid-Ditta Portanier għall-offerta li għamlu tas-soft drinks għal din l-okkażjoni u ssuġerixxa li kull membru jħajjar pulizija pensjonant ieħor biex jissieħbu ma' l-Għaqda tagħna, għax fejn hemm l-għaqda hemm is-saħħa.

Wara li l-Aġent-President spiċċa d-diskors tiegħu talab lis-segretarju jaqra r-Rapport Amministrattiv għas-snin 1994-96.

Is-Sur Louis Muscat beda biex qal li Kunsill żamm il-laqgħat tiegħu regolari f'dawn is-sentejn fl-Uffiċju tal-Malta Police Association bil-permess tal-Kunsill ta' din l-Għaqda.

Huwa sellem lil dawk sħabna li ħallewna f'dawn is-sentejn u li bl-insistenza tagħna qed jidhru r-ritratti tagħhom fil-magażin 'Il-Pulizija' bil-koperazzjoni ta' P C Martin Ellul li jieħu ħsieb il-ħruġ tiegħu.

Is-Segraturju semma' wkoll irreżenja tal-President is-Sur Anthony J. Saliba li kien attiv ħafna fl-Għaqda tagħna u għamel ħafna ġid speċjalment biex b'arranġamenti mas-Segretarju tal-finanzi biex daħlu numru ta' membri ġodda.

Wara li l-Kunsill għamel minn kollox biex jikkonsidra l-ittra tiegħu u ma rnexxilniex, ħatar lis-Sur Joseph M. Azzopardi bħala Aġent-President sakemm tasal il-Laqgħa Ġenerali.

Il-pożizzjoni li għandna mingħand Lokal permanenti fejn niltaqgħu tkellem fit-tul fuqha u li s'issa għadda mingħajr lokal, u li dan qed ikun ta' tfixkil kbir lill-għaqda tagħna.

Attivita' li ħadna parti kienet il-Fiera Anzjan 1995 li ġiet organizzata mis-Segretarjat għall-Anzjani u kellha suċċess kbir fejn il-Kunsill waqqaf stand attrajenti ħafna. Fost il-personaġġi li żaru dan l-istand tagħna kien hemm l-Onor. Prim Ministru Dr. E. Fenech Adami li ħa ħafna nteress fuq l-Għaqda tagħna.

Ħadna parti f'seminars, laqgħat dwar il-volontarjat f'bosta attivitajiet oħra.

Waħda mix-xewqat tal-kunsill hi li Long Service Medal u l-Good Conduct Medal għandhom jiġu mogħtija lill-pensjonanti li f'żmienhom kienet waqfet li jingħataw.

Is-Segretarju semma' wkoll il-laqgħat li kellna ma' diversi ministri u membri ta' l-oppożizzjoni dwar il-problemi tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti, speċjalment dwar il-pensjonijiet.

Wasal ukoll li nerġgħu nieħdu sehem fil-Police Day li kull sena il-Kummissarju jagħmel espressament ġurnata għalina.

Is-Sur Muscat għamel appell lil dawk il-pensjonanti li jkunu spiċċaw mill-Korp biex jieħdu ħsieb u jidħlu membri fl-Għaqda tagħna.

Wara li s-Segretarju spiċċa mir-Rapport Amministrattiv, kien imiss ir-Rapport Finanzjarju li ressaq Vincent P. Zahra.

Hu beda biex qal li llum se jressaq it-tlettax ir-Rapport minn meta beda bħala Segretarju għal Finanzi, wara li l-ewwel sentejn mit-twaqqif mill-Għaqda tagħna fil-25 ta' Lulju 1980 għamilhom bħala assistent segretarju, fejn kien wieħed mill-fundaturi ta' din l-Għaqda.

Il-Kunsill dejjem jilmenta mill-problema li wara li tlifna l-Lokal li kellna f'City Gate għadna sal-lum mingħajr post tagħna. Tħabbatna għal bosta postijiet u s'issa dejjem għalxejn, hawn nixtieq ngħid li f'dan il-kas dejjem sibna l-għajnuna tal-Kummissarju s-Sur Ġorġ Grech u ta' dan u dak kollu li jagħmel mal-Għaqda u l-membri tagħha minn qalbna nirringrazzjawh.

Jiena wkoll nirringrazzja lill-membri kollha tagħna għall-kooperazzjoni li dejjem sibt minnhom.

L-ispejjes tagħna kibru ftit permezz ta' twaqqif tal-Posta Ltd. li permezz ta' dan bdejna nħallsu l-postaġġ ta' dak kollu li ninpostaw, fost dan il-magażine 'Il-Pulizija' ġieli ħallasna Lm72 biex ninpostawh, hawn ngħidu grazzi lill-Kummissjoni tal-pubblikazzjonijiet tal-pulizija, u lil PC Martin Ellul tal-Librerija fid-Depot għal kull għajnuna li dejjem sibna mingħandu.

Kien ta' sodisfazzjon għalina li l-ex-President is-Sur Anthony J. Saliba ppropona biex hu u jien naħdmu proġett biex kemm nistgħu indaħħlu membri ġodda, u dan irnexxa minn numru ta' Pensjonanti li ġew għal 'Get Together' li jagħmel il-Kummissarju għalina u għan-nisa tagħna. Ħasra kbira li r-riżenja wara li ħadem ħafna għall-Għaqda tagħna u ma stajniex nikkonvinċuh biex jirtira l-ittra tiegħu, nsellmulu ta' dak kollu li għamel, u jiddispjaċina li minħabba pressjoni tax-xogħol li għandu ma setax jagħmel mgħodd ieħor.

Nispiċċa dan l-aħħar rapport tiegħi billi minn wara din il-laqgħa ġenerali se jieħu din il-kariga ta' segretarju għall-finanzi s-sieħeb tagħna Louis Vella li nawguralu fil-ħidma li se jibda għall-membri u għaqda tagħna, u dawk kollha li kienu jiktbu lili dwar il-finanzi għandhom jindirizzaw l-ittri tagħhom hekk:
Louis Vella
'Villa Velmor'
Triq Ġuże D'Arena
Għaxaq. ŻTN 14.

Nirringrazzja lill-kunsill u l-membri kollha għall-għajnuna u l-koperazzjoni li dejjem sibt minn kulħadd.

Wara li ġew approvati dwar ir-rapporti, is-segretarju għarraf li peress li nominazzjonijiet għall-Kunsill il-ġdid għas-snin 1996-98 ma kienx hemm aktar minn dak meħtieġ ma kienx hemm għalfejn issir elezzjoni, u kunsill issa ġie maħtur hekk:-
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Is-Sur Ġorġ Grech, Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.
Is-Sur Carmel Bugeja.
President
Is-Sur Joseph M. Azzopardi.
Viċi-President
Chev. Vincent P. Zahra.
Segretarju
Is-Sur Louis Muscat.
Assistent Segretarju
Is-Sur John B. Azzopardi.
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Is-Sur Louis Vella.
Assistent Segertarju tal-finanzi
Is-Sur Joseph Calleja.
Uffiċjal Inkarigat mill-Attivitajiet Soċjali
Is-Sur Joseph Calleja.
Awdituri
Is-Sur Liberato Pace. Is-Sur Louis Gray.
Membri
Is-Sinjuri: Joseph C. Gauci, Joseph M. Spiteri, Spiro Bugeja, George Bristow, Joseph Monreal, Charles Mizzi.

Wara s-Segretarju qara kif ġie kompost il-Kunsill, il-President is-Sur Joseph M. Azzopardi rringrazzja lil dawk kollha li ġew għal din il-laqgħa u ħeġġeġ biex il-membri preżenti jieħdu l-inizzjattivi li jkunu ppreżentati lilhom mill-Kunsill, hu ringrazzja wkoll lis-Supretendent Alfred Abela li għamel għad-dispożizzjoni tal-Kunsill għall-ewwel laqgħa tiegħu 'il-Kamra tal-Konferenzi tat-Traffiku', u temm il-laqgħa, sine die.

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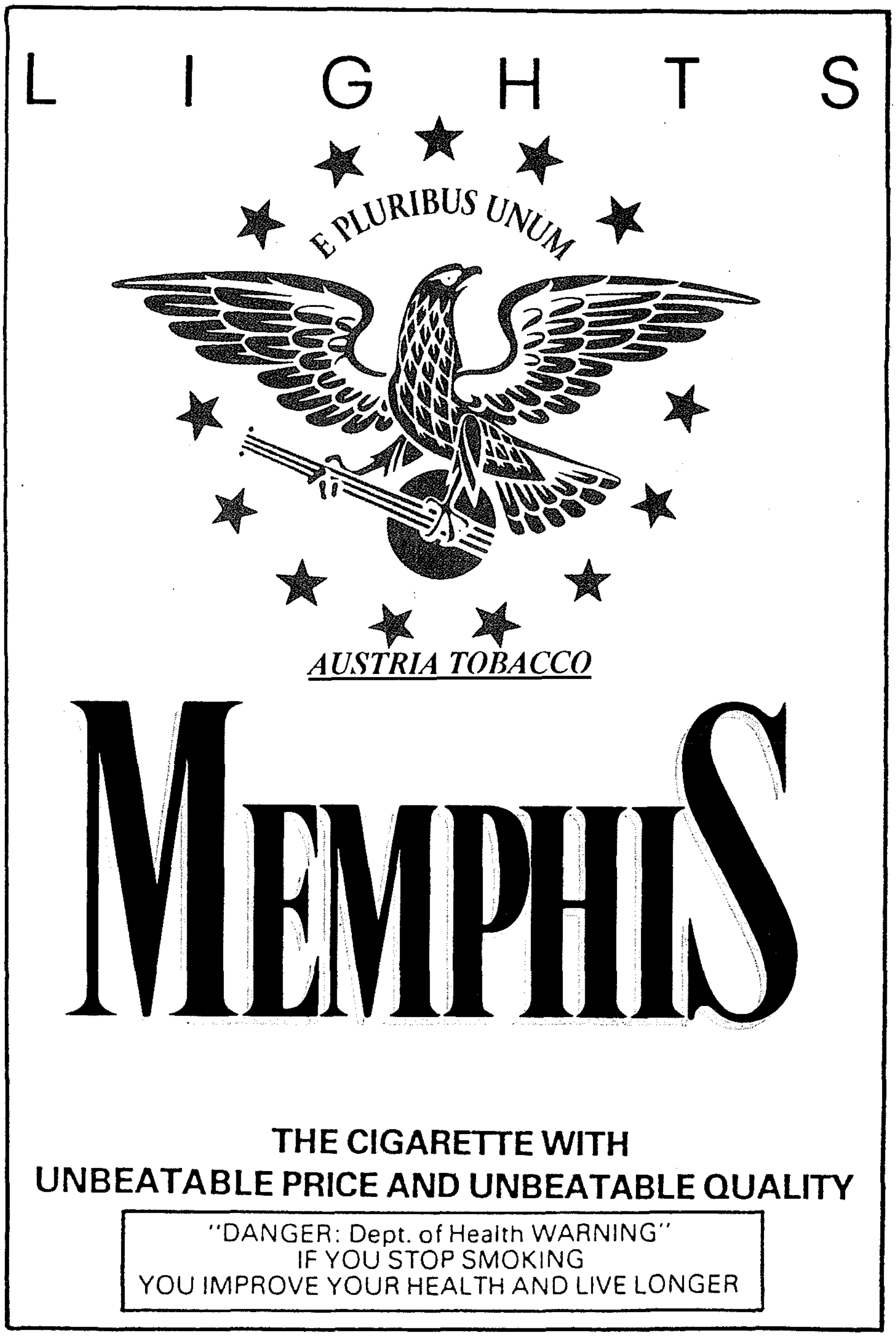
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My Collection

by PS1350 J. Borda

For as long as I can remember, I was always interested in badges, all types of badges really but mostly military ones. Being a collector by nature, my collection thus started with military badges, and the more I possessed the more interested I became. My collection soon started growing from badges to caps (along with their badge) and helmets. But again this wasn't enough...

In 1971 I joined the police Force. There I got the chance to meet alot of people with the same interests. My ambition pushed me further as I started writing a foreign Police Officers, who up to this day give me interesting information about their police history and present. I love it when some one goes into detail about their system, how and why it changed during the years. The more I know the thirstier I get. At present I correspond, on a regular basis, with around eighty collectors ranging from almost all over Europe to places like Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Venezuela, Peru, and Uruguay.

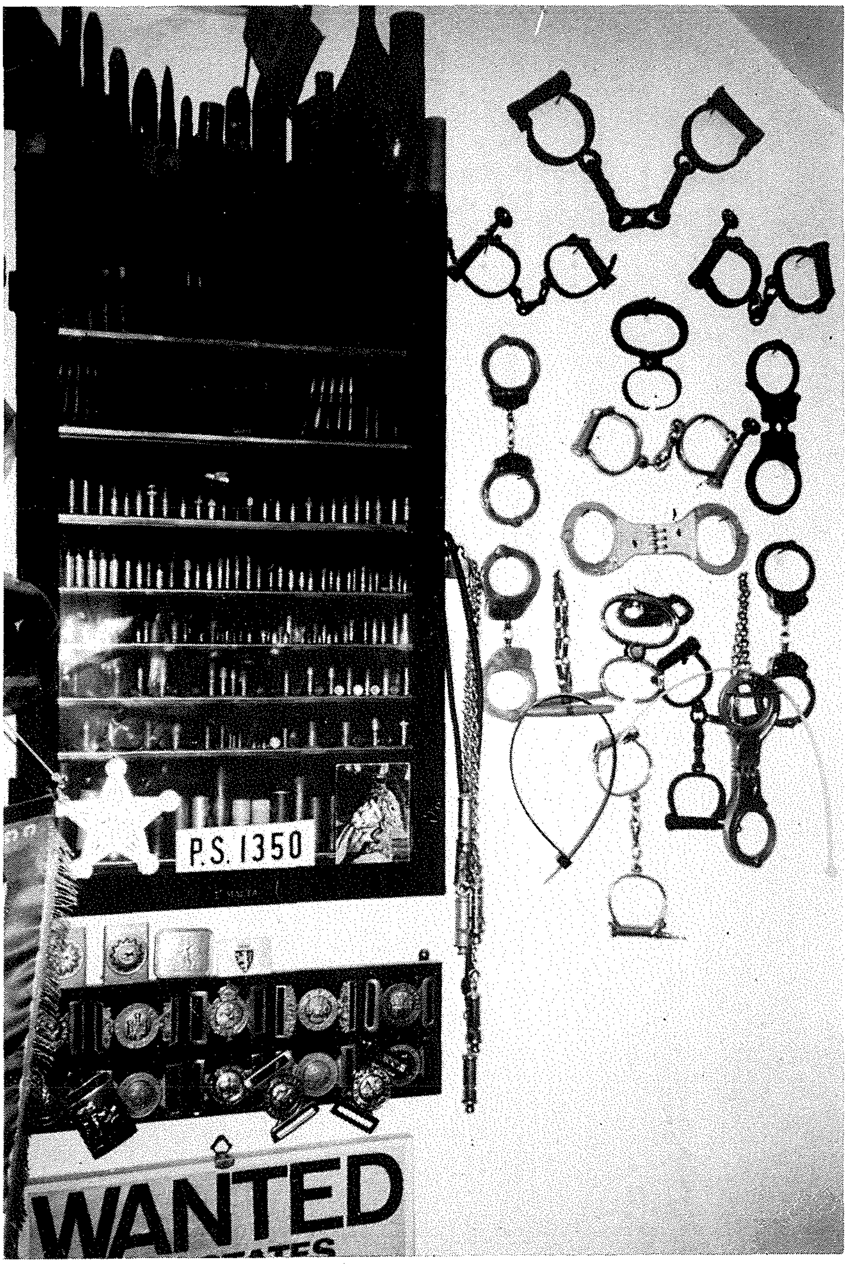
I also have a large collection of books about Police Forces, Weapons, Uniforms and similar subjects. I guess it's true what they say 'reading is the fountain of wisdom' through reading I became interested in all Police paraphernalia. As the years went by my collection grew considerably, though I must say that Caps and Helmets still remained my favourite items.

I have about sixty uniforms, up to one thousand shoulder patches, belts, holsters, hand cuffs, night sticks and wall plaques. But still when some four hundred Caps and Helmets from various parts of the world like Europe, Canada, Africa, America, Asia, South America, Australia, etc. I won' get started as I could very easily go on and probably bore you off. But it's so interesting that I can never say enough.

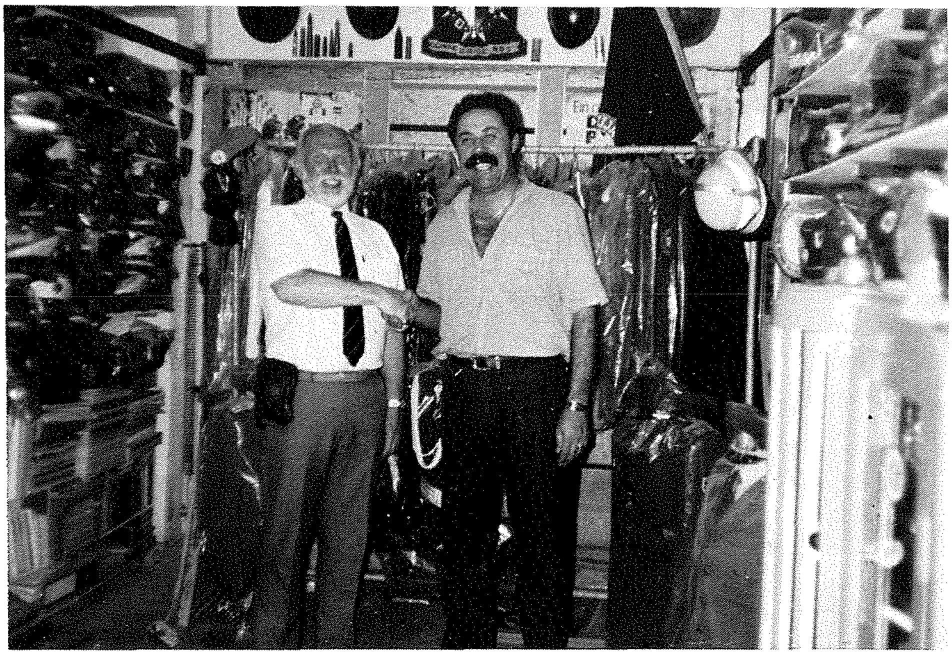
I would also like to mention my Maltese objects in the collection. I have uniforms which go back eighty years and the complete set of Cap and Helmet badges issued since the foundation of the Malta Police Force. I also managed to save some very old documents and photos. All Maltese items are my pride and joy and I am very honoured to have them in my collection.

Like everything else even collecting Police paraphernalia has it's difficulties. I find it extremely difficult to obtain certain items from certain places. I'd say it's very near to impossible to obtain headgear from Leintenstein, for example. But these I couldn't get for reasonable excuses unlike the Malta Police Good Conduct Medal which for unstated reasons was not awarded. Other difficulties include space. My collection is always growing but my garage unfortunately isn't. Maybe it's time to stop, perhaps? No, I couldn't because my hobby has become my everyday bread and butter and I honestly cannot imagine my life without my collection.

My wife Lilian and my family help me alot not only by understandiing and respecting what I like but also by putting up with my moodiness whenever I fail to obtain something I badly wanted. But although I may fail to



Another section from PS 1350 J.Borda's collection.



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Sunday morning at 9.00 am us divers meet at the club dive centre to get our long awaited weekly dip in the sea least we lose touch with donning our equipment. The usual rounds of 'good mornings' and smiles goes round the puffy eyed and thick voiced members who have sacrificed their beloved warm soft bed at home. Waking up at the ungodly early hour of 08.30 am and foresaking the comfort of home to freeze our extremities and run around in tight fitting rubber suits and masquerading as coloured frogs. Well with those puffy eyes, thick voices and rubber suits we're not that far off really. Actually some of us even get a thrill to wear water proof suits for double protection, even getting some gorgeous creature to zip us up from the rear, depending on your tastes.

After a hot cup-a-coffee or two we start to collect our cherished air cylinders (god forbid we hear some uncivilized heathen call it oxygen) into our already overloaded transport and off we go to the chosen site (that has been the main squabble that morning) through the pot holes around the island but that does not make such a difference to us because we're about to enter the inner space (and who ever mentioned a moon without a pot hole).

Once on the diving site we have to perform the dreaded ritual of choosing the diver marshal, that is the person who would be responsible to answer for any capers during the dive. All sorts of excuses are brought up not to be chosen. My best excuse is that if I don't get wet my wife will beat me up.

Once the grumpy faced Marshal is chosen, everyone races toward their cars and the place is stewed with all sorts of parapernalia. The diver next to me even wore a 16th century sword just in case he comes face to face with a life threatening situation. Another wore a bright yellow crash helmet in case he would upset his hair do with the current. Buddies are helping each other out with the mass of equipment to be worn plus the extras. Signals are rehearsed, some pairs even got the new wireless system, while I even noticed one diver explain to his buddy about the Red Indian smoke codes.

Once the briefing is all set the frogs line up in front of the marshal to give their statistics and logistics and splash into the water with bubbles foaming up, buddies are quickly and efficiently paired together and they're off, air is fervently dumped from the stab jackets while others facing a positive bouyancy crises weight themselves with stones. Some big divers even use their natural resources by dumping air from their back sides in an effort to sink. Some divers who had missed a few dives due to their wives nagging had their eyes bulging out of their sockets as we started to reach the 45 metre depth. Dive computers are checked and compared with dive tables, buddies check on each other, masses of bubbles are racing up the surface with divers caught in their mids are enjoying a free jacuzzi. An octopus is found and everyone wants to play with the slippery creature. Poor thing thinks that its doom is about to commence and never stops dashing away. Some divers are happily enjoying a conversation with smoke signals passing to and forth about the slippery octopus. One good thing about diving is that with all the rubber worn, there is no distinction between man or woman, they are all equal and the battle of the sexes is at a truce for the next hour or so. After the air supply (not oxygen) is depleted we reluctantly have to leave the tranquil world of peace and narcosis. Buddies help each other out of the water and are so immersed in conversation that they forget to take off their masks and fins while exploiting their experiences during theri long walk toward their vehicles. Cylinders and equipment is taken off before starting to pull ourselves out of the rubber skins. Some even help each other out to dodge the cold winds. Those with the double protection water-proof suits are unzipped and chat about happily while they remove their outer skins to uncover normal every day dry cloths. Water is every where and our 4 x 4's are overloaded again. The members rush off to a cafe for some coffee in one go. A lot of talk about tacticts and equipment is going round the table of the carefree divers who have just had their buzz. This buzz will last till the mid-week when the group meet again for a couple of tots and a lecture for the next qualification exams. There again wet dreams are spoken out quite frankly for the future. Some of us are even planning a holiday to the Middle East for a glimpse of a hammerhead or other man-eating fish. As usual my hairs start to prickle and I move to the next table where more soft core conversation is taking place. Most of us will stagger home in a narked state due to spirits and beer where we will try to keep everyone happy till next Sunday where we will again have access for our weekly wet dip. There is nothing in the world like getting wet, wet and wet.

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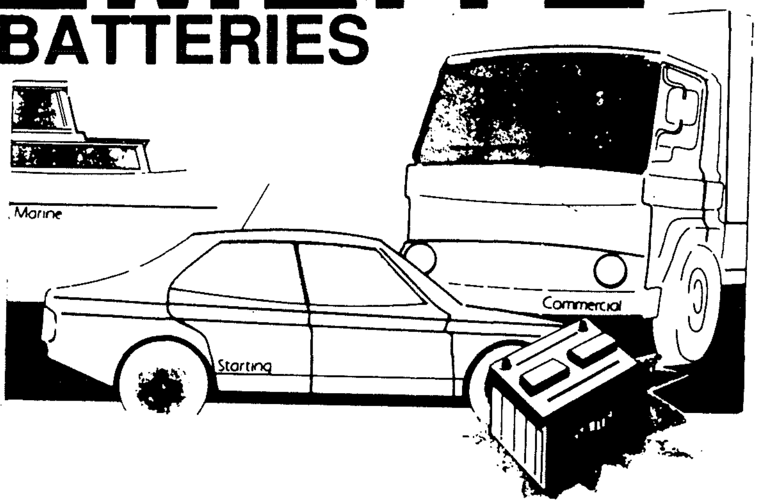

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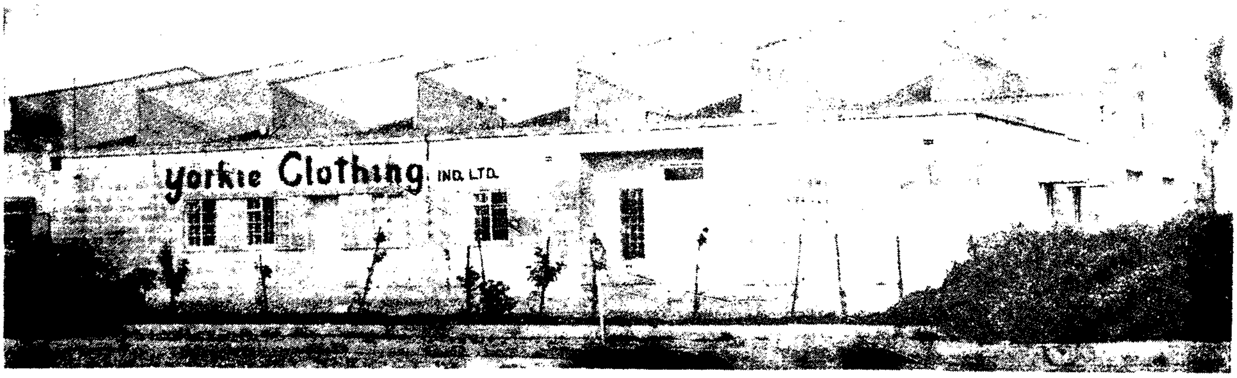

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Każ stramb ġara f'North Little Rock, Arkansas fl-Amerika. Roy Orsini kien instab mejjet wiċċu fuq is-sodda fil-kamra tas-sodda fid-dar tiegħu stess b'ferita' ta' arma tan-nar wara rasu. Is-sejba tal-kadavru kienet saret mill-mara tiegħu fl-għodwa tat-12 ta' Marzu, 1981.

Li kien hemm stramb f'dan il-każ huwa l-fatt li t-twieqi u l-bieb tal-kamra fejn instab Orsini kienu msakkra minn ġewwa u għalkemm kien hemm suspett ta' suwiċidju l-pulizija eliminat dan il-fatt għaliex fil-kamra ma nstab xejn x'jindika li Orsini setgħa għamel suwiċidju. L-uniku arma tan-nar li nstabet fil-kamra kienet tal-marka 'Smith & Wesson' kalibru.38 pero' sparata minn arma tan-nar tal-marka 'Colt'.

Fl-investigazzjoni tagħha l-pulizija nterrogat diversi persuni li kellhom kuntatt ma' Orsini kif ukoll il-mara tiegħu u bintu ta' 13-il sena.

Irriżulta li fil-lejl tal-qtil, il-koppja Orsini kienu raqdu f'kamra differenti għall-fatt li Roy kellu appuntament kmieni u ried iqum fl-4 am. Għalhekk Roy kien mar jorqod f'kamra tas-sodda waħdu u għamel l-arloġġ għall-4 am. Skond il-mara tiegħu, li kienet rieqda f'kamra oħra li tmiss ma' tar-raġel tagħha, hi u t-tifla ma semgħu xejn irregolari f'dak il-lejl u l-għada filgħodu marret tnaddaf il-kamra tas-sodda fejn kien rieqed ir-raġel u sabet il-bieb magħluq, fatt mhux tas-soltu. Wara li nfetaħ il-bieb instab il-misteru li baqa' mistur sal-lum.

Tom Farley li kien kap fl-investigazzjoni tal-pulizija kien qal 'Jiena kont involut f'ħafna każijiet ta' omiċidji imma qatt daqs dan il-każ li tħares fejn tħares ma tasal imkien. Dan huwa każ ta' fuq il-kotba u mhux fatt reali.

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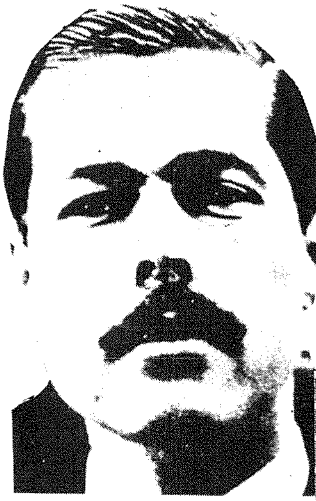

Lord Lucan
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Sndra Rivett

Is-suspettat li sparixxa

Fil-lejl tas-7 ta' Novembru, 1974, Veronica Binghan - Lady Lucan - kienet fid-dar tagħha f'Lower Belgrave Street, Belgravia, Londra, viċin Buckingham Palace, flimkien ma' uliedha u n-nanny Sandra Rivett ta' 29 sena. Għall-ħabta tad-9 pm Sandra niżlet isfel fil-kċina biex tagħmel it-te. Lady Lucan stenniet għal xi ħin u meta rat li n-nanny damet ma telgħet hija niżlet isfel biex tara x'ġara. Kif waslet fil-kċina rat figura ta' raġel twil jipprova jdaħħal il-ġisem mejjet ta' Sandra Rivett f'borża tal-kanvas. Kif rat hekk Lady Lucas bdiet twerżaq u ġiet attakata brutalment minn dan ir-raġel. Lady Lucan irnexxielha taħrab u telgħet tiġri fuq fil-kamra tas-sodda u ftit wara r-raġel tagħha John Binghan - Earl of Lucan - daħal ħdejha jipprova jikkalmha. Konfuża kif kienet Lady Lucan ħarbet mid-dar u marret tiġri f'ħanut fil-viċin 'The Plumber Arm Pub' biex titlob l-għajjut. Ir-raġel tagħha ma deherx aktar wara dan il-każ u sparixxa mingħajr ħadd ma jaf x'sar minnu.

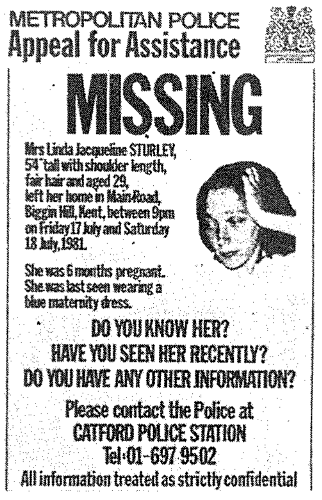
Għalkemm Lady Lucan ma għarfitx lill-qattiel ta' Sandra Rivett, is-suspetti f'dan il-każ waqgħu fuq ir-raġel tagħha li kien jgħix separat minn mal-mara tiegħu fi flat ftit 'il bogħod. Il-pulizija bdiet it-tfittxija għal Lord Lucan fejn irriżulta li xi ħin wara l-qtil kien għand ħabib tiegħu xi 45 mil 'il bogħod mill-post tad-delitt isuq karozza.

Lord Lucan kien ta l-verżjoni tal-fatti kif jafhom hu dwar il-qtil ta' Sandra Rivett lill-ħabib tiegħu. Hu kien qal li kien għaddej minn ħdejn id-dar tal-mara tiegħu u ra persuna tattakka lil Lady Lucan. Kif ra hekk daħal id-dar biċ-ċavetta tiegħu stess u kif daħal żelaq f'għadira demm u l-aggressur ħarab jiġri minn fuq il-post. Wara dan il-mara tiegħu, li kienet fi stat isteriku, bdiet takkużah bil-qtil tan-nanny u għalhekk iddeċieda li jitlaq 'il barra. Minkejja ċ-ċaħda tiegħu Lord Lucan ħarab mill-Ġustizzja u l-karozza tiegħu instabet abbandunata fil-port ta' Newhaven, Sussex, fejn hemm vapur regolari lejn Franza.

It-tfittxija tal-pulizija kellha riżultat negattiv u għalkemm Lord Lucan sparixxa mingħajr ħjiel il-kontijiet tiegħu fil-bank baqgħu mingħajr mittifsa.

Is-Supretendent Roy Ransom, li mexxa l-istħarriġ kien ikkonkluda li Lord Lucan kien qatel lin-nanny bi żball għaliex il-mira tiegħu kienet li joqtol lil martu u wara jieħu l-kustodja ta' uliedu. Wara li ndunu bl-iżball hu qatel lilu nnifsu f'xi post 'il bogħod, imma din hija biss preżunzjoni. Is-Supretendent Dave Gerring, li mexxa ukoll l-istħarriġ, ikkonkluda li Lord Lucan jinsab x'imkien moħbi u hu biss jaf il-verità tal-fatti. Barra li huwa 'Lord' huwa wkoll lagħab li qiegħed jilgħab il-logħba - li ħadd qatt ma jsibu.

Il-każ għadu misteru u l-Maġistrat għalaq l-inkjesta dwar il-qtil ta' Sandra Revitt billi indika lil Lord Lucan bħala l-qattiel.



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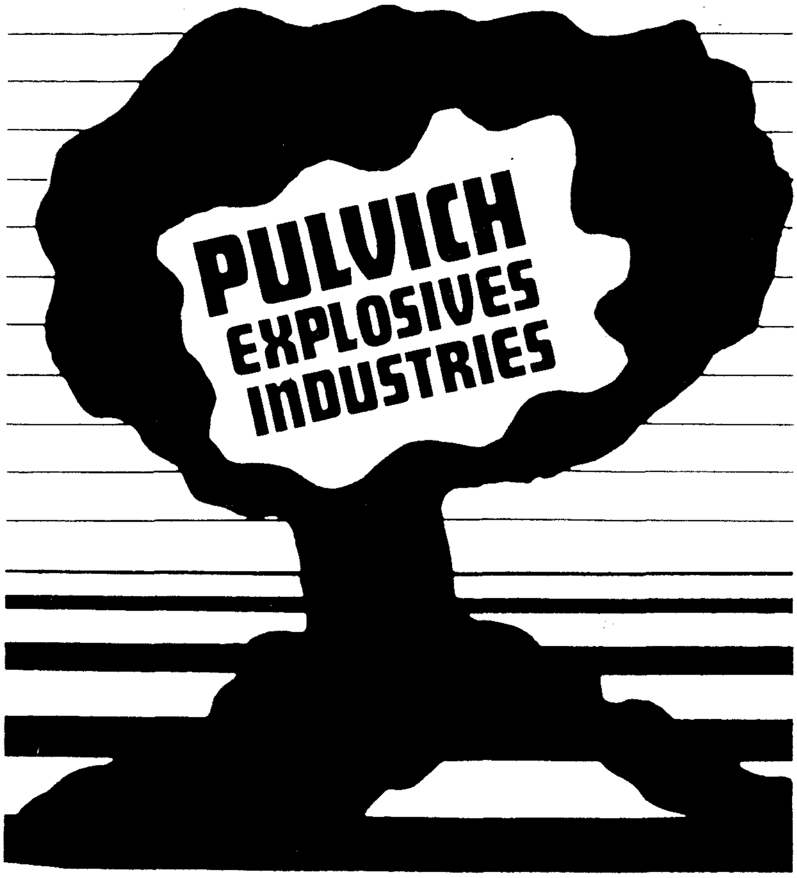

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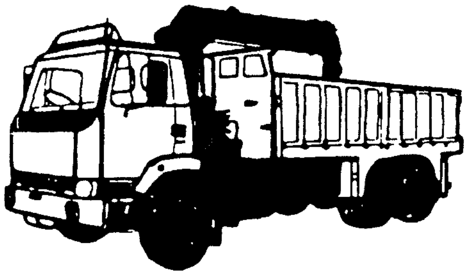

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The Scene of Crime Part 2

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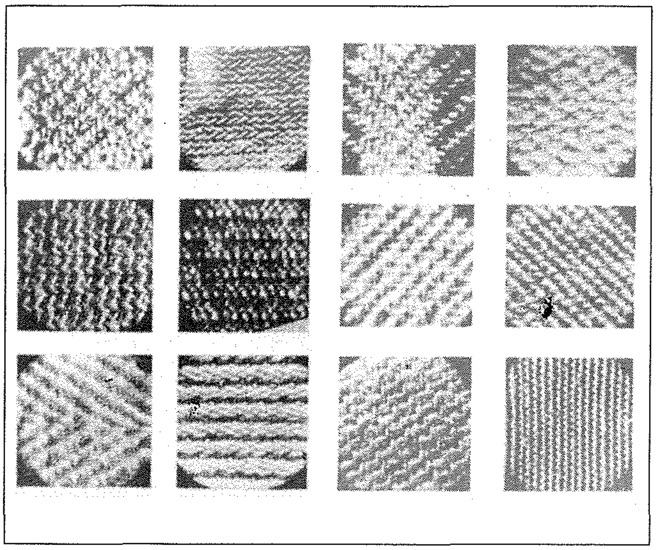
What is found on the scene of a crime and its collection as physical evidence.

Clothing

Clothing is most important in crime cases. First of all a witness may often recall a man's clothing rather than his face or stature, and at a distance the general witness can give a description of what a man was wearing when he wouldn't notice his face.

Clothing is constructed of a very wide range of materials the most common being silk, wool or cotton. Other materials include linen, nylon and other syntetic fibres.

Such clothing is so important when dealing with crime, because significant evidence may be picked up and carried on them. It is possible that clothing will pick and carry minute fragments of glass when the culprit breaks a glass or a bottle. Hence, great care is to be taken when on the scene, that the cloths the victim or the suspect are wearing are not to be cleaned or touched unnecessary but these must be carefully marked and packed seperately and immediately taken to the Laboratory for microscepic examination. When however, both the victim's cloths and the suspect's cloths are brought in for examination, care must be taken that while one bundle of clothes is opened the other bundle is always closed so that they will never come in contact with one another. Shoes, are classified with clothing and tackled in avery cautious way. These must, when picked from the scene of crime be packed separately from one another. Special care is taken when the criminal has smears of tar, paint or even chewing gum fixed to his shoes, not to mention mud, greases and whatever he may have treaded upon. Hence, The Locards Principal of exchange is taking place.



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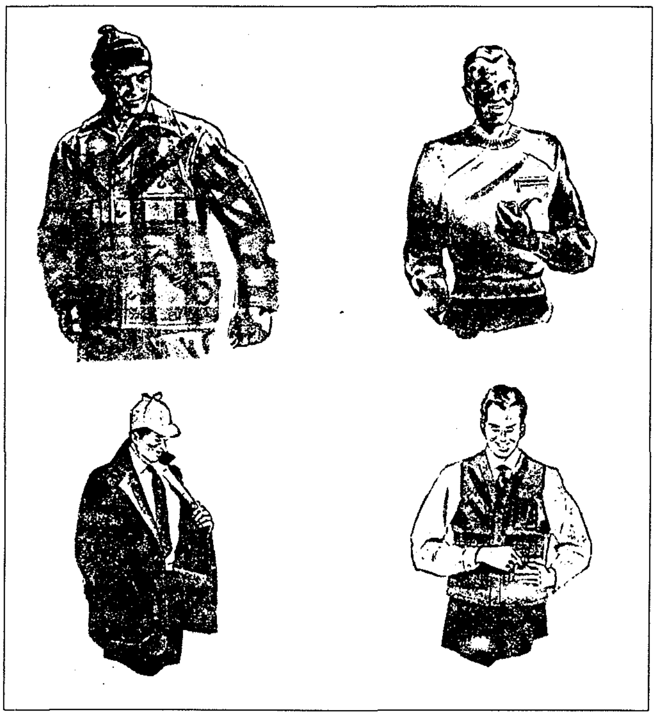


Differnt types of Cloths

Blood - Saliva - Body Fluids

In most crimes of violence, it is most essential that a sample of blood be taken from the victim whether dead or alive. If any blood has been shed, by either the victim or the suspect, enough must be elevated for testing purposes. Blood is one of the most frequent and important types of evidence encounteed in criminal investigation.

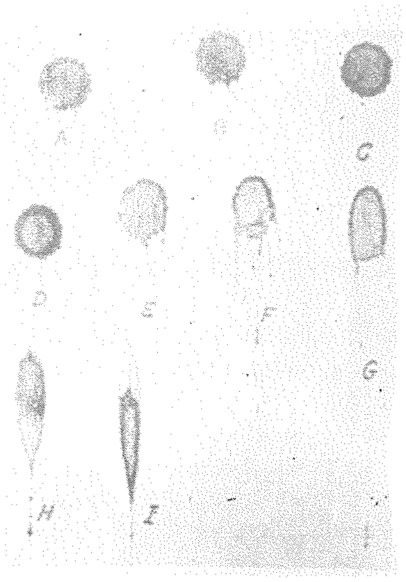
In murder, assault, rape or similar crimes of violence, blood may occur on:
a) the victim's person.
b) the scene of crime.
c) the culprit.
d) the weapon.

The layout and distribution of blood may be used to intercept and reconstruct details of the crime or such event producing bleeding such as the position of the victim at the time of shedding blood and the part of the body from which blood was lost.

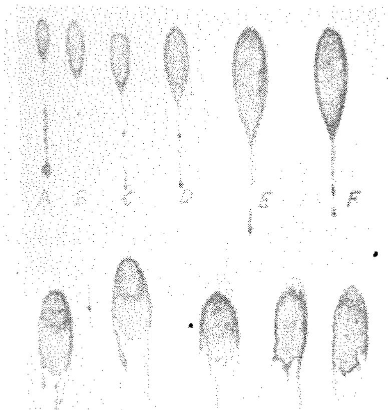
It's distribution, quantity, and the appearance of the spots or bloody areas will usually give vital information and layout of the events. Blood spots in particular can be interepreted in terms of their origin, and the distance and angle at which they were travelling before they reached the ground.

The victim's blood on a suspect is of obvious importance like in a crime of great violence such as stabbing with a knife. Such weapon would normally be bearing the

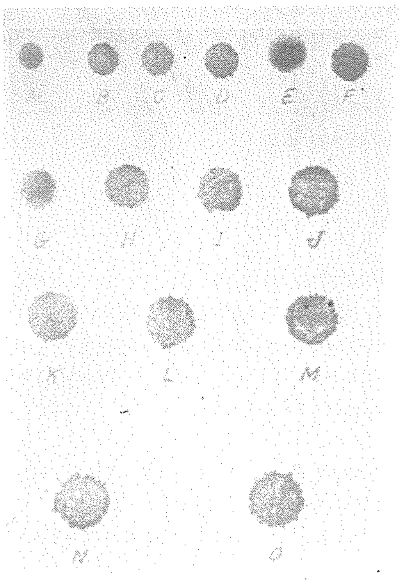
victim's blood thus establishing as to determine that the weapon is the one sought. When there is a struggle and the criminal sheds blood, or when a burglar enters a building and hits with something then he bleeds or he may fall in the dark and injures himself, all this will help in acquiring a sample of blood from the intruder which blood is invaluable for the investigation. Preservation of items containing blood must always be labelled with all necessary documentation and must always be taken when handling such exhibits to prevent blood borne when handling such exhibits to prevent to prevent blood borne deseases. Some of these deseases can be absorbed through the eyes, the nose, the mouth and penis. Saliva is very dangerous especially when you are speaking to a carrier. Extreme hygiene is to be exercised before and after touching blood, saliva, etc... at the scene of crime.



Effect of angle on blood spatters.Blood dropped three feet striking at the angles indicated:
A 90°; B 80°; C 70°; D 60°; E 50°; F 40°; G 30°; H 20°; I 10°.



Effect of velocity on the blood spatters with angular impact at 25°: A-3 inches, B-6 inches, C-9 inches, D-1 ft., E-1.5 feet, F-2 feet, G-3 feet, H-4 feet, I-4.5 feet, J-5 feet, K-6 feet.

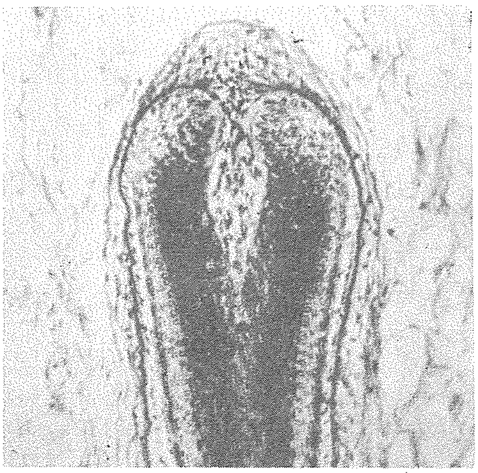


Effectofvelocituy on blood spatters. Blood dropped perpendicular the distances indicates: A 3in., B 6in.; C 9in.; D 1 ft.; E 1.25 ft.; F 1.5 ft.; G1.75 ft.; H 2ft.;I 3ft.; J 3.5 ft.; K 4 ft; L4.5 ft.; M 5 ft.; N 5.5 ft.; O 6 ft.

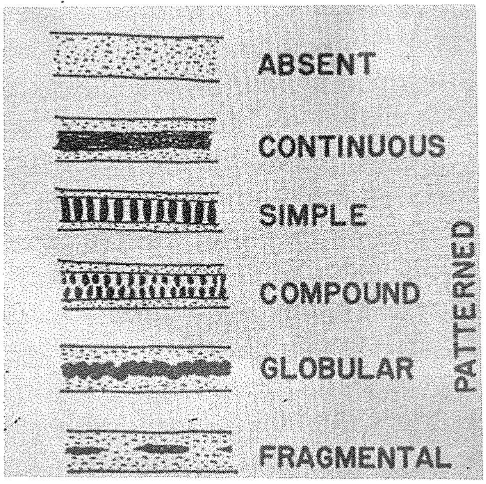
Hair

Hair is so important as physical evidence that it is essential that it should be collected in every case in which it occurs mainly in rape or other sex crime. On the other hand we can find hair in crime involving struggle in which a victim may have hairs grasped in his hands or under his finger nails. The scene of crime may often contain hairs to a considerable extent wherever they happen to be is one of the very fortunate circumstances for the criminal investigator. On the other occasions hair will be present on weapons used in the commission of a crime. A very suitable method of obtaining head hair is to see and use a clean, fine toothed comb. This will provide, in most instances a sample of hair to be compared with the hair that would have been lost by an individual during the commission of a crime. In homicide, victim's sample of hair should always be removed before burial even though no hair is then known to exist among other items of microscopic evidence, because would some appear later we would have it aside and save a lot of time and trouble to obtain a sample.

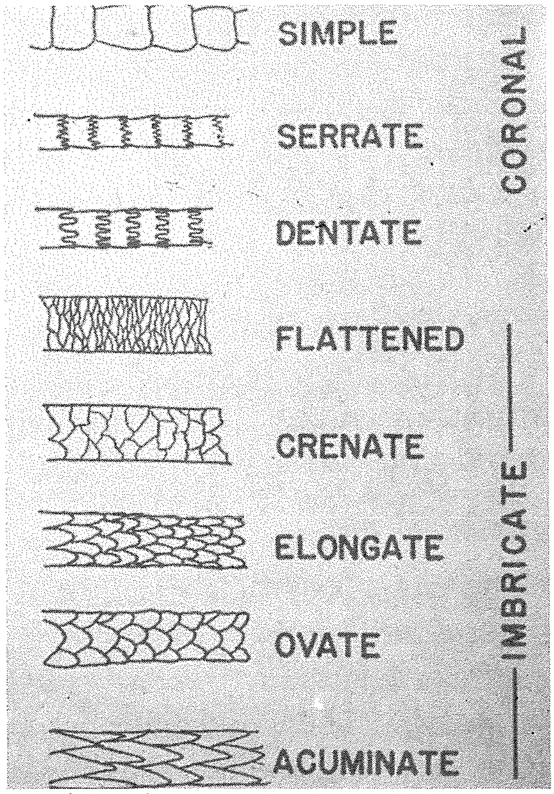
An experienced laboratory worker will immediately distinguish between animal hair and human hair which will help the investigator to establish more in detail and reconstruct the scene of crime. Of all the common types of evidence that requires study, only hair, blood and semen are common and come directly from the person. It is to be assumed that hair is actually unique to the individual, it is then one of the three types of materials which might be used directly for personnel identification by laboratory methods.



Section of Hair Follicle



Schematic represation of types of Hair Medullas

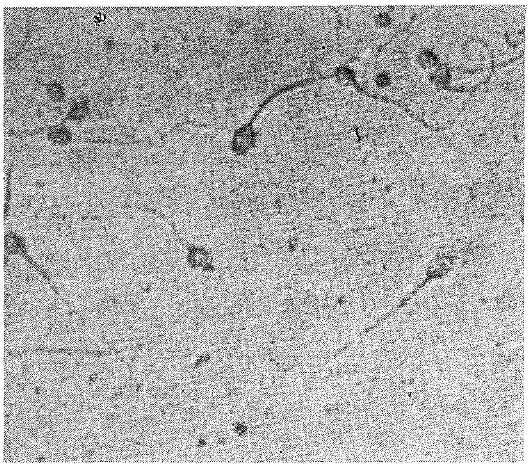


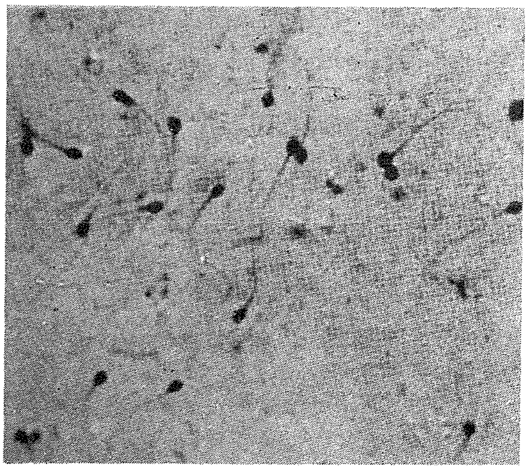
Schematic representaion of types of hair scales

Semen

Though blood is the most common physiological fluid which requires investigation, semen runs to a close due to the high incidence of sex crimes and other crimes associated with sex irregularities. On other occassions other fluids such as saliva, urine, sweat, nasal mucuos and tears may be encountered. Seminal stains shall however, be expected to appear on the clothing of the victim or the perpetrator, particularly underwear. Stains may also be present on bedding, on matteresses and on automobile robes.

In addition to these stains which may be spotted, the female victim of an assault may have considerable sperm in the vagina. In these cases a smears test is necessary to be taken by the attending physician. These particular stains are searched for by means of the ultra-violet lamp in which case these stains flouresence very strongly with a bright white or bluish-white colour. Apart from this method seminal stains may be located by feeling them because such stains have a stiff crusted feel when dry.





Human Spermatoza Above unstained, Below stained with safranin.

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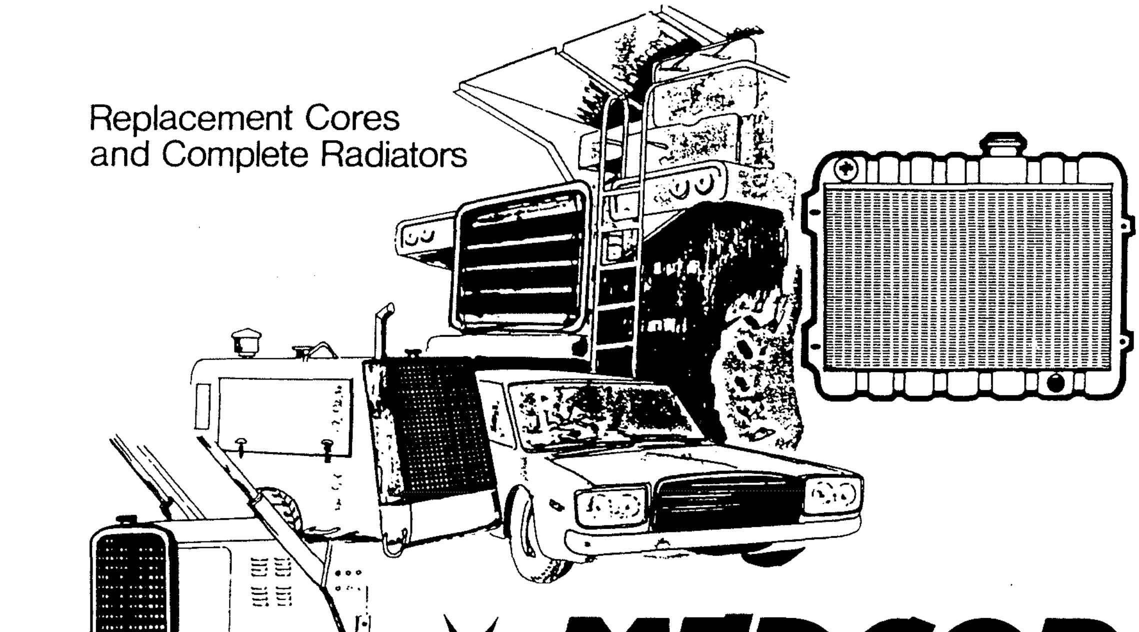

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Clyde Barrow u Bonnie Parker

Clyde Barrow twieled fl-24 ta' Marzu, 1909 f'Texas. Minn meta kien żgħir kellu tendenzi sadistiċi fejn kien jieħu sodisfazzjoni jittortura l-annimali.

Bonnie Parker twieldet fl-1911 u ta' erba' snin flimkien mal-familja tagħha kienet marret toqgħod f'Cement City, Texas. Ta' 16-il sena kienet iżżewġet lil Roy Thornton li kien ġie kkundannat għal 99 sena ħabs fuq qtil. Ftit wara Bonnie Parker fl-eta' ta' 19-il sena kienet iltaqgħet ma' Clyde Borrow li kellu 21 sena.

Ir-relazzjoni ta' bejniethom ma kelliex bidu tajjeb għax fl-ewwel lejl li Clyde mar iżur id-dar tal-maħbuba tiegħu dan kien ġie arrestat fuq serq u kien ġie kkundannat sentejn ħabs. Clyde kien ħarab mill-ħabs wara li Bonnie kienet daħlet pistola bil-moħbi fil-ħabs. Ftit wara Clyde kien reġa ġie arrestat wara li kien ikkommetta serqa armata f'uffiċju ta' stazzjoni tal-ferrovija, u kien reġa' ġie kkundannat għal erbatax-il sena ħabs. Clyde kien inħeles mill-ħabs bil-krozzi wara li ħabsi ieħor kien qatalu żewġt iswaba minn siequ b'mannara.

Meta reġa' mar lura flimkien mal-maħbuba tiegħu Bonnie Parker reġgħet bdiet il-ħajja kriminali tagħhhom fejn f'April, ta' l-1932, flimkien ma' tlett persuni oħra bdew bl-ewwel att kriminali fejn qatlu lil John W. Bucher f'Hillsoboro, Texas u serqu s-somma miżera ta' $40. Is-sensiela ta' atti kriminali minn belt għall-oħra komplew bla waqfien flimkien mal-gang tagħhom fosthom tifel ta' 16-il sena William Jones, ħu Clyde - Buck u l-mara ta' Buck - Blanche. F'diversi okkażjonijiet il-koppja Bonnie and Clyde u l-gang tagħhom ħelsuha ħafif meta ġew wiċċ imb'wiċċ mal-pulizija. F'waħda minn dawn l-isparaturi bejn il-gang u l-pulizija, Buck kien ġie ferut għal mewt u Blanche inqabdet mill-pulizija u kienet sentenzjata 10 snin ħabs. Wara dan Bonnie & Clyde għamlu tlett xhur jiġru minn belt għall-oħra jaħarbu mill-pulizija sakemm intemmet l-avventura tagħhom fit-23 ta' Mejju, 1934, fejn il-karozza tagħhom ġiet imbuskata minn sitt uffiċjali tal-pulizija li sparaw 87 balla u l-koppja mietet fuq il-post fl-eta' ta' 25 u 23 sena.

BONNIE PARKER AND CLYDE BARROW

Brian Donald Hume

Brian Donald Hume ta' eta' ta' 39 sena, kien konxju li f'każ kriminali ma setax jiġi ġustifikat darbtejn għall-istess akkuża. Meta ahu kien ġie arrestat u akkużat talli kien qatel lil sieħbu fin-negozju Stanley Setty u wara li qattaw biċċiet kien tefgħu minn fuq ajruplan għal ġol-English Channel. Huwa kien għalhekk ammetta li kien ħa sehem fil-qtil u kien liberat mill-akkuża ta' omiċidju. Kien intbat 12-il sena ħabs.

Fl-1958 huwa kien biegħ il-verżjoni vera tal-fatti li kienu ġraw lil gazzetta popolari u wara kien mar joqgħod l-Isvizzera fejn beda karriera oħra kriminali b'serq minn banek. Fi Zurich qatel xufier ta' taxi u waqt li kien qiegħed jistenna jgħaddi ġuri kiteb rumanz bl-isem 'The Dead Stay Dumb'. Fl-1976 kien ġie kkundannat għomru l-ħabs u ġie mibgħut lura l-Ingilterra fejn kien ġie dikjarat miġnun u mibgħut fi sptar mentali fi Broadmoor.

Elizabeth Bathory

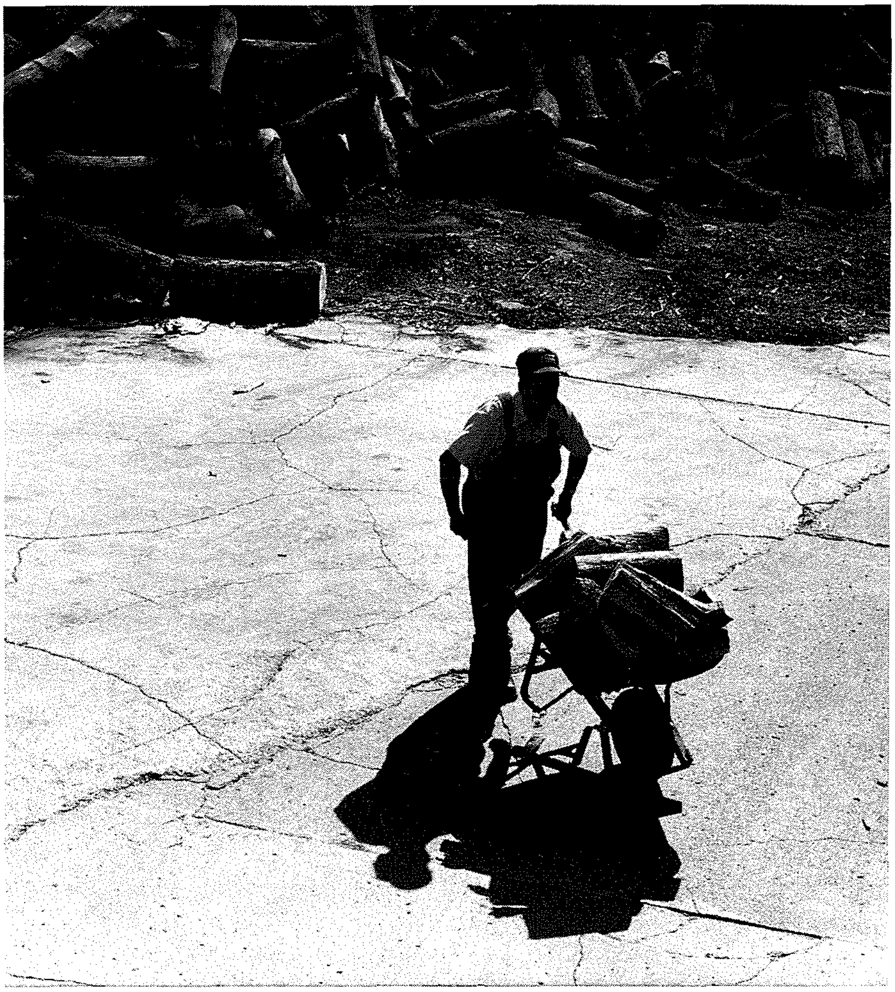
Fl-Ungerija il-Kontessa Elizabeth Bathory kienet tinħasel fid-demm tal-vittmi tagħha għax kienet temmen li b'hekk kienet tħares is-sbuħija tagħha. Fid-dlamijiet taħt l-art tal-Kastell tagħha f'Csejthe l-Ungerija, il-Kontessa kienet iżżomm tfajliet biex ikunu lesti għall-iskopijiet tagħha.

Il-Kontessa kienet akkużata għal 610 omiċidju u kienet ġie sentenzjata għal priġunerija f'kamra mingħajr dawl u iżolata u fl-1614 kienet mietet wara tlett snin f'dan il-post.

Earle Leonard Nelson

Earle Leonard Nelson kien raġel reliġjuż pero' f'inqas minn sentejn kien ikkommetta abbużi bi vjolenza u għallaq xejn inqas minn 22 mara. Dawn il-każijiet ġraw bejn Frar ta' l-1926 u Ġunju ta' l-1927 bejn San Francisco l-Amerika u Winnipeg fil-Canada. Nelson kien ġie arrestat meta mar f'ħanut biex ibiddel ħwejjġu u ħalla warajh pinna li kien ħa miegħu mid-dar ta' l-aħħar vittma tiegħu Mrs. Emily Paterson.

Waqt il-ġuri tiegħu f'Winnipeg, l-avukat difensur kien eċċepiexxa t-talba li l-akkużat kien miġnun waqt l-atti kriminali kommessi minnu. Il-ġurija pero' iddeċidiet li persuna li kien dejjem ibiddel ħwejjġu u ismu wara kull qtil ma kienx miġnun. Nelson għalhekk kien instab ħati u ġie mgħallaq fit-13 ta' Jannar, 1928, fl-eta' ta' 36 sena.



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Bħalma jsir ta' kull sena, il-Kummissarju organizza 'party' għal nies bi bżonnijiet speċjali. Din is-sena dan sar nhar l-Erbgħa 17 ta' April fil-kwartieri Ġenerali tal-pulizija l-Furjana. Għal din l-okkażjoni ġew mgħotija rigali lil kull wieħed u waħda li kien hemm preżenti kif ukoll ġew imtella' rigali oħra billi kull min kien presenti ngħata biljett mad-dħul u bih seta' jipparteċipa għal premjijiet oħra li kien ippreżentati għal din l-okkażjoni. Din is-sena ġew mistiedna tlett (3) Istituzjonijiet differenti: Istituzzjoni tas-sezzjoni ta' Ħal-Far; ta' Santa Venera kif ukoll ta' Għawdex.

Kien hemm preżenti 'il fuq minn tlett mitt ruħ. Kien hemm ukoll ikel u xorb biżżejjed għal kulħadd, dawn parti ġew mixtrija u oħrajn ġew mgħotija minn kumpaniji privati. Kulħadd għamel il-parti tiegħu biex nilħqu l-iskop tagħna biex inferħu lil dawn in-nies.

F'nofs il-programm, il-Kummissarju is-Sur George Grech u s-Sinjura tiegħu flimkien ma' l-Ambaxxatriċi Libjana li għoġobha tirregala televixin komplut bil-video lill-Kummissarju li dan reġa' offrih lil dawn it-tliet istitutzzjonijiet.

Kien hemm il-Group Red Arrow's Band u Marthese Tanti bħala kantanta biex inkomplu nferrħu lil dawn it-tfal.

Dan il-'party' ilu jiġi organizzat għal dawn l-aħħar sitt snin. Sew min-naħa tad-Dipartiment tal-Pulizija kif ukoll min-naħa tagħhom inkunu qegħdin nistennew din l-okkażżjoni minn sena għall-oħra.

Nixtieq għan-nom tal-Kummissarju nirringrazzja lill-membri tal-Korp kif ukoll lill-pajżana li jaħdmu fl-istess dipartiment li flimkien kienu ta' għajnuna biex konna nistgħu nilħqu dan l-iskop.

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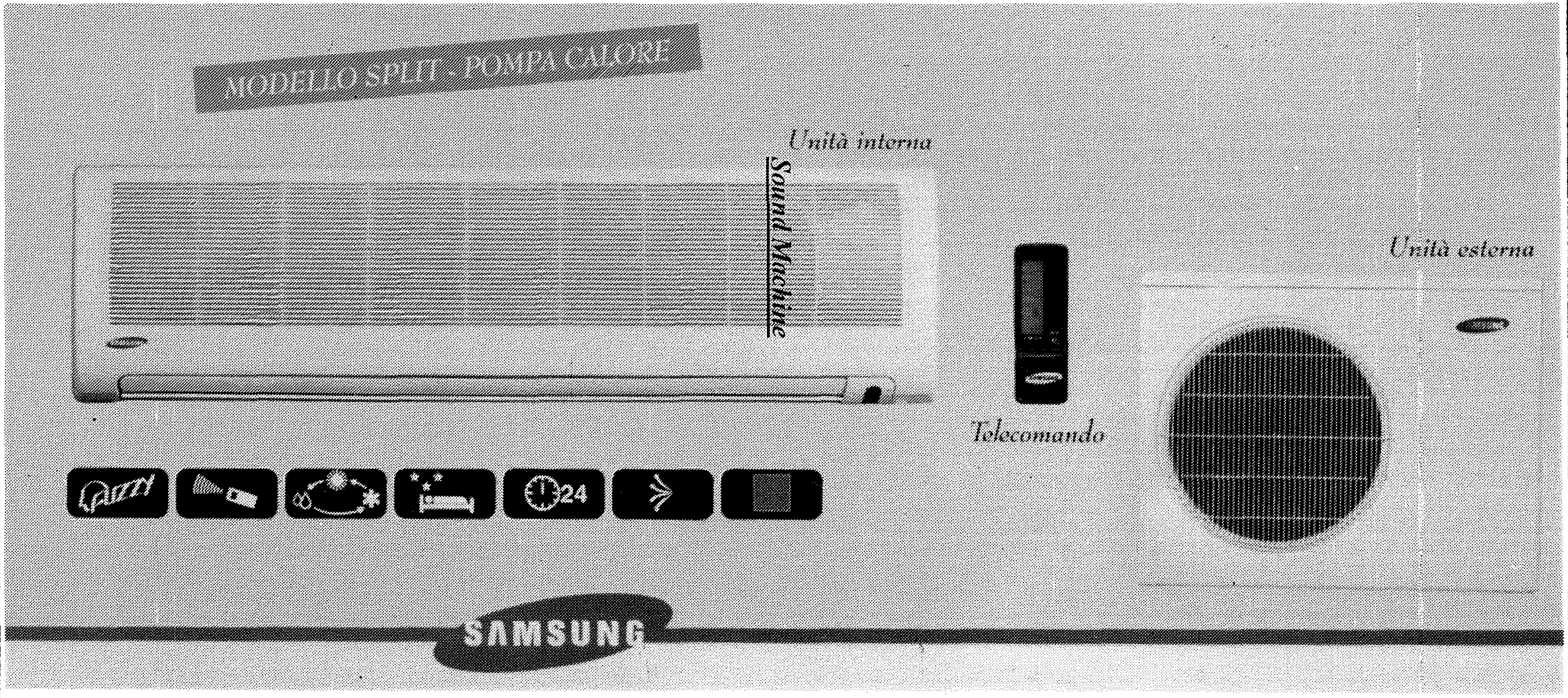

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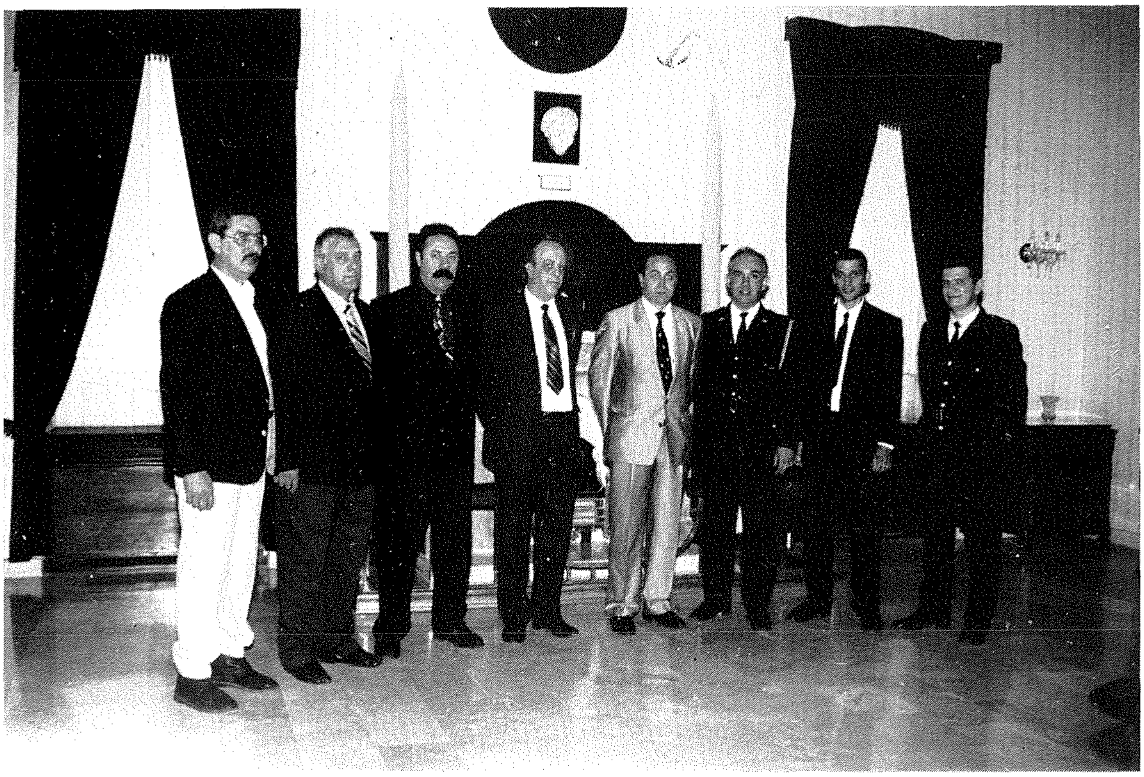

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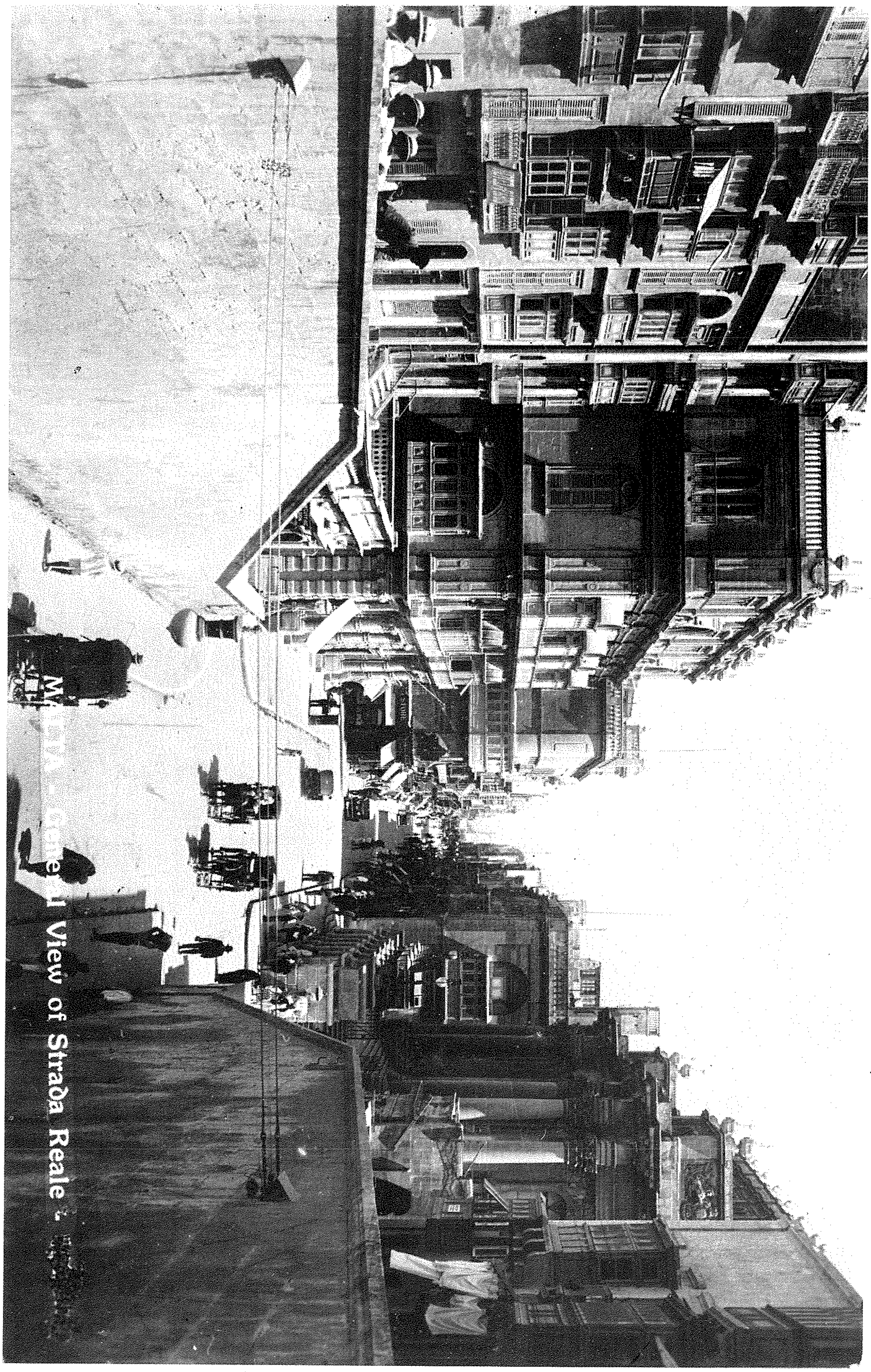

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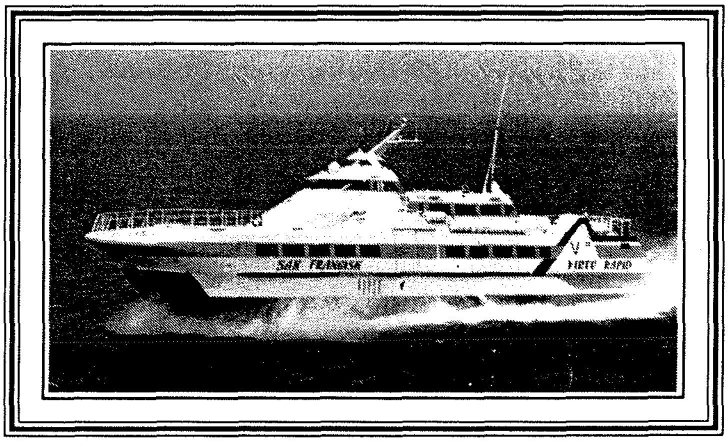

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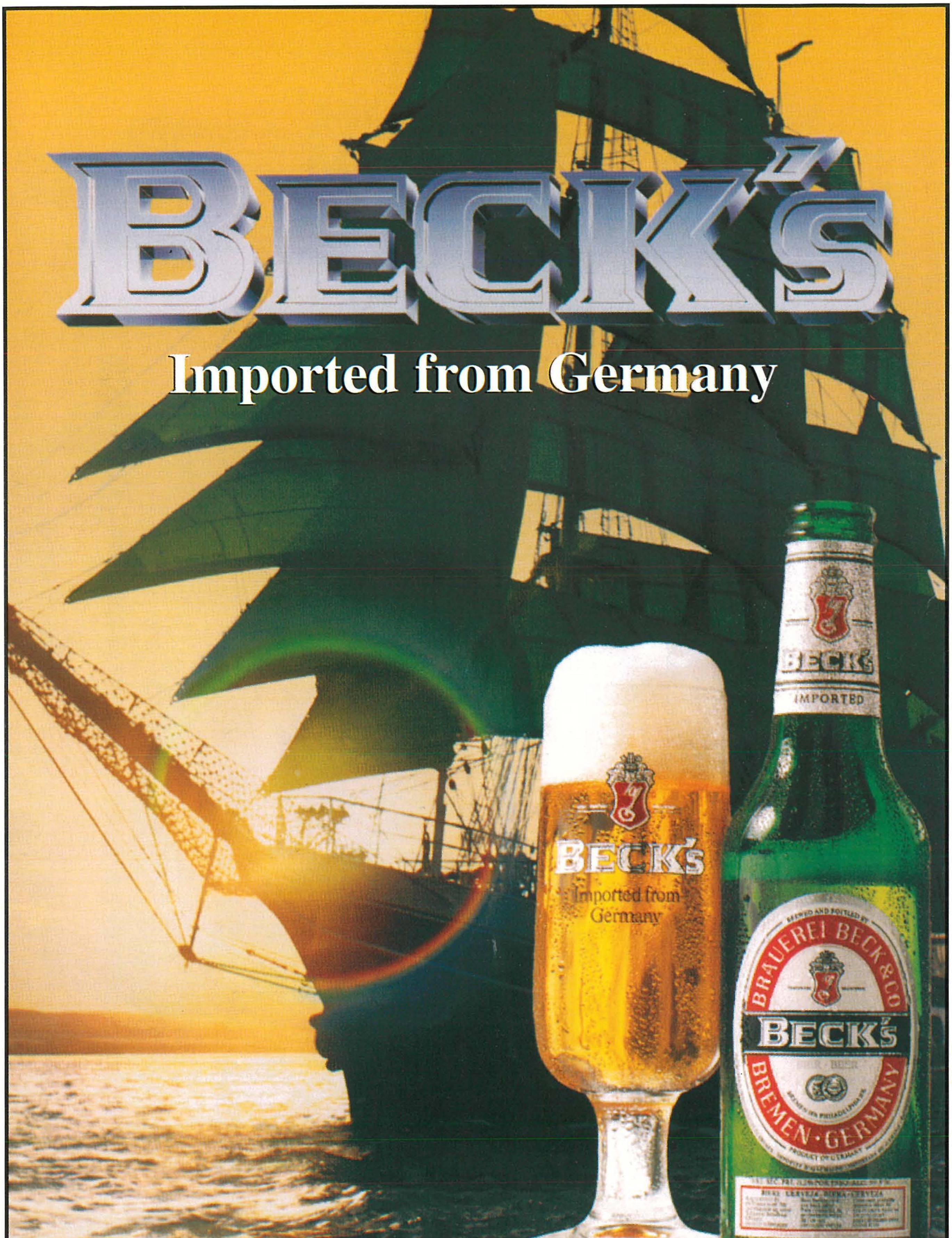

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