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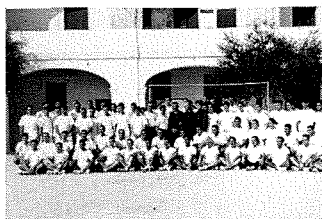
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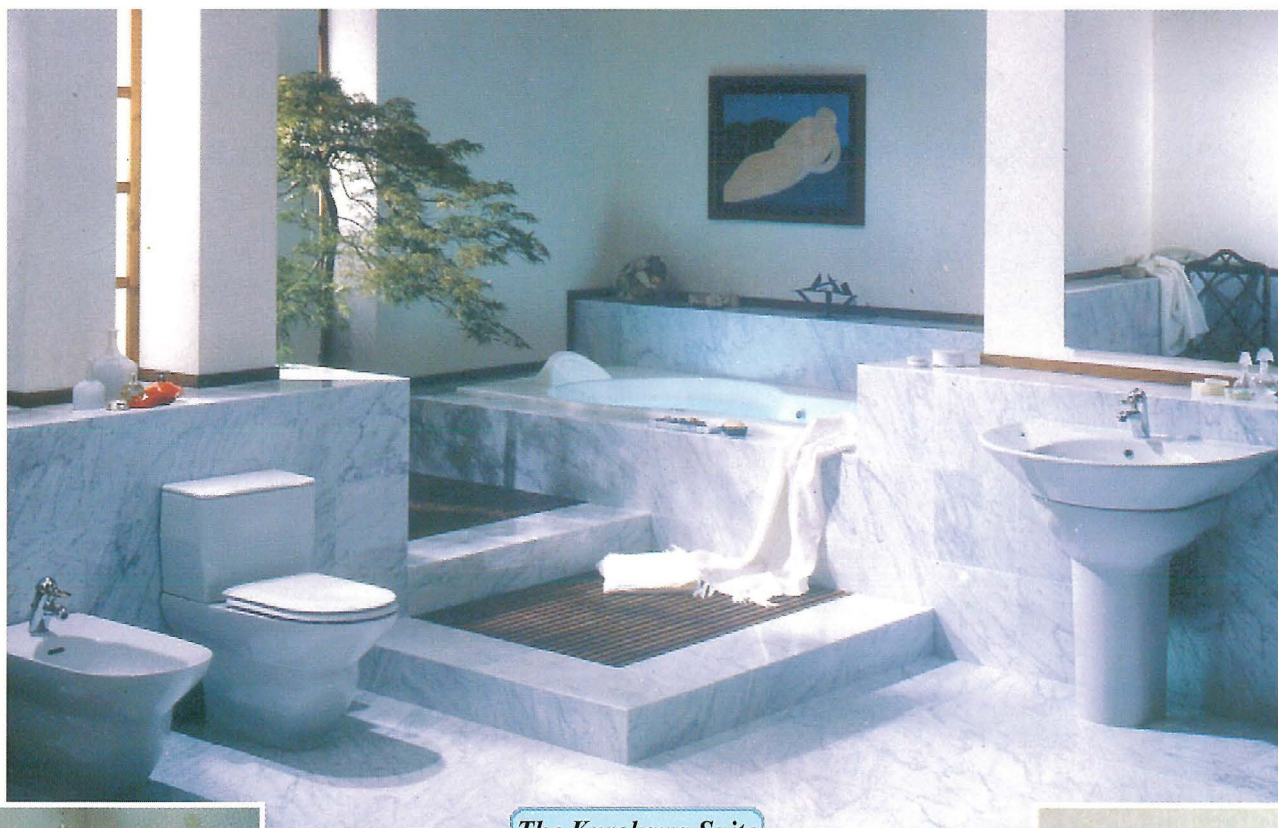


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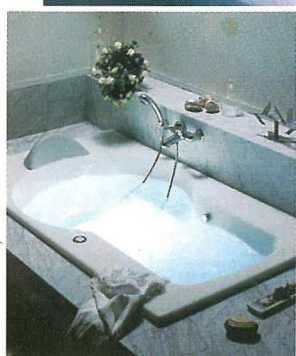


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## EDITORJAL

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### L-isfidi ġodda

*Il-frott tal-kriminalita organizzata huwa kbir ferm. Dan ifisser illi l-flus akwistati mill-kriminalita f'Malta u Għawdex, qegħdin jerġgħu jiġu investiti f'akwisti ta' proprjeta kemm mobbli u immobbli li jidhru leċiti quddiem is-soċjeta. Dan qed isir kuljum u bl-iktar mod mgħaġġel u effiċjenti, fejn l-istess istituzzjonijiet finanzjarji jistgħu huma stess ikunu qegħdin jintużaw dan għal dan l-iskop. Wieħed jista' jħares lejn dan il-fenomeni reali, bħala l-forma moderna tad-delitt ta' reċitazzjoni kif nafuha, imma bl-iktar mod fin!*

### Miljuni...

*Bla dubbju l-flus ġenerati mid-delitti li jitwettqu kuljum f'pajjiżna, jammontaw f'sena waħda għall-miljuni kbar ta' flus. Żgur ukoll li dawn il-flus jerġgħu jiġu investiti u jiċċirkulaw mill-ġdid, qiesu l-orijini tagħhom kien dejjem wieħed korrett. F'kelma waħda qiesu qatt ma ġara xejn!!!*

### Rikonoxximent...

*Bħalma kont diġa rriferejt u spjegajt żewġ liġijiet partikolari f'editorjal ta' dan il-'magazin' xi sena ilu, kemm l-emendi l-ġodda ta' 1994 ta' l-Ordinanza tad-Droga u l-Liġi dwar il-ħasil tal-flus, wieħed illum jinnota b'ċertu sodisfazzjoni li propju xi ġimgħat ilu, l-investigazzjonijiet indirizzati għall-każijiet konnessi mal-ħasil tal-flus, issa ġew fdati lill-iskwadra kontra vizzji wara din issa wkoll ġew definiti l-oqsma ta' investigazzjonijiet li jaqaw fir-responsabilita tagħha. Dan huwa żgur l-ewwel pass għaqli għar-rikonoxximent għall-isfidi l-ġodda li l-pulizija trid tiffaċja.*

### Effiċjenza jew ineffiċjenza...

*Jekk inkunu effiċjenti f'dawn l-isfidi, ir-riżultati se jkunu kbar. Irridu ngħaġġu għaliex diġa nħoss li bdejna tard. Meta tgħalaq l-iskop li tinvesti flus ġejjin mid-delitti, allura f'tit jibqa' skop għall-istess twestiq ta' ċertu delitti. Idejalment, dawn l-isfidi ġodda għandhom ikunu l-isfidi ta' kull membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. Dak li sa f'tit żmien ilu ma konnhix naħsbu fuqu, illum huwa realta. Il-ħażin hu li din ir-realta tista' tkun hi stess li tgħaleb l-isforzi tagħna minħabba l-ineffiċjenza. J'Alla dan ma nħalluhx isir.*



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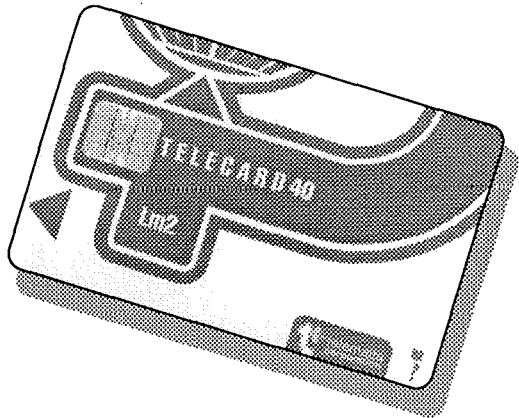
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*Il-pussess tal-ħaġa misruqa fi żmien riċenti hu wieħed mill-indizji biex juri li l-pussessor hu l-ħalliel, fin-nuqqas ta' spjegazzjoni li turi xort'oħra.*

Il-Pulizija vs Lawrence Camilleri

24 ta' Marzu, 1977

Imħallef: Onor. F. Mizzi LL.D.

Il-Qorti,

Rat is-sentenza mogħtija fit-23 ta' Frar, 1977, mill-Qorti Kriminali tal-Maġistrati tal-Pulizija Ġudizzjarja ta' Malta li biha l-imsemmi Lawrence Camilleri nstab ħati ta' serq aggravat bil-ħin ta' "tyre" u għodda, tal-valur ta' għaxar liri u ħamsin ċenteżmu (Lm10.50,0) kompllessivament, mill-karozza numru 60077 ta' George Jacono u għad-dannu ta' dina l-persuna, ġie kkundannat tmien xhur priġunerija u, fuq talba tal-Prosekuzzjoni, ġie kkundannat ukoll iħallas lir-Registatur tal-Qorti l-ispejjeż ta' l-espert William Cassar Torreggiani nominat fit-3 ta' Diċembru, 1976, a tenur ta' l-artikolu 527 tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, wara li dik il-Qorti kkunsidrat:

"Illi rriżulta li fis-26 ta' Novembru, 1976, għal xil-5.30 p.m., George Jacono pparkja l-karozza tiegħu 60077 fuq il-fosos tal-Furjana u, x'hin mar għaliha għal xis-7.30 p.m., sab li 'spare wheel' bil-'hub' u borża b'xi għodda nieqsa minn ġol-'booth' tal-karozza;

"Illi rriżulta wkoll li dakinhar, għal xis-6.45 p.m., membri tal-Pulizija kienu għaddejmin minn ġol-Olympia Car Park, Furjana, u raw lill-imputat wara karozza bil-'booth' miftuħ, b'rasu u jdejh ġol-'booth'. Kif rahom inġibed lura u ħareġ ċarruta u beda jimsaħ idejh. Il-Pulizija marru fuqu u ħaduh id-Depot tal-Pulizija waqt li barra l-'car park' sabu karozza oħra liċenzjata f'isem il-mara tiegħu. L-imputat iddikjara li din il-karozza l-oħra għalkemm liċenzjata f'isem martu jużaha hu u dakinhar kienet f'idejh;

"Ġewwa din il-karozza fil-'booth' il-Pulizija sabet, barra l-'ispare wheel' li presumibilmment huwa tal-karozza, żewġ roti, "jack" u xi għodda;

"Waħda mir-roti u l-għodda ġew identifikati minn George Jacono bħala dawk li kienu għadhom kif naqsulu mill-karozza tiegħu waqt li sid il-karozza, li kien hdejha l-

imputat x'hin marru fuqu l-Pulizija, qal li ma naqsu xejn;

"L-imputat qal fl-"istatement", konfermat bil-ġurament, li kien għaddej minn fejn il-"car park" u kellu bżonn naturali u allura ħalla l-karozza barra l-"park" u mar wara l-karozza. Qal li l-"booth" tal-karozza kien miftuħ u ma ħa xejn mill-karozza. Dawn ir-roti u l-għodda li kellu fil-karozza qal li ma jafx kif kienu hemm. Ma humiex tiegħu u ma poġġiehomx hemm;

"Il-pussess tal-ħaġa misruqa fi żmien riċenti hu wieħed mill-indizji biex juri li l-pussessor hu l-ħalliel fin-nuqqas ta' spjegazzjoni li turi xort'oħra. Ladarba l-Prosekuzzjoni prima facie ġġustifikat l-imputazzjoni bil-prova tal-pussess - huwa obbligu ta' l-imputat li jagħti spjegazzjoni. (App. Krim. 20.2.54 Pulizija vs Antonio Pace);

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"Illi l-imputat ma ta ebda spjegazzjoni attendibili ta' kif it-'tyre' u għodda li kienu għadhom kif insterqu minn post fil-viċin instabu fil-karozza tiegħu. Meħudin in konsiderazzjoni ċ-ċirkostanzi tal-każ - inkluża ċ-ċirkostanza ta' kif ġie sorpriż mill-Pulizija - il-Qorti tħoss li ġie pruvat sodisfaċentement li l-imputat hu responsabbli għas-serq tat-'tyre' u għodda li nsterqu mill-karozza ta' George Jacono;

"Dwar il-karozza li nstab fejnha l-imputat ma rriżulta li naqas xejn minnha waqt li, dwar ir-rota l-oħra li nstabet fil-karozza ta' l-imputat, ma ġiex ippruvat li din kienet ġiet misruqa;

"Illi rriżulta li l-imputat kellu żewġ roti fil-karozza u dawn ġew stmati mill-espert nominat mill-Qorti tal-valur ta'





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

Rat l-atti kompilatori, ir-rinviju ta' l-Avukat Ġenerali u l-atti oħra proċesswali;

Trattat l-appell;

Ikkunsidrat;

L-ewwel Onorabbli Qorti, in bażi għall-ġurisprudenza u dottrina in materja ta' pussess reċenti ta' re furtiva, irriteniet sewwa, kif del resto mhux kontestat, li l-possessor ta' oġġetti li jkunu għadhom kemm ġew derubati huwa konfrontat minn indizju gravi li kien hu stess li seraqhom, ammenokke ma jispjegax kif ġew għandu xort'oħra. L-appellant, pero, jilmenta li l-ispjegazzjoni tiegħu f'dana r-rigward messha giet aċċettata u ebda argument kontra tiegħu ma kellu jiġi deżunt mill-fatt, wisq naturali f'min ma jkun għamel xejn, li ssorprenda ruħu meta l-Pulizija qabditu u ħaditu d-depot.

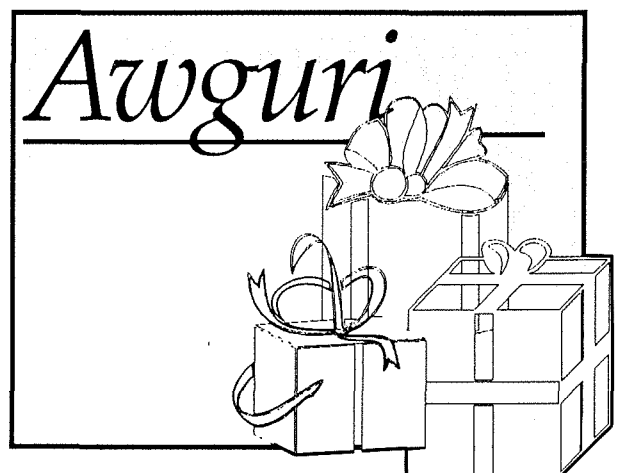
Dan il-ment ta' l-appellant mhux fondat. L-ewwel Onorabbli Qorti, infatti, kienet perfettament ġustifikata tirritjeni inattendibbli l-verżjoni ta' l-appellant li ma kienx jaf kif it-“tyres” u l-għodda in kwistjoni nstabu fil-“booth” tal-karozza użata minnu meta hu stess jikkonċedi li ma llargax minn hdejn dik il-karozza hliet biex jaqdi bżonn naturali ta' ftit durata. Min-naħa l-oħra, l-importanza mogħtija fis-sentenza appellata għaċ-ċirkostanza ta' kif l-appellant ġie sorpriż mill-membri tal-Pulizija li osservawh b'rasu u jdejh ġol-“booth” miftuħ tal-karozza hija f'waqtha in kwantu, kif jirriżulta attendibbilment mill-provi, l-appellant ingibed lura, ħareġ ċarruta u beda jimsaħ idejh hekk kif induna bil-preżenza ta' daww il-membri tal-Pulizija u mhux sempliċiment isorprenda ruħu, kif jippretendi, meta l-Pulizija qabditu u ħaditu d-depot.

L-appellant, fl-aħħarnett, jissottometti li, “Hija interessanti l-lokuzzjoni tal-Qorti meta qalet ‘il-Qorti tħoss li ġie pruvat sodisfaċentement’. Wieħed jtkellem fuq konvinċiment morali u anke l-espressjoni ‘tħoss li ġie pruvat’ hija ta’ xejra anqas minn dak li hu meħtieġ mill-liġi”. Ir-riferenza hija għal dik il-parti tas-sentenza appellata fejn jingħad hekk: Meħudin in konsiderazzjoni ċ-ċirkostanzi tal-każ - inkluża ċ-ċirkostanza ta' kif ġie sorpriż mill-Pulizija - il-Qorti tħoss li ġie ppruvat sodisfaċentement li l-imputat hu responsabbli għas-serq tat-“tyre” u għodda li nsterqu mill-karozza ta' George Jacono”. Dan il-kliem, senjatament in kwantu profferit minn ġudikant togat, jissodisfa pjenament il-vot tal-liġi għar-rigward taċ-ċertezza morali tal-ħtija, hielsa, kif għandha tkun, minn kull dubju raġjonevoli.

Mill-bqija, dina l-Qorti tagħmel tagħha l-osservazzjonijiet kontenuti fis-sentenza appellata li magħha, anke għal dak li jirrigwarda l-konkluzjoni fiha raġġunata, taqbel pjenament.

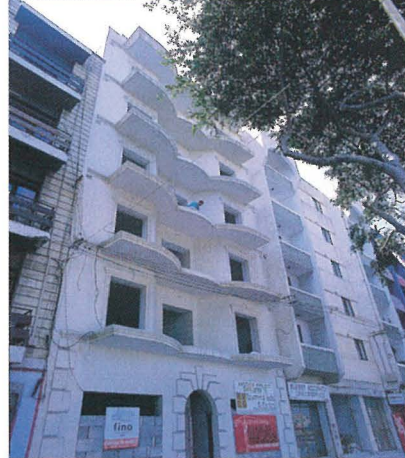
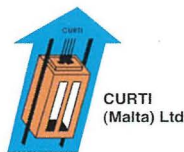
Għal dawn ir-raġunijiet u għal daww, superjorment adottati, tas-sentenza appellata:

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## Saħħa ħbieb: Ghaddiet sena - Minn R. G. Zammit (Spettur)

Kien il-Hamis 3 ta' Novembru, 1994 meta kont qiegħed bħas-soltu nisma' l-aħbarijiet tas-0600 hrs ta' filgħodu meta l-aħbar laqitni bħal sajjetta fil-bnazzi. "Il-Kuntistabbli tal-Pulizija P.C. - Mario Bajjada tilef ħajtu traġikament f'incident fatali ġewwa Ghawdex.

Kont qiegħed nipprepara biex immur għax-xogħol, iżda mingħajr ma ridt marrtili saħħti. Intfajt bilqiegħda fejn f'leħña ta' berqa għexieren ta' ħsibijiet għaddew minn moħħi, iżda bla ebda risposta. Bdejt nistaqsi lili nnifsi l-mistoqsija li dejjem wegġatni. "Imma għala? Aktar ma taħseb aktar twegġak.

Lura fuq ix-xogħol, kulħadd maħsud speċjalment fl-uffiċju tal-Q.M. fejn Mario kien stazzjonat. Iva, preċizament fid-daħla minn fejn kien jidhol Mario, dehret is-solitu bandiera tal-Korp bir-ritratt ta' Mario u b'dak iċ-ċoff iswed li tant sewwed qlub.

Kont għadni maħsud, meta l-Hadd, 6 ta' Novembru għall-ħabta tas-sitta ta' filgħodu waqt li kont xogħol, ċempilli l-kollega tiegħi P.C. R. Bristow fejn qalli, "Sir, miet Berry". Ma flaħtx inwieġbu. Kienet it-tieni sajjetta fit-tlett ijiem. Ftit ġranet qabel kont mort narah id-dar, u fih stajt nammira l-kuraġġ li kien qiegħed jiffaċja l-marda li ħakmltu. Tkellimna fit-tul fejn l-unika haġa li stajt noffri dak il-ħin kienet li noffri biex jagħmel aktar kuraġġ.

Lill-P.C. Bajjada sirt nafu ffit tax-xhur ilu. Ma nistax ninsa l-għajjnuna kbira li tagħni meta quddiem kelli taqbida maż-żmien fit-twaqqief tal-mużew tal-pulizija. Hemm ridt tarah, dejjem lest li jgħin, dejjem l-ewwel u

b'dik il-ħarsa Ghawdxija li kienet ġa għamiltu raġel matur.

Lil Lorry Berry ħdimt miegħu snin sħaħ, speċjalment fiż-żmien l-ex-skwadra ta' l-S.M.U. Snin li fihom kien

hemm żmien għad-daħk, għall-biki, żmien li tagħlimna u għallimna, żmien li għadirna u għadrana, żmien li f'kelma waħda kien tellagħna bħala familja waħda.

Xhieda tar-risposta u mħabba li dawn iż-żewġ kollegi gawdex kienu l-funerali tagħhom fejn folol ta' nies tawhom l-aħħar

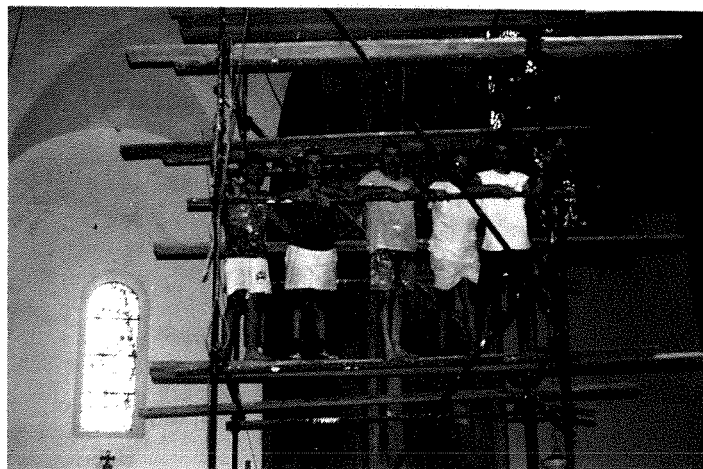
tislma. Żewġ funeralsi f'daqqa, wieħed Malta u l-ieħor Ghawdex biex b'hekk żgur li ż-żewġ gzejjer kienu f'dieqa waħda fl-istess ħin.

Żewġt imwiet li jhallu lil dak li jkun mingħajr saħħa. Grazi għall-omelija li smajt il-ħadd ta' wara fejn qassis anzjan fissar li qiegħed iħares lejn il-mewt bħallikieku kien qiegħed jipprepara biex jemigra lejn art fil-bogħod

iżda b'hena u ferħ jekk wieħed jkun prepara għalija. Omelija li ġabitni mill-ġdid lura f'sensija u mimli b'aktar tama u fidi. Ghaddiet sena. Hbieb.

Ma nkomplix, għax... u għal darb'oħra SAHHA HBIEB.

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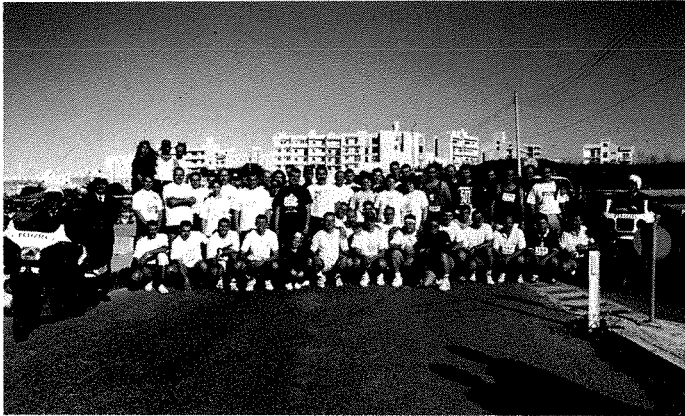
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# William J. Hersey Trophy - Mis-Supt. Alfred Abela



Kif jġu l-affarijiet. Itqajt mas-surgent 26 Brian Zammit u bdejna niddiskutu l-atletika. F'daqqa waħda qalli 'Min jaf kieku nagħmlu ġirja għall-membri tal-Korp?' L-ideja għoġbitni mill-ewwel u għalhekk irrispondejtu li kont ser norganizza waħda.

Domt ftit naħseb x'ser nagħmel u fl-aħħar iddeċidejt li norganizza ġirja ta' ħames kilometri mill-Kennedy Grove sa Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq. Hsibt biex nagħmilha nhar



id-19 ta' Novembru mid-9 am 'il quddiem. Ridt nagħti isem għal din il-ġirja u wara li qgħadt naħseb ftakart fl-ex-Suprintendent William J. Hersey li kien inkarigat mit-traffiku u kien għallimni ħafna fuq ix-xoġhol tat-traffiku. Għalhekk tlabt l-ewwel permess lill-Assistent Kummissarju Joseph C. Gauci li mill-ewwel infurmani li kien jaqbel, iżda naturalment ried hu wkoll jitlob permess lill-Kummissarju s-Sur George A. Grech. Dan ta' l-aħħar approvalna immedjatament dan l-avveniment. Ridt ukoll il-permess tal-familja Hersey qabel ma nsemmi l-ġirja għas-Sur Hersey. Infurmajt lis-Surgent 1360 J. Hersey li jġi t-tifel tiegħu u dan infurmani li l-familja tiegħu apprezzat ħafna dak li kont ser nagħmel.

Minn hawn beda x-xoġhol biex norganizza l-ġirja u l-ewwel haġa li ridt nagħmel kien li nsib sponsors.



Irnexxieli nagħmel dan u minn hawn nixtieq niringrazzja lil kulhadd. Xtrajt it-trophys u l-medalji u ħriġt ċirkulari.

Applikaw b'kollox 126 pero għal din il-ġirja ġew 88. Insertat ġurnata bnazzi ħafna u ma nistax infisser il-gost li ħa kull min ġie hemmhekk anke dawk li ma ħadux parti.

Din l-ewwel tigiija ġiet merbuħa minn PC 648 Dorian Dimech mis-sezzjoni tal-Mobile f'hin ta' 16.52 minuti. Warajh ġie PC 610 Laurence Grima u PS 567 Teddy Bajada, dawn it-tnejn mill-għaxar Distrett, f'hin ta' 19.24 u 19.55 minuti rispettivament.

Fis-sezzjoni tan-nisa l-ewwel ġiet WPC 60 Grace Bianco mill-Vice Squad f'hin ta' 30.17 minuti, it-tieni ġiet WPC 107 Sharon Bonnici f'hin ta' 32.37 minuti u t-tielet ġiet WPC 64 f'hin ta' 35.40 minuti. L-ewwel raġel mill-Akkademja ġie Louis Tabone u l-ewwel mara ġiet Joanne Vella. Tabone f'hin ta' 26.12 minuti u Vella f'hin ta' 27.16 minuti.

L-aħħar li daħlu kienu PS 1360 J. Hersey u PC



1002 A. Sciberras f'hin ta' 45.13 u 45.15 minuti rispettivament.

Kull min ipparteċipa ġie mgħoti midalja u dawk kollha li b'xi mod għenu ġew mgħotija Helmet Badge tal-Pulizija bħala ringrazzjament. Hawn nixtieq niringrazzja lis-superjuri tiegħi li approvaw dan il-ġest u tawni dawn il-badges għal dan il-għan.

Fl-aħħar nixtieq niringrazzja lil Malta Amateur Athletic Association, lis-St. John's Ambulance Brigade u fl-aħħar u mhux l-inqas lil PC 84 Paul Xuereb li kien il-fotografu għal dan l-avveniment.

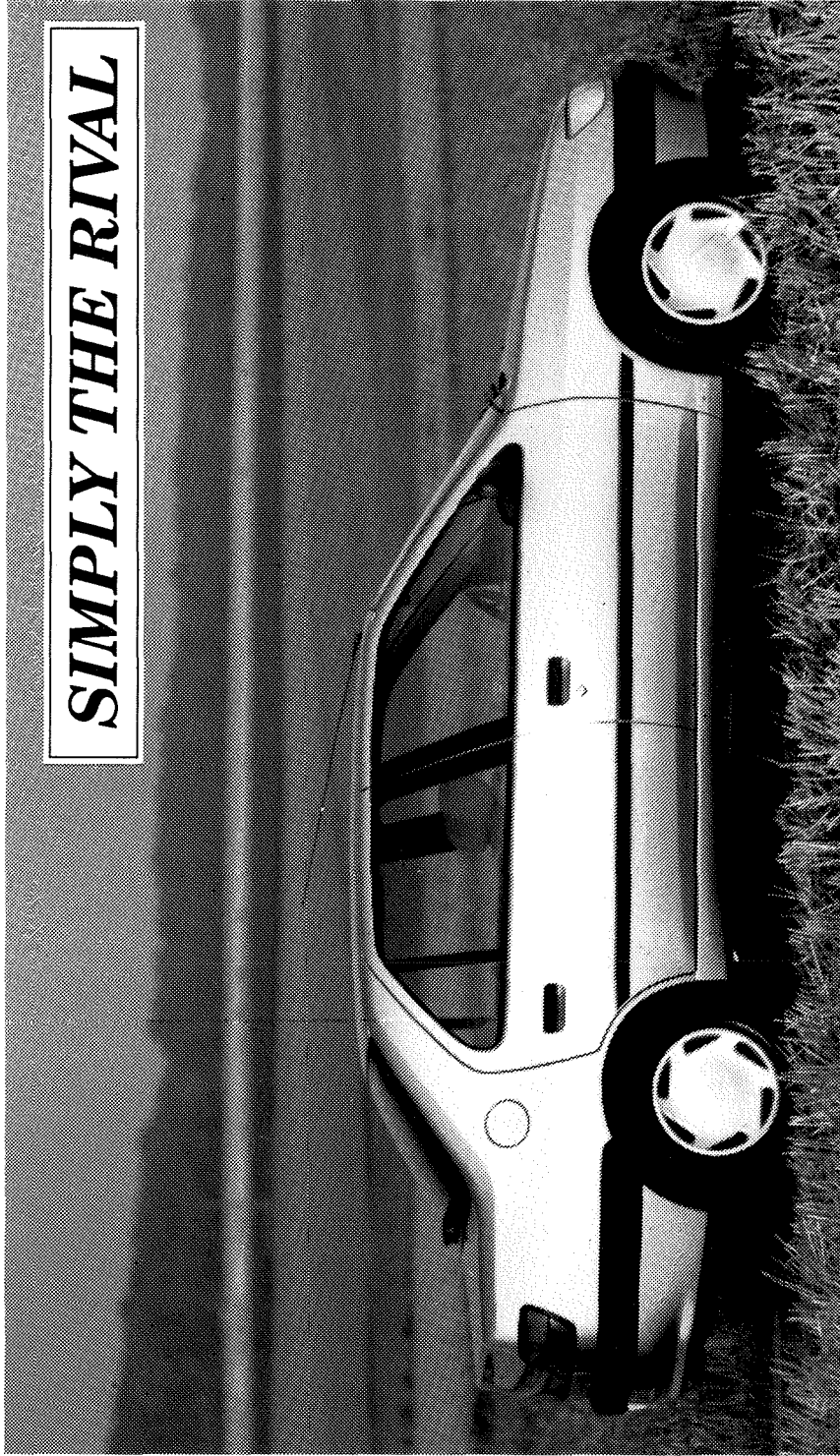
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# Inkomplu fejn hallejna - sejha oħra missjunarja

Minn Insp. Zammit



Għal darb'oħra reġa' kien hemm sejha oħra missjunarja, din id-darba ġewwa t-Tuneżija. Wara l-esperjenza missjunarja ġewwa Tunis ma kenitx daqshekk diffiċli. Iżda xorta waħda kien jenhtieg li wiehed joqgħod attent speċjalment fejn jidhlu tradizzjonijiet kemm reliġjużi kif ukoll kulturali.

Għalhekk matul l-ewwel tas-sena, beda jifforma ruħu l-grupp fejn saru xi laqgħat waħda importanti aktar mill-oħra. B'hekk ftit qabel wasal iż-żmien tat-tluq, kien jidher ċar li l-grupp kien sejjer ikun wiehed tajjeb hafna. Dan il-progress kollu niżel tajjeb fost il-membri tal-grupp peressli x-xogħol li rridna nwettqu kien kbir wisq u xi ftit ta' sogru wkoll. Ix-xogħol li ried isir kien ġewwa l-Katidral ta' Tunis, Katidral sabiħ immens iżda mitluq għal kollox.

Konna grupp ta' 23 persuna, nisa, irġiel u kif ukoll żagħżagħ ta' eta bejn 14 u 20 sena. Bi pjaċir nirraporta li miegħi għal darba oħra kelli tlett membri oħra tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. Dawn kienu PC 935 Patrick Cassar, PC 1378 Anthony Farrugia u kif ukoll PC 1461 Alfred Bray. Ngħid nieħu pjaċir insemmihom għax verament tieħu gost tara żgħażagħ ta' din ix-xorta, membri ġodda fil-korp joffrulek biex jgħinuk f'pajjiż barrani, bi spejjeż personali u ftit li xejn għajnuna.

Iżda l-intoppi bħalma jaf kulhadd ma jonqsux u propju hekk ġara ftit qabel it-tluq tagħna minn Malta. Kemm il-fundatur, lan Azzopardi kif ukoll il-grupp leader Joe Mifsud kellhom jiddropjaw milli jiġu minhabba raġunijiet kemm ta' xogħol u kif ukoll personali. Għalhekk ma stajt ngħid le meta dawn it-tnejn min-nies talbuni biex flimkien ma' membru ieħor tal-grupp nieħu hsieb it-tmexxija ġewwa Tunis. Thassarnihom tassew lil dawn iż-żewġt iħbieb, lil dawn iż-żewġt imħuħ għax-xogħol kontinwu li jagħmlu u li kultant ma jidhix, iżda għall-imħabba ta' Alla trid tbaxxi rasek u tagħmel kollox.

Wasal iż-żmien biex b'hekk fix-xahar ta' Lulju tlaqna lejn Tunis għal kwazi tlett ġimgħat ta' hidma kontinwa missjunarja. Mal-wasla tagħna filgħaxija kellna tilqagħna lil Sister Vinnie Catania, soru fuq tagħha, tieħu hsieb kollox, ġellieda kontra l-problema tal-fqar. Malajr issetiljajna fejn kellna norqdu, ġewwa skola fqira ġewwa Bab Il Ghasal. B'hekk għax-xogħol ridna nimxu xi għaxar minuti u wara xi nofs siegħa vjaġġ bit-trejn li kien iwwassalna preċiż ġewwa l-Katidral.

Kif diġa għidt ix-xogħol kien kbir wisq u għalhekk konna naħsbu kmieni għas-06.00 am biex nieħdu ftit kafe u mas-07.30 am tibda l-hidma wara li jkun sar ukoll il-'prayer meeting'.

Ix-xogħol li sar fil-Katidral kien ta' żebgħa mill-koppli 'l isfel u ma kullimkien, xkatlar u lostru lil mhux inqas minn tmien mitt sigġu, restawrar a Via Crucis, irranġar fil-kripta, bibien u hasil kontinwament.

Matul iż-żjara ma naqsux iż-żjajjar lill-familji fqar, lill-familji b'membri morda, lill-familji mifnija bi problemi. Pero fejn

hemm Alla hemm il-ferħ, għax hekk jgħixu dawn in-nies u hekk għallmu lilna ngħixu.

Tqassmu wkoll xi donazzjonijiet lil xi sorijiet, nies foqra iżda żgur is-sorijiet ta' Madre Theresa tibqa' f'moħħ kull membru tal-grupp. Dawn huma sorijiet li juruk il-ferħ, juruk it-triq it-tajba iżda fuq kollox, juruk min hu il-Hallieq u kif tkun qrib tiegħu.

Għadda iż-żmien u ġejna lura il-koll ferħana talli x-xogħol tlesta kif kien maħsub u iżjed. Iżda x-xogħol ma waqafx hawn. Le.

Bdew preparamenti oħra għall-mawra oħra. Min jaf forsi ġewwa l-Pakistan, Kênya, jew Eġittu. Le, issa la doqna dan kollu ma tistax issejħila 'sejha' iżda hija 'karba'. Karba li ġejja mingħand min hu batut, min hu marid mingħand min mhux milħuq u maħsub.

Xi jgħid wiehed li kieku kellu jagħmel xi ftit tal-missjoni hawn Malta ma' min hu fqir fl-idejat, ma' l-egoist ma' min hu mifni bir-rebħa, mad-drogati, ma' dawk il-familjari b'tant u tant problemi oħra li jibqgħu mistura u mitt haġa oħra speċjalment ma' min għadu 'l bogħod minn Alla.

Propju meta kont qiegħed inhejji dawn iż-żewġ kelmiet ftakart f'żewġ affarijiet ta' niket, ta' dwejjaq. L-ewwel, soru Maltija fl-Alġerija ġiet brutalment maqtula, soru li min jaf kemm daret b'missjunarji, min jaf x'rat għall-imħabba t'Alla, iżda għad hawn min ma jridx paċi, u l-oħra, ittra anonima li rċevejt fl-uffiċju bi kliem iebes kontra xi ħbieb u x-xogħol missjunarju volontarju. Faqar ta' mħuħ ta' nies li propju għandhom b'żonn 'l Alla biex jieqfu minn dan id-dnub hekk kbir lil min jaf kemm fena nies.

Għeluq: Nagħlaq biex ngħid grazzi lil kulhadd speċjalment lil dawk li għenuna biex għal darb'oħra inwettqu din il-missjoni u dan x-xogħol volontarju. Grazzi lil sħabi ġodda speċjalment lil Br. Kristinu Borg li għal snin twal għex u għadu jgħix ġewwa l-Pakistan, bniedem għani fl-imħabba lejn kulhadd, bniedem li jgħallmek ma' kull kelma li toħroġ minn fomm, u għal oħrajn li wkoll Alla żejjienhom b'karattru sabiħ.

Grazzi lil mara Jane, li kienet tiffirma parti mill-grupp u lit-tifel Daniel, li ingħaqad ma' żgħażagħ oħra għal din l-esperjenza flok għażlu li jiddevertu wara sena ta' studju u saġrifici oħra u kif ukoll lit-tifel iż-żgħir Roderick li b'saġrifici qgħad jistenna r-ritorn tagħna. Fuq kollox grazzi lil Alla.

Nota: Biex il-Mission Fund Group tal-Mosta jibqa' jgħati donazzjonijiet u għajnuniet oħra, inhegġigkom biex jekk ikollkom bolli u telecards użati, għadduhomna għax bihom verament nimxu 'l quddiem. Barra minn hekk, dawk il-membri tal-korp li forsi jiddeċiedu li jagħmlu xi sejha missjunarja jersqu 'il quddiem bl-idejat tagħhom.

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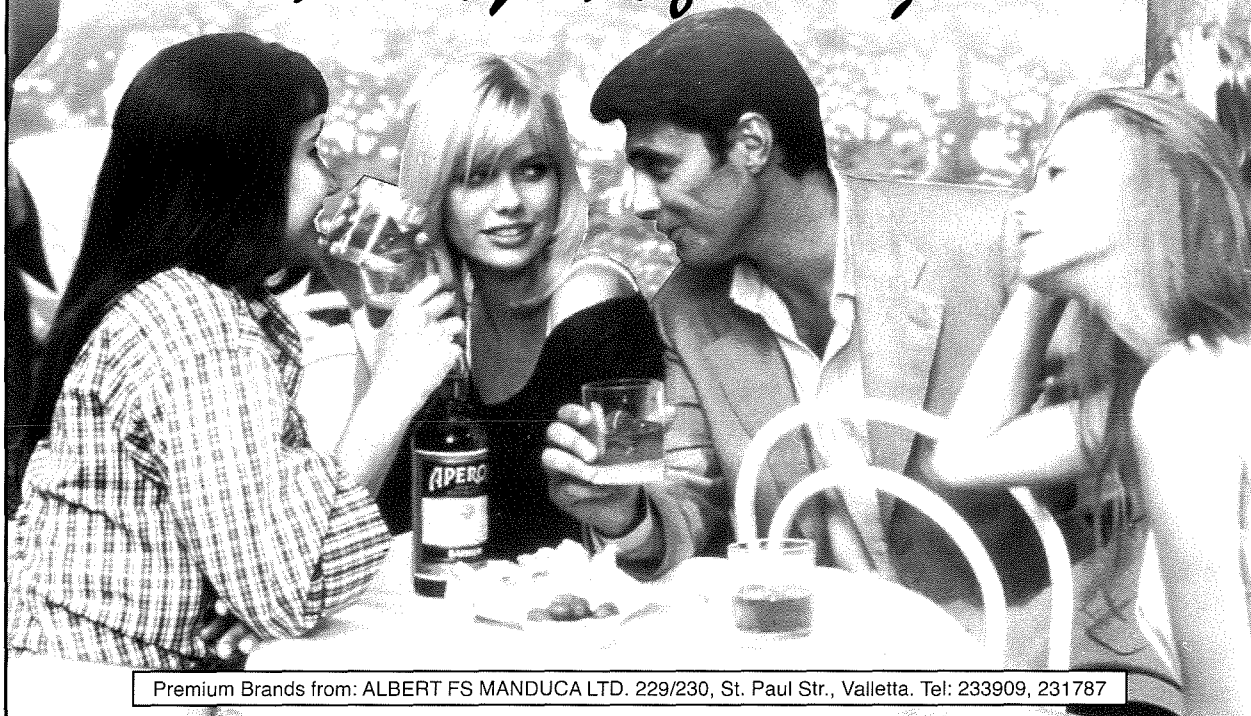
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# L-għarqa ta' żewġ membri tal-Korp

mis-Surgent 1379 R. Cremona

Għall-ħabta tal-granet ta' wara l-Milied ta' l-1946, l-Ispettur Eduard Tonna kien gie trasferit għat-Taqsima ta' l-Investigazzjoni Kriminali (DIK). L-Ispettur Tonna fl-ewwel lejl bħala 'duty officer' (fid-DIK) jgħid li filgħaxija ta' 10 ta' Jannar 1947, kien gie nformat li f'dak il-lejl kellu jkun hemm xi skejjen li seta' kienu nvoluti f'kuntrabandu, lejn San Pawl il-Baħar. Flimkien mal-kuntistabbli temporanju Karmenu Xuereb u l-kuntistabbli Joseph Carbonaro u Surgent marru biex jagħmlu spezzjoni fuq dawn l-iskkejjen. Gara biso li billi dawn l-iskkejjen ma kienux marbuta eżattament max-xatt, il-Kuntistabbli Carbonaro qabad dgħajsa li kienet max-xatt u ttanta jaqdef sa waħda mill-iskkejjen. Fil-lejla inkwistjoni kienet għaddejja maltempata qawwija.

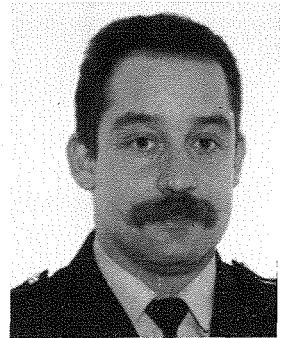
Filwaqt li Carbonaro kien sejjer, id-dgħajsa li kien fiha,

li kienet ta' ċertu Toni Vella mill-Mellieħa bdi et timtela' bl-ilma, kif ra hekk beda jxerjer it-torċ li kellu f'idu, biex juri li kien fil-periklu. Kif raw hekk l-Ispettur Tonna u l-Kuntistabbli temporanju Xuereb



ħadu dgħajsa li kien hemm fil-qrib li kienet ta' ċertu Ġamri Vella mis-Selmun, niżlughha fil-baħar u ttantaw jersqu lejn Carbonaro. Din id-dgħajsa wkoll intliet bl-ilma u nqallbet waqt l-attentat li kien qed isir biex Carbonaro jitle' fid-dgħajsa li kienu fiha Xuereb u Tonna. Għall-ewwel it-tlieta li kienu żammew mat-tieni dgħajsa maqluba. Il-kurrent u l-maltemp kien qawwi wisq.

F'daqqa waħda Xuereb telaq id-dgħajsa l-maqluba u dlonk ma dehrx aktar ħaj. Ftit wara kemm Carbonaro u kif ukoll l-Ispettur Tonna wkoll telqu id-dgħajsa. F'ħin minnhom l-Ispettur Tonna qal lil Carbonaro li kien qed jibla l-ilma li kien qed jergħeq. Ftit wara l-Ispettur ma dehrx iżjed. Carbonaro kien għoddu nteluq u ntilef meta ħass l-art taħt saqajh. Carbonaro gie megħjun minn xi persuni li laħqu ngabbru fuq ix-xatt.



Surgent 1379 R. Cremona

Carbonaro gie mehud fl-isptar li kien magħruf bħala ta' Bugeja, il-Ħamrun. Huwa qaleb għall-aħjar u kompli hidmietu fil-korp. L-Ispettur Edward Tonna kellu 36 sena, kien miżżewweġ u kellu żewġt itfal. Il-Kuntistabbli Karmenu Vella kellu 27 sena, għarus u kien qed jipprepara biex jiżżewweġ f'it gimgħat wara. Għalkemm saret f'itxija bla waqfien minn b'cejjeċ tal-qawwa naval' Ingliża, il-kadavri ta' dawn l-imsejnkna kienu nstabu gimgħat wara.

L-Ispettur Tonna kien laħaq sotto-Spettur fl-1936. Karmenu Xuereb li kien Għawdx, kien għadu kuntistabbli temporanju. Kien ilu trasferiet is-'CID' mill-

1945.  
Erba' siegħat qabel ma ħalla din id-dinja, l-Ispettur Tonna kien qed jilgħab pula d-Depot, u wara li sħabu kien u spiċċawh fil-logħob, kien pinga ras ta' mewt u biċ-ċajt



qal lil sħabu "issa tabilħaqq mejjet". Mur għidlu li erba' siegħat wara kellu jmut. Dawn iż-żewġ ex-membri tal-Korp tal-pulizija mienu waqt attentat biex jigi salvat wieħed minn sħabhom. Fil-fatt seħibhom salva.

Dawn ir-rakkonti ġew mehuda minn rapporti li dehru fit-'Times of Malta' u l-gazzetta 'Berqa' taż-żmien li seħħet id-diżgrazzja. Dawn il-gazzetti kellhom tifhir u apprezzament għall-qlubija murija, u sens ta' dover li kellhom il-vittmi. Kumment fil-'Berqa' kien jgħid "Dawn in-nies qalbiena tal-pulizija fittxew li jaqdu dmirijethom b'sogru ta' ħajjiethom". (24 ta' Novembru, 1995)

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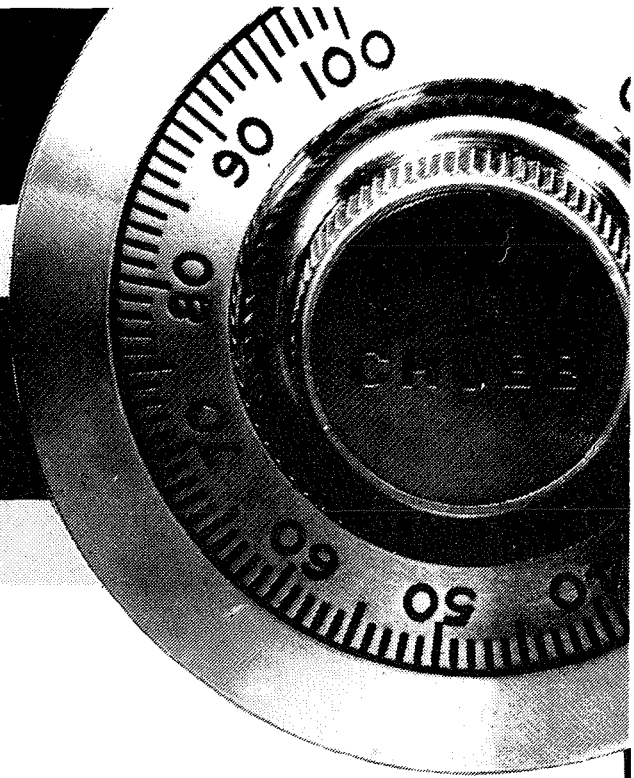
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Jum il-Ġimgħa, ġurnata sħuna mix-xahar ta' Marzu li kien ġie deċiż li wieħed mit-taħriġ kellu jkun 'Route March' ta' mhux inqas minn 40 km. Biex ngħid is-sewwa ma kienetx xi haġa ħafifa u lanqas xi ċajta, għax barra li kien ilu ma jsir route march ta' daqs tul, kull membru kellu jgħorr fuqu piż ta' mhux inqas minn 30 kilo meta wieħed jinnota li kellu jintlibes ċertu lbies

ukoll PS 1460 G. Farrugia, u jena. Ilkoll kemm aħna konna taħt il-gwida ta' Signor Aldo Celaceci li huwa fizza mal-Missjoni Militari Taljana f'Malta.

Għalhekk inħarġu struzzjonijiet biex fl-imsemmija ġurnata fil-0500 ta' filgħodu kulhadd jiltaqa' ġewwa ta' Kandja fejn minn hemm tlaqna bil-karozzi għaċ-Ċirkewwa minn fejn kellu jkun it-tluq.



bħal pereżempju: (l) Bullit proof/vest (15 kls) Rifle (5 kls) u aċċessorji oħra.

Għalhekk kien ġie deċiż ukoll li għal din ir-route march jidhlu biss volontiera. Ir-raġuni kienet, peressli ħafna mit-triq kienet ġewwa l-kampanja, ma kienx faċli li wieħed jiġi assistiet f'każ ta' emergenza.

B'hekk fis-sitta preċiż u wara li ffinalizzajna xi punti, kulhadd ħa postu fejn minn hemm bdejna t-triq it-twila li kellha teħodna lura fil-kwartieri tagħna ġewwa ta' Kandja fis-Siġġiewi. Ir-rotta kienet hekk:- Ċirkewwa-Marfa - it-telgħa għal by pass tal-Mellieħa, toroq qalb il-kampanja li wasluna il-Manikata, għal Għajn Tuffieħa-San Martin (it-telgħa) għal Imġarr-Mosta-Rabat-Girgenti minn wara, Girgenti-taħt is-salib ta' l-Għolja Siġġiewi Village u ġewwa għall-kwartieri.

Bħala ħin wieħed jista' jgħid li kien ħin 'record' għax wasalna lura fi-1235 hrs., li jfisser medja ta' 8 minuti kull Km. Ta' min jinnota wkoll li waqfien ma kienx permess u għalhekk ta' min jgħid grazzi lill-kollegi l-oħra speċjalment S.M. Mario Sant (m'għadux fil-korp) li kontinwament kien magħna kull tant ħin u tul iqassam xi ilma.

Haġa ta' min jikkommenta fuqha kien li għalkemm mhux kulhadd irnexxielu jasal lura jew aħjar jispiċċa t-triq kollha, pero żgur li deher ċertu sodisfazzjoni fuq fomm kulhadd għax kulhadd ta seħmu kemm felaħ. Barra minhekk dawk kollha li ma komplewx it-triq kienu ta' inkoraġġiment kontinwu għal sħabhom li segwewhom mill-qrib b'karozza.

Ma għandniex xi ngħidu, xi nuffata dehret ukoll u xi difer tilef postu wkoll. Izda dan kollu mhux ser jaqta qalb il-membri jew inaqqas mill-kuraġġ biex għal darb'oħra s-suċċess ikun mija fil-mija aħjar.

Għalhekk fil-waqt li nagħti prosit lil dawk kollha, li spiċċaw it-triq kif ukoll lil oħrajn li ppruvaw minn kollox, għal darba oħra wkoll nispera li jkun hemm uċuh godda wkoll.

Saħħa.



Għalhekk daħlu għalija għaxar membri li kienu PS 184 S. Cacciattolo; PS 589 A. Deguara; PS 1008 M. Mallia; PC 656 C. Callus; PC 1270 M. Gauci; PC 45 A. Vella; PC 670 W. Sheldon; PC1192 M. Wyson, kif

# Attivita ta' arti marzjali ġewwa l-Akkademja tal-Pulizija

Kien nhar it-Tlieta, 17 ta' Ottubru 1995 li l-Akkademja tal-Pulizija laqgħet tnejn mill-aqwa atleti fl-arti marzjali jew aħjar kif inhu magħruf aħjar WING TSUN. Dawn ma huma hadd ħlief Mr. K. Smart kif ukoll Mr. J. Merrow, li huma t-Tnejn 5th Dan u 2nd Dan Master degree rispettivament.

Jgħinu lil dawn iż-żewġt iħbieb kien hemm ukoll Mr. Vince Cilia 1st Dan Master degree kif ukoll PS 1036 Stephen Mallia li bla dubju żgur li jipprometti bil-kbir.

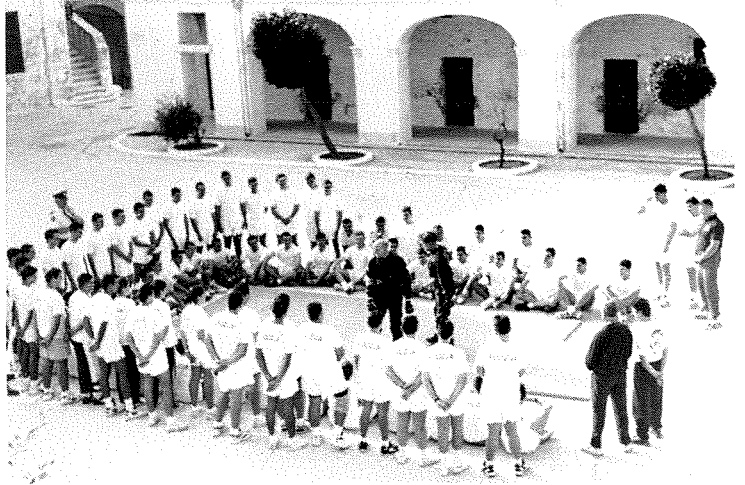
Din iż-żjara seħħet wara li saru xi diskussjonijiet ma' Vince Cilia li huwa wkoll id-Direttur tekniku f'Malta tal-Wing Tsun Organisation. (M.W.T.O) L-istudenti kollha (pulizija rekluti) kellhom ix-xorti li għal ftit hin jitikellmu kif ukoll jitrejnjaw ma' dawn il-kollegi.

Meta tkellimt fit-tul ma' Mr. Smart li fil-mument qiegħed jgħallem diversi għaqdiet inkluż pulizija ġewwa diversi pajjiżi Ewropej għar-rigward kif wieħed għandu jiddefendi lilu nnifsu mhux biss bħala persuna iżda wkoll minħabba li d-drittijiet tal-bniedem qegħdin dejjem jikbru u għalhekk wieħed jista' jiffaċċja xi diffikultajiet meta u kif jużahom, Mr. Smart spjega li din il-ħaġa qegħda ssir aktar diffiċli għal dawk li jhaddnu s-serjeta, iżda t-tagħlim għandu jkun mhux biss kif tiddefendi iżda wkoll kif tispjega dak li għamilt. Barra minnhekk Mr. Smart kellu wkoll kliem ta' tifhir għas-sugġett ta' 'Unarmed Combat' li qiegħed jiġi mgħallem ġewwa l-Akkademja. Mr. Smart semma' wkoll li jemmen li kull membru tal-korp, ta' liema pajjiż hu għandu jhaddan xi tip ta' arti marzjali biex ikun kapaċi jiddefendi lilu nnifsu minn diversi sitwazzjonijiet li jista' jiltaqa' magħhom.

Fil-waqt li awgura lil kulhadd għal aktar taħriġ u suċċessi, Mr. Smart wiegħed li ser jerġa' jiġi għal darb'oħra Malta fejn ser ikompli jħarreg aktar atleti f'dan is-sugġett.

Minn din il-paġna nixtieq li niringrazzja lill-kmandanti ta' l-Akkademja. Mr. Anthony Mifsud Tommasi kif ukoll lil Lt. Col. J. K. Valenzja rispettivament, li aċċettaw biex dawn iż-żewġ kollegi jkunu jistgħu jattendu.

Grazzi lill-kollegi sħabi fil-korp, PS 184 S. Cacciattolo, PS 302 D. Micallef kif ukoll lil PC 1010 E. Vassallo, PS 1008 M. Mallia il-koll qegħdin jgħinu ħafifa biex kemm il-physical training kif ukoll l-unarmed combat inżommuhom fuq livell għoli speċjalment ġewwa l-Akkademja.



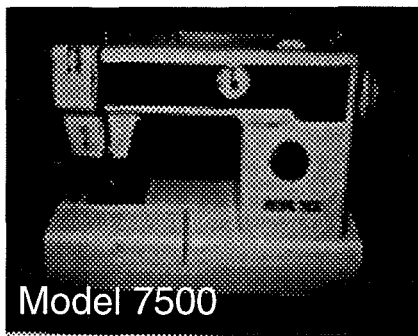
Nagħlaq billi ngħid lil dawk kollha li qegħdin jitharrġu xi forma ta' taħriġ biex dawn ikomplu jagħmlu u jużawh biss fuq forma ta' dixxiplina. Dejjem ftakru li l-kwalitajiet tajbin biss iwasslukom għal aktar suċċessi u ħajja aħjar.

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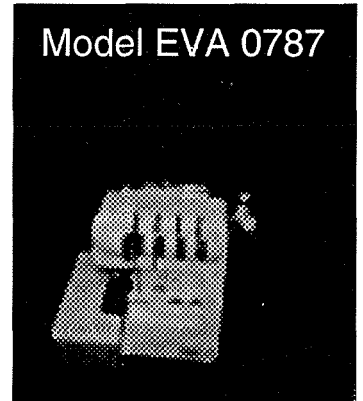
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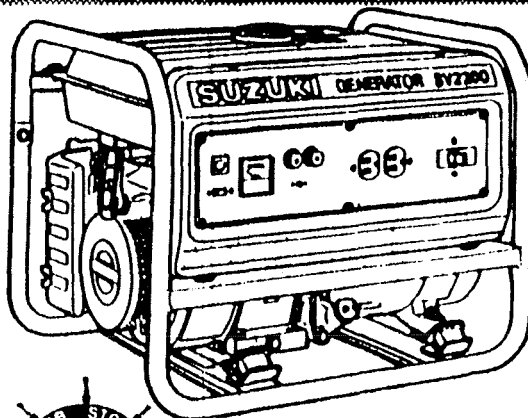
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*"My presence is a declaration of support and admiration at the courage and determination of the originators of this academy."*

*The government welcomed such initiatives in the aviation industry, which showed that the private sector has trust in how this sector was developing and was prepared to give its contribution, he said.*

A group of 80 air cadets will be starting courses at the academy next month and successful cadets would, at the end of the various phases of the courses, qualify for a private pilot's licence to fly single engine light aircraft to aircraft with a maximum take-off weight of 5,700 kgs.

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At present the academy, which is located at 'Albatross', Thomas Galea Street, Luqa has 13 instructors.

It is owned by Captain Raymond Zarb, managing director and directors Mr. Joe Zarb and Mr. Alfred Brincat, instructor.



The company owns three Cessna aircraft - a 152-II, a 172-Skyhawk and a 177RG-Cardinal.

Each cadet or student pilot may select from various flight crew training programmes including programmes for private pilot or commercial pilot, instrument rating, ground or flight instructors and in the near future airline transport courses.

Capt. Zarb said progress made in the field of aeronautics provided limitless openings for advancement and promotion.

"Reliable sources in the airline industry continue to express concern that within the next five years, just over half of the world's airline captains are due to retire. This will create a demand and opportunities for professional pilots as never before," Capt. Zarb said.



Capt. Zarb said the task to set up the academy was not easy... "one could have easily given up a long time ago.

"And it has taken three years to finally become officially approved and licensed to instruct under the US Department of Transport, the Federal Aviation Administration, the UK Civil Aviation Authority and the Department of Education in Malta."

Capt. Zarb said the objective of the academy was to create an environment where eligible students can enhance skills and opportunities locally without having to incur any high expense or hardship by travelling overseas.



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# European Flight Academy Co. Ltd - Inauguration Speech

Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to European Flight Academy and therewith an exciting and challenging world of Aviation.

It has been an uphill climb with many obstacles which has led us to this moment. The conception of the Academy goes back three years. I had been approached, by academic members in the educational sector, to act as a helping force in providing guidelines for students, who showed keen interest in gain in a pilot's licence. This encounter and several similar situations, motivated myself and other founder members of the Academy to fulfil a vision, which has long been wished for and overdue - that of opening a flight training Academy in Malta.

The task was by no means easy, with many stumbling blocks and instances where one could have easily given up a long time ago. However, the need for such an organisation, coupled with the support encountered, drove us even further, to overcome any resistance which could have hindered the creation of the Academy. It has taken three years to finally become officially approved and licenced to instruct under the United States of America, Department of Transport Federal Aviation Administration, Part 141, the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority and the Department of Education Malta.

It is therefore, the mission of the European Flight Academy to develop and inspire the aviation authorities with a vision for tomorrow. The goal of this institution is to produce flight crew, who have the knowledge, character and high motivation essential to leadership, pride in all they do and commitment to an aviation career.

With this in mind, we will establish ourselves as the

leading flight institution both locally and on the European Market. Our objectives also aim at creating an environment where eligible students can enhance these skills and opportunities locally, without having to incur any high expense or hardship by travelling overseas.

It is a known fact, that throughout the ages, Malta has always been held as a valuable location due to its strategic position in the Mediterranean. Therefore, even today, in the 20th century we should realise this and fully take advantage of the situation. Malta is already considered as being a hub for international Air Traffic and the European Flight Academy will serve as a stepping stone to contribute to this aim, by taking this advantage and promoting general aviation. On a smaller scale, this will contribute to the economy of Malta, and will offer a prosperous gain.

The Academy is looking forward to comply in full with the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), Flight Crew Training requirements which are to be implemented in Europe in the very near future. It is also part of our portfolio, to keep in step with European countries, provide adequate training services, materials, etc. therefore creating stiff competition to other foreign institutions.

The Academy is presently nestled here in this building, comprising of offices, lecture rooms, recreational area, Pilot shop and an Aviation Medical Examination room. It also owns three Cessna aircraft, a 152-II, a 172-Skyhawk and a 177RG Cardinal. The Cadet and Student Pilots include both males and females and the increasing demands of enrolment with the Academy is very encouraging. Each Cadet or Student Pilot may select from various Flight Crew training programmes offered by the European Flight Academy.



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The Major areas in which they may graduate from are 'Private Pilot', 'Commercial Pilot', 'Instrument Rating Ground Instructors', 'Flight Instructors' and in the very near future 'Airline Transport Pilot' courses. There are also several other programmes available such as Human Performance and limitations in Aviation, Dangerous Goods Awareness and Radio Telephony and Telecommunications for foreign Student Pilots with limited English background and the latest addition is a variety of Ground Crew Training programmes.

It is felt that European Flight Academy will serve to bring further changes within certain departments of present controlling bodies. The need for new structures, layouts and format will have to be created if non-existent and are to conform with one of the major three world wide recognised aviation bodies the CAA, JAA and the FAA. In due course Malta will be regarded as an authority into JAA. European Flight Academy will therefore, be instrumental in creation for locally formulated licenses in accordance with the JAA, and will act as a professional body in providing accurate details and sound advice in this area. European Flight Academy act as a professional body in providing accurate details for the United States Department of Transport Federal Aviation Administration I trust you all agree, that a healthy co-operation at all levels within our organisations is to our mutual and interest of our Country.

The progress made in the field of aeronautics remains unparalleled by any other science. Looking to the

future, we see that openings for advancement and promotion are also limitless. Reliable sources in the Airline industry continue to express concern that within the next five years, just over half of the world's Airline Captains are due to retire. This will create a demand and opportunities for professional pilots as never before.

By providing these opportunities, we feel that today, another milestone in the local aviation scene has been achieved. By no means, do we think, that European Flight Academy has reached its limits, but more so, this is only the beginning - the tip of the Iceberg. It is a challenge for us, in all walks of life, to promote this area of General Aviation, as an educational, economical and social gain. It is not only a means of transportation, but a way of communication linked with modern technology.

We are proud of all our achievements, which would never have been attained without the dedication, commitment and professionalism of all those concerned and were ready to give their full support. The Academy extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to getting us this far. A word of gratitude must also go to our partners in the Aviation industry, in particular the Ministry for Transport Communications and Technology. My final and special thanks to my Family and Friends for their support of this initiative.

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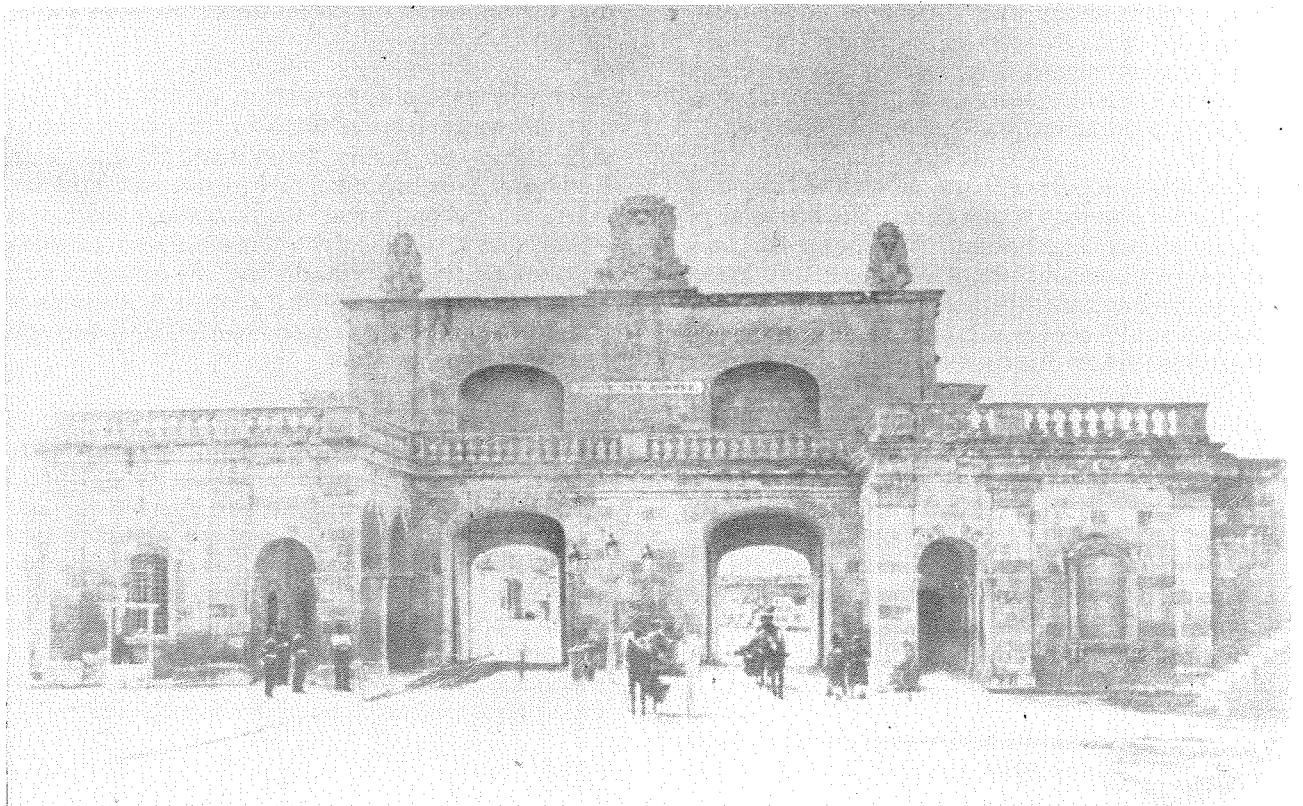
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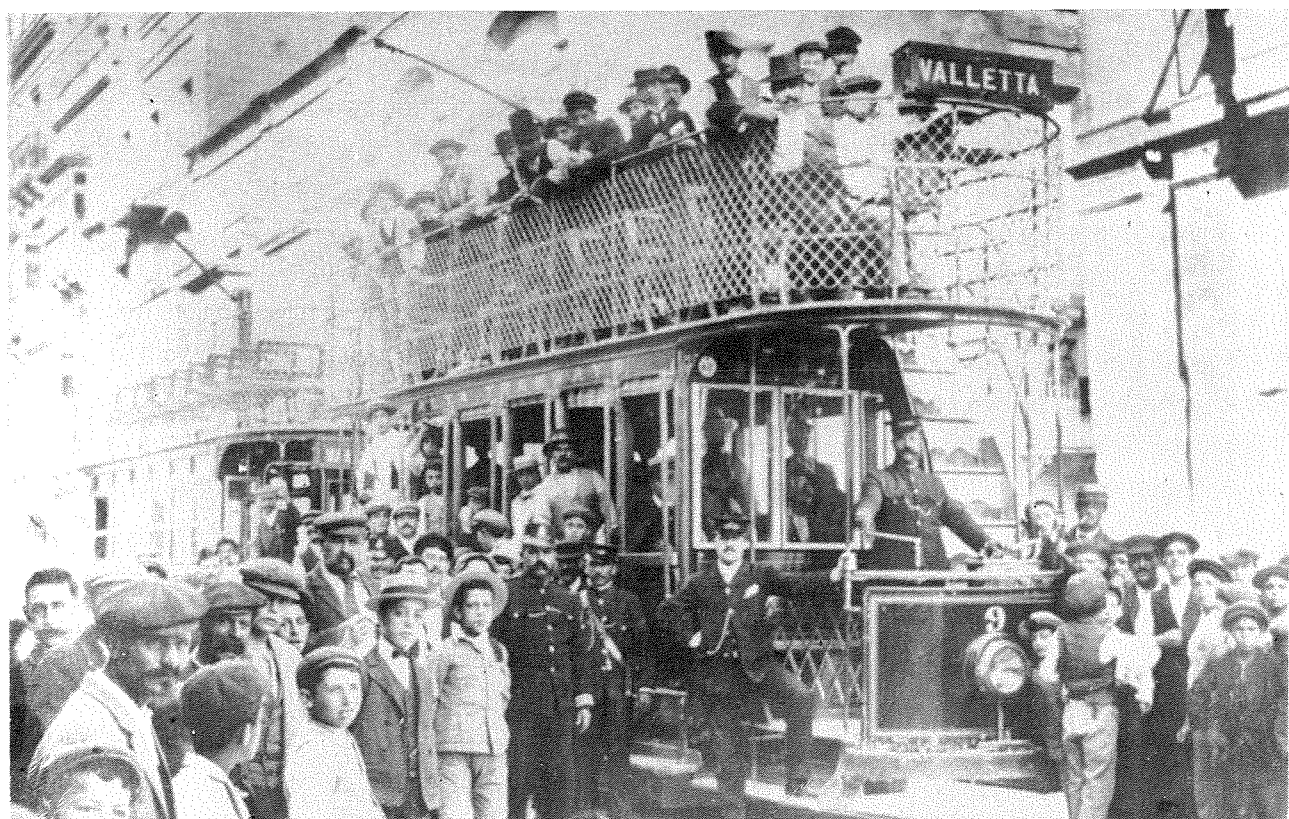
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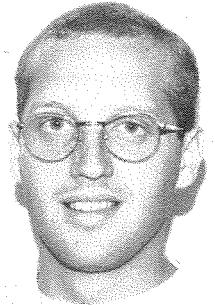
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# Ir-reklutaġġ fil-korp tal-pulizija

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## Žmenijiet mhux 'il bogħod

Kulhadd jiftakar f'dawk iż-żmenijiet fejn kienu ftit dawk li japplikaw biex jidhlu fil-Korp tal-Pulizija. Meta nitkellmu fuq hekk inkunu qiesna qegħdin insemmu xi haġa ta' hafna snin ilu, iżda fil-fatt dak iż-żmien għadu kemm kien magħna. Qiegħed ngħid hekk minħabba li mill-1992 'l hawn tista' tgħid kien hemm suċċess kontinwu f'dak li jirrigwarda persuni b'interess li jingagġaw fil-Korp. Tant hu hekk li kull darba jkun hemm numru konsiderevoli li ma jigux aċċettati biex isegwu l-korsijiet fl-Akkademja.

Dan li għadkom kemm qrajtu hawn fuq huwa bbażat fuq fatti u statistika, minbarra l-fatt li jien personalment kelli x-xorti li nkun f'kors ta' 'l fuq minn mitt ruħ. Iżda hemm fatti oħra li ma jistgħux jithallew barra fejn jirrigwarda l-kwalita u l-kwantita. Se nipprova nsemmi xi ftit minnhom.

## Kwalita vs Kwantita

Kull meta nżur l-Akkademja, jew fuq xi żjara personali jew fuq xi xogħol dejjem ninnota d-differenza li teżisti fost ir-rekluti. Id-differenza xi drabi tkun tant kbira li ssib min għandu livell ta' edukazzjoni ferm għoli li jkun jista' jsegwi korsijiet f'livell terzjarju, u ssib oħrajn li biex jimlew paġna jieħdu ġurnata u xorta r-riżultat ma jkunx dak mixtieq.

Jien ma nixtieqx nasal għall-konkluzjonijiet li jqajmu polemika. Iżda l-fatti juru biċ-ċar li sfortunatament f'hafna okkażjonijiet l-kwantita qiegħda tirbaħ lill-kwalita. Hemm nies li mhux denji li jsegwu korsijiet fl-akkademja tant li nibqa' mbellah kif jigū aċċettati.

Hemm bżonn isir monitoring aħjar fuq dawk li japplikaw. Aħjar jidhlu għaxra tajbin milli ħamsin "mhux tajbin". Billi wieħed iżid ir-rekwiżiti f'dak li jirrigwarda kwalifiki mhux biżżejjed għalkemm hu ta' deterrant biex iżomm 'il bogħod dawk li mhux kapaċi jiktbu isimhom sew. Meta jkun hemm għażla tajba qabel,

ikun hemm prodott tajjeb wara. Dan iġib aktar serenita fost dawk li hemm diġa fil-Korp u dawk li jmexxu l-Akkademja fosthom l-għalliema.

## Sens ta' responsabbilita

Meta l-għażla ssir tajba mhux il-Korp biss se jgawdi, iżda ċ-ċittadin. Dawk li jidhlu għandu jkollhom sens ta' vokazzjoni lejn ix-xogħol delikat tagħhom u mhux jaraw biss il-benefiċċji li wieħed isib. Il-kundizzjonijiet huma mportanti hafna sabiex wieħed jaħdem kument, iżda qatt m'għandhom iservu biex wieħed li qatt ma kellu ħsieb li jidhlo fil-Korp, sempliċiment jidhlo għax il-paga tjebet u l-kundizzjonijiet qegħdin aħjar. Ix-xogħol ta' pulizija mhux xogħol kwalunkwe, iżda huwa xogħol li jirrikjedi determinazzjoni u konvinzjoni kontinwa ta' servizz lejn iċ-ċittadin.

Jien nemmen li b'rieda tajba minn kulhadd għandna nattiraw persuni li jidhlu fil-Korp mhux għall-benefiċċji, iżda għax jemmnu li jistgħu jkunu ta' servizz. Għalhekk jien nawgura li jkun hemm aktar ingaġġi ta' 'l fuq minn mija kull darba bid-differenza li min jidhlo sens ta' responsabbilita lejn il-proxxmu u lejn pajjiżu.

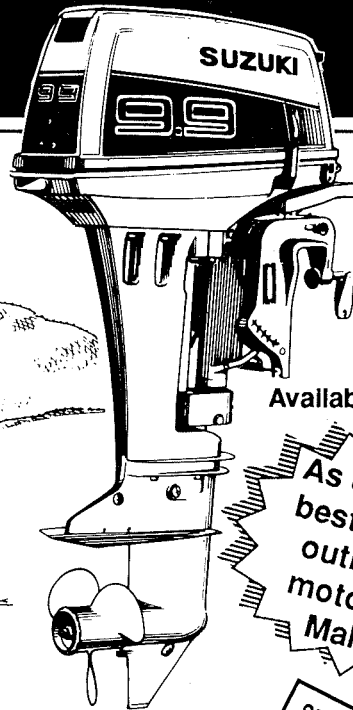


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# Strain Theory - Part 2

By PS 395 Joseph Cordina



## Behavioral coping

There are two major types of behavioral coping: (a) Minimizing or eliminating the source of strain, (b) satisfying the need for revenge. Individuals may try to escape from negative stimuli in either conventional or delinquent ways. For example, in seeking to escape from adverse school environment, one may opt to change schools or on the other hand illegally skip school. The second method of behavioural coping involves the taking of revenge, the desire for revenge is created when the adversity is blamed on others. This behaviour may be either conventional or delinquent. These strategies are related to Merton's innovation and rebellion adaptations.

## Emotional coping

Here individuals may target negative emotions that result from adversity. These could include conventional methods, such as play acting, relaxation and meditation, or delinquent measures such, as the use of drugs.

Individuals may employ more than one of these strategies at a time, or resort to others which are not mentioned here, such as distraction. The existence of the above mentioned strategies poses serious criticisms to the strain theory. Critics argue that the strain theory fails to explain why not all strained individuals turn to delinquency. But the issue stresses the importance of identifying the factors that influence individuals in choosing between delinquent and non-delinquent measures in coping with strain.

While as we have seen, there are many adaptations to strain, these are not equally available to everyone. This is so because individuals may be constrained in their choice by diverse internal and external factors. If the strain is effected by goals and aspirations which the individual contends to be a high priority and importance, and has few or no alternatives in view, it will be even more difficult to minimize the importance of the particular aspiration. In such cases he or she may opt to delinquent measures. The individuals's characteristics are also important factors such as intelligence, creativity, problem-solving skills and self-esteem. These characteristics, amongst others, influence the individual's ability in dealing with strain through cognitive, emotional or behavioural coping. Available data supports that individuals endowed with high self-esteem are in a better position to cope with stress. Therefore, such individuals are less likely to react in a delinquent manner. Social support is also a positive factor as it facilitates coping with strain (Thoits 1984). Conventional social supports are found effective in helping adolescents adopting non-delinquent measures. On the other hand, delinquent measures are not always easily available. The individual's level of social control, the unavailability of "illegitimate means" and the costs of engaging in delinquent

behaviour, may be at times effective constraints to delinquent coping.

Opting for delinquent or non-delinquent measures, may be motivated or effected by the larger social environment. Environments inductive of negative measures, such as poor slum area, are more likely to influence individuals to deal in a delinquent manner, as they are surrounded by negative stimuli. Agnew (1985a) argued that adolescents often find it difficult to communicate with adults, such as parents and teachers. This makes it difficult for them to escape the negative stimuli that they encounter especially in urban underclass environments. This may be one of the causes of high delinquency rates amongst these groups. Whilst social environments promoting equality, fairness and generally positive stimuli, help individuals to seek non-delinquent measures. This is also true when society promotes a higher availability of non-delinquent resources.

Selecting between delinquent and non-delinquent measures, is also effected by the adolescent's disposition to such measures. This disposition may be effected by the individual's temperament, beliefs, education and background, which all revolve around the individual's association with delinquent peers.

Studying these dispositions, in the environments most likely to produce strain oriented delinquency, would help in identifying "at risk" groups or persons at an early stage. I believe that prevention could only be seriously tackled through education. The theory tells us, that frustration escalates where people have few means to reach their goals, especially in the lower-class strata.

During the 1960's, a programme was initiated, targeted at children of low income families, with the aim of leading them to be better able to cope with their present situation and be more socially competent. The Head Start programme, was designed in the United States as a one year pre-school project, so that children coming from lower-class, uneducated families, would not start school with a handicap, hoping that this would prevent them from dropping out later in life. Parents and the community in general were involved. Children were closely monitored on a daily basis, with an 8:1 child/staff ratio. This scheme started as a summer school, but soon gained momentum and extended into an all year round programme, enriched to fulfill the needs of these children and their families. It was indicated that similar undertakings were registering moderate success in alleviating stress, as the project was extended to elementary schooling. This programme was taken up on a very vast scale to reach as many children as possible.

Another educational programme started in 1962. The



Perry Pre-School Project was initiated to minimize the disparity between goals and means. Youngsters were helped and monitored from an early age, starting with three year olds and continued until after school-leaving age. The project started with a group of one hundred and twenty three black children who were involved for two and a half hours daily, for a period of two years, with a teacher for every five children. Follow-ups and home visits were then continued until the children reached the age of nineteen years. This programme employed for a relatively small group of children, proceeded on a long term. Results were very encouraging, as it was found that by the age of nineteen, these youngsters had fared better in employment, post-secondary education and high-school graduation, whilst teenage pregnancy and arrests were lowered drastically.

According to the Strain Theory, frustration emanating from failure at school is one of the main sources of delinquency. Consequently students likely to fail should be identified and given adequate attention from early childhood. If academic subjects are found to be out of reach and consequently may be the cause of frustration to the student, other alternatives are to be sought, such as art or craft. When students are closely monitored, it would be much easier to establish their abilities and inclinations. The system would then be in a much better position to provide these youngsters with goals and aspirations that could be reached.

Taking into consideration the size and population of Malta, and the close family ties still predominant in our country, it would be safe to say that similar projects would render good success rates. It would not be too difficult to identify children coming from problem families or from high crime rated areas. These children could be integrated in boost programmes. Parents with a low educational background may find themselves at a disadvantage, as they would not be a position to help or understand their children's problems at school. Short informal lessons, with easy to follow lectures could be organized. Parents in these classes would then be in a better position to appreciate their children's efforts at school, and encouraged to involve themselves in their children's school activities. Parental skills could also be included in these lessons. The community should likewise be involved, as it is known that positive social support encourages non delinquent behaviour. These programmes could be tailored to enrich the individual's coping resources by boosting his or her self-esteem and developing the adolescents creativity and interpersonal skills. This would render the individual more capable to integrate into the community, reviving positive support and be better able to resist adversity in a non delinquent manner.

#### Summary

Davide Emile Durkheim introduced the concept of anomie in 1893. He contended that sudden social changes, such as those brought by industrialization, inversely effect society's norms and bring about a

state of anomie. Robert Merton, also spoke about anomie, but in a different perspective. He did not associate anomie with 'sudden change' but attributed it to the disjunction between goals and norms, and the resultant strain. Three types of strain are given: (1) Blockage from achieving positively valued goals. (2) Removal of positively valued goods. (3) Noxious or negatively valued stimuli. Merton pointed out logical ways that an individual may take to adopt to these strains. He indicated: Conformity; Innovation; Ritualism; Retreatism; and Rebellion. Innovation is seen as the mode of adaptations could also be of a delinquent nature. Innovators, accept society's goals but resort to delinquent measures to reach these goals.

Other authors have published studies on the Strain Theory. A. Cohen (1955), and Cloward and Ohlin (1960), like Merton, dwelt on the negative relationships with others and focused on the goal blockage experienced mostly by lower-class persons in relation to monetary success and class status.

Several coping strategies have been listed in this paper, which can be resorted to by the individual when faced with strain. These coping measures can also be taught as a preventive treatment to individuals most likely to turn to delinquent measures. Close monitoring and education could be used in preventive projects, where 'at risk' children are identified and streamed through these specialized programmes, to boost their abilities and self confidence. We have also seen that parents and the community would do well to take part in similar projects, so that children and adolescents will be better armed to cope with strain and avoid delinquency.

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# The Rational Choice Perspective Theory and Prevention

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## Situational crime prevention and 'target hardening'

The rational-choice perspective shows that criminal activity does not rely solely on the "psycho-biological" nature of criminal individuals, or on social and economic factors. However, these should not be completely ignored, still one has to deeply concentrate also on the situational factors which widely attract the offender to commit a particular criminal act, in that particular place and time, and on that particular victim.

This approach is mostly important for the development of crime-control and prevention, which tend to tackle the problem from the very roots, by altering the conditions and circumstances under which crime is originated. Felson, (1987) explains that to obtain positive results, the community must be involved in providing to its own security. Researchers have detailed how crime prevention could be accomplished through alterations in the situational and environmental design, without sacrificing society's prosperity, freedom and customs.

Situational crime prevention consists of a wide range of preventive measures and activities, including defensible space architecture, target hardening and neighbourhood watch programmes, designed to reduce those multiple opportunities for, and increase the risks of, committing specific sort of crimes (Clarke, 1983).

Repetto, (1976) and Gabor, (1981), argued that despite the achieved evidence of the utility of these preventive measures, critics have seized upon one apparent weakness of the approach, that preventive measures which increase the difficulties and risks of a particular crime will merely result in criminal activity to be displaced to other

vulnerable targets, places or types of crime.

Brantingham & Brantingham, (1984) assume that certain neighbourhoods (NHs) are chosen as a criminal target more than other (NHs) because these are likely to provide opportunities for such activity, these areas comprise the "awareness space" of the criminal. Therefore it should be no surprise that familiarity with a (NH) is a central consideration in the decision to commit a crime in a particular part of town. In fact criminals rarely travel into "unknown" (NHs) to engage in illegal activities.

Experience has indicated that criminals base their activities into those areas of the city in which they have been able to make observations and gather information, Repetto, (1974). Hence insituations when the (NHs) is threatened, the community may, "Coalesce in a limited action to protect the common possession... internal conflicts and differences are set aside as the entire population rises to meet the threat," Hawley, (1950).

As Felson, (1986) has argued, "a tight community - where people know people, property and their linkages - offers little opportunity for common exploitative crime." Bursik and Grasmick, (1993) suggested that crime prevention may be attained by securing the (NH) with capable guardianship "the general level of protectiveness exhibited by neighbours and their willingness to utilize formal and informal mechanisms of control." (ie. Police surveillance, neighbourhood watch programmes). To this effect Felson, (1986) remarks that the essential elements which lead to a criminal activity are: a motivated offender, a suitable target and the absence of a capable guardian.

The elimination of any one of these three elements from a particular situation, is sufficient

to prevent the successful completion of a crime. Therefore, when (NHs) are equipped with "formal and informal mechanisms of control" the community would be "protected" from criminality. Felson, (1986) forwarded the following example, "imagine a situation in which a neighbourhood has a large number of unsupervised youths, all of whom are motivated to rob a convenience store. If that community has a strictly residential composition, then it is impossible to commit such robberies in the area owing to lack of suitable targets."

In Felson and Cohen, (1980) the authors suggest that suitable targets are composed by at least four dimensions. Value (either monetary or symbolic), visibility, access and inertia (ie factors that are difficult to overcome for illegal purposes, such as bulky property).

Such dimensions would surely attract the scrutiny of a potential offender in the selection of the target and ignite his mechanism of "rationality". At this stage, when such dimensions are visible it is inevitable to provide to some sort of security to eliminate opportunities, increase the risks of apprehension and decrease the chances of victimization. This is commonly done by the installation of objects such as burglar alarm, locks and barred windows.

Cohen and Felson, (1979) suggest that offenders consider with particular attention the victim's way of living and analyse the elements which decrease the level of property guardianship and increase the possibility that victim and offender might converge in "time and space". These elements as Cohen et al, (1979) remarked are the timing of work, home, shopping, schooling and leisure. All these factors contribute to the amount of time that persons spend away from home in these activities, thereby increase the possibilities of victimization. Due to the increase in the rate of women enlisting in the labour force and the growth of single-adult households, properties have

become more vulnerable to criminal activities.

A community may undergo a dramatic change in its population composition, which in turn leads to a decreased change in its population composition, which in turn leads to a decreased ability to exercise social control which is fundamentally vital for its own security. In such cases it is necessary to provide for and focus on neighbourhood family structures to act as agencies of social control and supervision to provide more protection to themselves, their families, their neighbours, their own properties, public property, more alertness to risks, decrease fear of crime, contribute to reduce crime rate and assist in crime solving solutions along law enforcement agencies.

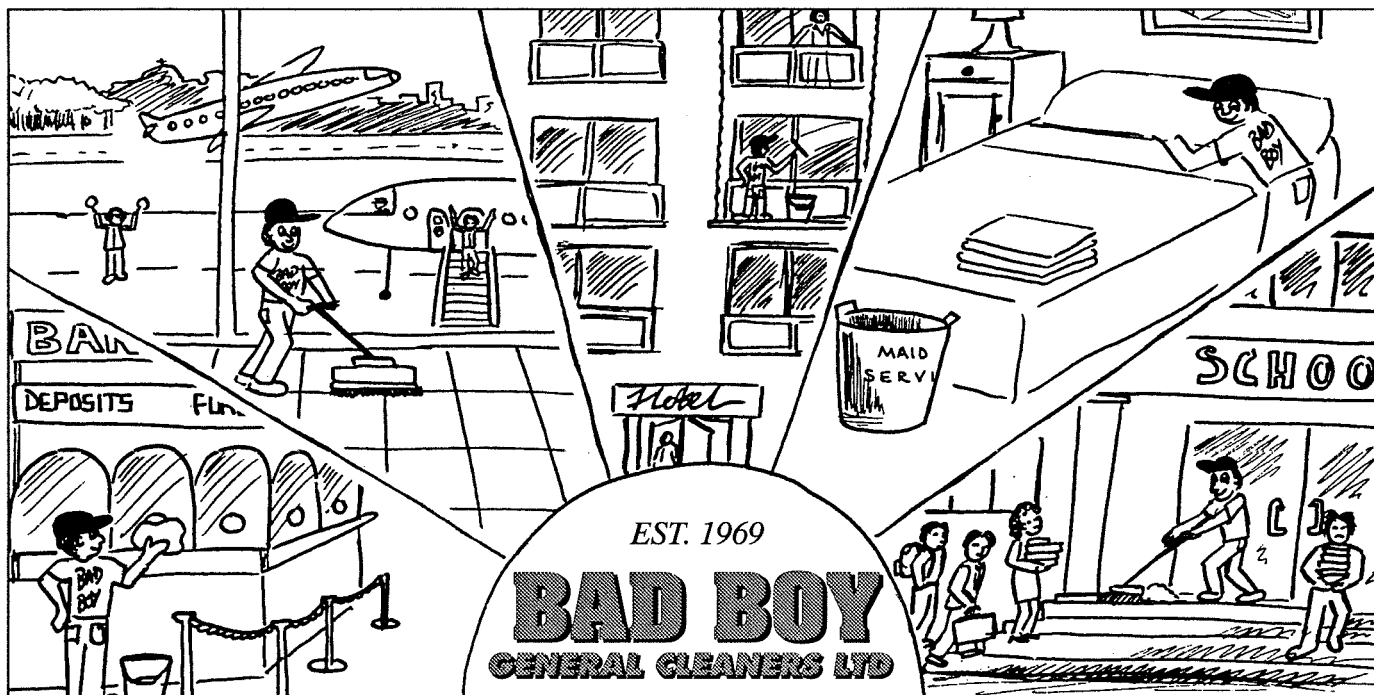
### **Community policing programmes**

Crime prevention programmes are essentially a task to be handled by law enforcement agencies with the complete cooperation of the community. These community policing programmes are important to foster a strong relationship between local neighbourhood groups and law enforcement agencies, directed towards one unique scope, that of "community protection".

This sort of social control has been tested in the Northern Region of Malta in 1992. It started on an experimental basis in various zones where the rate of criminal activity was quite alarming. As the region was a notorious target for household and tourist establishment burglaries, the community showed an amazing response and cooperation with the law enforcement agency to initiate this crime-prevention strategy. These (NH) watch schemes were fostering a greater community spirit and some formed a victim support team to offer prompt assistance to victimized people, such as repairs to doors and windows where a household was burgled.

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These were therefore encouraged to sponsor these (NH) watch schemes in their activities. In fact most agencies provided stationary and other items which promoted such schemes, and the insurance company concerned printed its advert on the (NH) watch stationary.

The most important element in these schemes to reach the expected results is that the spirit among the members is to be kept high and that the police have to react promptly and efficiently to every information and call for assistance.

It is believed that since the introduction of the (NH) watch scheme in this region the crime rate decreased by 25%. This was achieved, thanks to Dr. Angelo Farrugia LL.D. Police Superintendent who infatigably promoted and supervised this anti-opportunist crime crusade.

Skolnick and Bayley, (1986) argued that it is essential that in order to reduce the crime rate of a region it is important to involve the community in policing strategies on a permanent or temporary basis, which emphasizes on police and community reciprocity. This reciprocity represents the belief that the citizens have something to contribute to crime control.

"... community organizations have actively been courted to work with the police to solve the crime-related problems of the neighbourhood." Skolnick and Bayley, (1986).

To encourage full reciprocity, law enforcement agencies in Houston and Newark instituted "Police-Community Stations" which created outreach programmes accompanied by a series of community meetings, regularly patrolled "problem areas", worked with school officials, instituted identification programmes, distributed newsletters, opened a "safe house" for children, started a neighbourhood beautification committee, and invited local representatives to ride with officers on patrol. Moreover, efforts were made to introduce an intensive enforcement

programme, which focused on eliminating signs of social and physical disorder from the neighbourhood. These efforts consisted of "street sweeps" to diminish loitering and disruptive behaviour, drug sales, purse snatching and harassment. In this complex programme, Skolnick and Bayley, (1986) added that attention was given also to enforcement of traffic regulations by installing radars in road automobile-related problems such as stolen cars and driving under the influence of intoxication.

These programmes had mixed levels of success and the effort seemed to be effective in lowering perceptions of physical and social disorder and in producing increase in local satisfaction with the neighbourhood and police services, which significantly decreased victimization.



# Police Stress

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## Generic External Features

As already mentioned above, the media does not help the image of the police. The law enforcement department is too much in the public eye to make mistakes and are more subjected to criticism. The police image that whatever he does "cannot go wrong" could put the officer into a lot of stress and could be the cause of a strainful police-public relationship.

## Media Hostility

It is not right to put journalists all in the same pot. Many do their job well and respect police work. But it is also true that police work and law enforcement is "big" news to the media and incidents involving police officers are exploited in order to sell news. It is not right to picture the "bad guys" in the force on a "bold printed headlines" while avoiding and ignoring daily police activity of life saving even when police officers put themselves in jeopardy. Unfortunately, throwing a bad light on the police force by publishing photos and other material on the paper pays more. This however does not consider for a moment how badly this could damage the image of the police officers relationship with the public thus losing all their respect.

## Public hostility/indifference/ambivalence

Now more than ever, the police feel isolated from the public. Nowadays, police officers are no longer looked up at and most of the citizens ignore them except when they need to file a complaint. The cop is best known amongs neighbourhood "kids" as the "Badge" and a gun - somebody to be avoided and ignored. All this could bring a copy in a state of isolation and loneliness.

## Emotionally draining aspects of duty

Most police officers protect their family from the ugly world outside by shutting themselves out and not sharing with them their day however bad it would be.

Doing this they are also psychologically protecting themselves. Keeping stress bottled up inside could do the individual a lot of harm. Those officers who would not or could not talk about their ugly experiences and feelings end up but taking all their frustrations at home to the spouse and family. This does not help much if they have a tensed or a conflicted household relationship.

Stress is also very much evident in alcohol abuse. In Policing, being still dominated by man, the drinking of alcohol is very common. Alcohol helps them to loosen the tension at work. A survey (Van Raalte 1979) revealed that sixty seven per cent of the police officers drink while on duty. In another survey, (Hurrell & Kross 1975) found that police officers have serious drinking problems. However many are afraid to be treated for this addiction in the fear that they might be demoted or suspended. Police personnel, on the other hand, hate to admit the high percentage of police officers with a drinking problem and are reluctant to highlight the problem and try to reprimand officers who are abusing alcohol.

## Negative effects on family life

According to a research it results that law enforcement is one of the most stressful occupations and have a strong impact on the officer's personal relationship (Kirkham, 1976). This is evident in the high rate of marriage failures amongst police officers.

The work of the police could bring stress on the rest of the family. Even friends of the family might feel uncomfortable in what they might do or say. The wife tend to defend the husband's work. The daughter is afraid to bring a new boyfriend home because she is afraid of revealing her father's occupation while a son would be dared to do things that he is not supposed to do because his father is a cop.

Shift work will get on the wife's nerve. She has to



cope with the different on and offs of the husband and very often left alone in the evenings and during the nights. In most cases the wife is left with nothing else to do but raise the family on her own, fill the empty spaces her husband leaves with the children and try to make time for everybody. She is also in most cases unable to live a normal life like any other wife.

After a day's work, policemen would go back home and shut themselves from the rest of the world. They do not share their day with their spouses and are so tired that all they want to do is to be left alone. Tension and stress is also common amongst wives of police officers who apart from having to cope with the family they are, in most cases, waiting for a phone call or someone at the door telling them that their husband had been injured or killed.

In a study (Rafky, 1974) it is revealed that one fourth and one fifth out of hundred police wives are dissatisfied with their husband's occupation and most of the arguments they have at home are due to the husband's work.

#### **Police cynicism**

The boring routine of police work such as lengthy unnecessary activity makes the police morose and cynical towards their work and the society.

The criminal justice system does not help and causes the police a lot of unnecessary stress. A day at the law courts could be either boring, straining or annoying. The hard work of the police officer is not appreciated when a criminal is brought before the courts. The lengthy hearing, the calling of witnesses, the frequent put offs of the cases and finally the feeling that the defendants are treated with leniency is frustrating. It hurts the police to think that after even risking their lives, criminals get acquitted on some legal technicalities or plea bargaining.

#### **Being a police woman**

In one study (Wexler & Logan, 1983) out of twenty three out of twenty five policewoman reported stress

caused by negative attitudes from their male co-workers who cannot accept them in ranks so many years dominated by man. Police women complaint that the males refuse to work with them and that they are not ready to accept them in the Force. Policewomen have to face blunt anti-women comments not only from the general public but also and perhaps more from their male colleagues. Furthermore they are not only excluded from high ranking but also have to face sexual harassment. Policewomen also find it difficult to keep up a relationship outside work. Men are reluctant to have a girlfriend/wife as a police officer.

#### **Police work will become even more stressful in the future**

The situation is alarming. It is predicted (Reiner, 1991) that in the future the society will be more violent. The relationship with the general public will be cold and distant. Procedures for law enforcement will become more complicated and the media more hostile. Terrorism and social problems such as drugs would be on the increase and a back-up of trained police force would be required to deal with the mentally ill and the elderly. Serious thinking should be given for change of police management to be able to cope with any unpleasant events and catastrophic dramas.

Law enforcement is there to keep the order and deal with problems created by the society. However the context of policing, now more than ever, is unclear and police involvement is vaguely described a one of service or a body of force to maintain the order. Police deal, with an increased percentage, with problems brought about by unemployment, political upsets and social deprivation. These problems which fall under the jurisdiction of the social planners and politicians increase the workload of the police and subsequently causes stress. If this situation persists it is wise for the government to discuss the possibility of reviewing the duties now falling under law enforcement and assign them onto other groups within the community such as the Town Councils.





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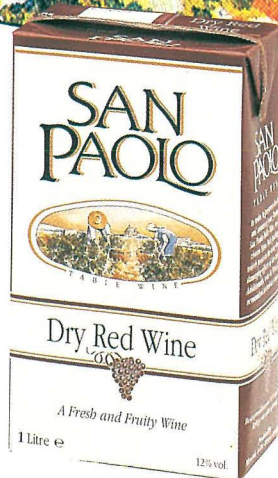
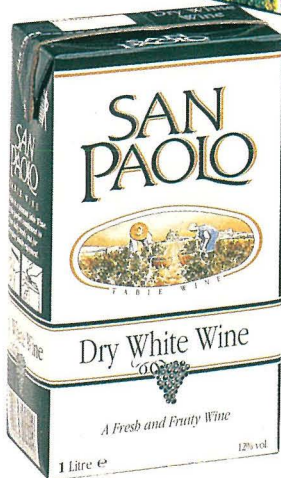
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## How to communicate

In his writing, Babin M. explained how opening up with someone his feelings and talk openly about his frustrations helps. It is healthy for an officer to talk about his personal problems and fears. Counselling in one-on-one or small groups in an informal environment with trained police personnel is the best way to do this. Police officers are encouraged to bring along their spouses and close family during these meetings to participate in some of the sessions. During these meetings experiences are shared and problems are faced and if possible tackled. Wives and girlfriends get to know a lot more about the police set up and their work. They develop an interest in what their spouses' duties, dangers, its demands and responsibilities entails. They would become more understanding and supportive towards their mates.

### *What can be done to combat the dangers of stress to police officers?*

To combat stress it would be wise if

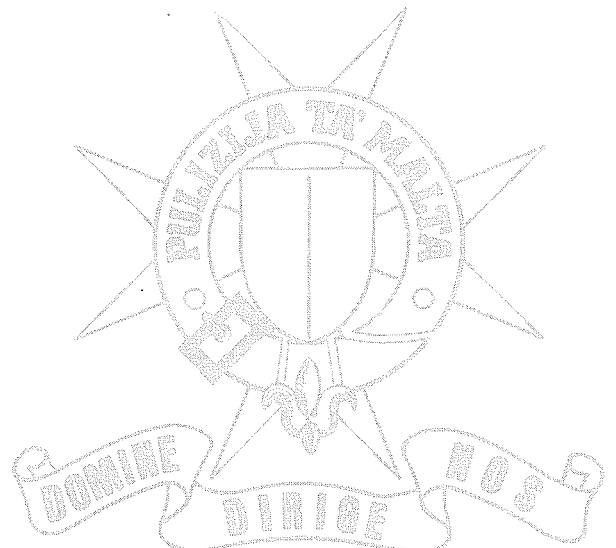
- (a) all officers undergo periodic physical test to check stress with special attention to blood circulation and eating disorders.
- (b) more educational information on healthier living to police officers and instruct them how to recognise early symptoms of stress.
- (c) Provide with police personnel healthy diets and physical exercise. Qualified counsellors should also be made available to organise sessions of positive thinking, breathing, exercise and relaxation all in the aim to ease or beat stress.

## Conclusion

In brief, first and foremost we need to accept the fact that the police who are stressed need support and help. This is important to maintain an effective and efficient public service thus creating a good police-society relationship.

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## My trip to Japan part 2



### Parks, Temples and Etiquette

The attractive, flawless parks with sacred deer, turtles and fish also comprised Buddhist temples and other religious sites dedicated to Shintoism, the national religion. When entering religious buildings - including a Catholic church... for all that even any Japanese home - it is customary for the visitor to remove one's shoes and to leave them at the entrance.

I was actually startled when in a wooded area packed with picknicking people I saw young men in the nude stepping around seated persons and strolling along towards a vantage point so as to jump in the rapids of a waterfall.

A strange view presented itself when in a certain quarter I observed people at their desk, together with their files and papers, outside in the street for the purpose of having their houses cleaned.

I learned that Japanese decorum demanded that one must not put one's own drink, and that whilst it is horribly rude to blow one's nose in public, social behaviour permitted slurping when partaking of food. In that respect I was initially taken aback when the business men with my relative made it quite clear that they were fully appreciating the food in front of them. In my respect, however, that kind of favourable esteem in no way appealed to me... not even when actuated by an attractive young lady who on that occasion happened to be the daughter of one of the guests.

### Judo

I underwent Ju-Jitsu training in a religious temple called "Buddokai". In compliance with the strict observance of the Far East, I got used to removing my shoes when entering that sacred place, but on one occasion I forgot that normal practice and as a result, about ten young men jumped on me and floored me whilst making it clear what was expected of me.

Like the others, I wore the standard white padded attire... short trousers, a corresponding jacket with no buttons, and a belt of similar material showing your grade in that unarmed combat called Karate - the highest rank being the Black Belt.

To show me the supremacy that Judo conveys, the interpreter, at the primary stage, introduced me to a youngster of about 13 years and told me to attack him in any way I chose, even in effect not to bother about possible injuries.

Thus, in compliance with the strict rule just before

starting the struggle, one must show reverence to the Judo god an effigy of which is displayed on high, then respectfully make a curtsey to your opponent.

In no way did the idea of violence appeal to me especially so once I was dealing with a youngster of such a tender age, but then in clear terms I was shown what severe physical force and assault actually implied and what lack of defensive measures actually entailed. I found myself severely set upon, and my strong reaction brought about negative effects like finding myself flying through the air!

In point of fact, a photographer caught me in that plight and published that print in the *Osalea* newspaper with a caption (of course in Japanese) showing this "Blue-eyed gentleman (synonymous to "European"), Officer of the Malta Police in Japan learning Judo."

Then, as from the second lesson, they kept on showing me the way to act, attack and react by way of the hands, feet and the body as a whole against an adversary. No rest was allowed... I just had to carry on out of breath, exhausted, completely worn out, in no way allowed to regain my vigour. On top of that, I could not even have a proper view all round me because of the intensive sweat streaming down my face.

No hope of sitting down (of course on the carpet covering the contest area)... but then unable even to stand any longer and incapable even to inhale freely, I could not but give in... and thus I collapsed! But... "Anazu! Anazu!" the instructor shouted, pointing at me! So, with these sharp words ringing in my ears, I just had to enforce myself to my feet again and to continue my struggle... as I stood, even against a new, fully refreshed adversary.

The blows and the 'flights' that I received were well within the sphere of my lesson which clearly implied that one's well-being comprised even a state of exhaustion for whatever cause.

I was censured for disregarding a rigid, strict order which, in the state I was in, I had completely forgotten, that is, never to hold your head up when training but to lower it and look down towards your navel so as to prevent some serious injury to the crown of your head. In fact, at that very time, a Japanese Police Officer competing in a Judo contest failed to abide by that rule when he was thrown overhead and thus sustained a fatal injury.

Apart from methods of defence, Judo of course also teaches techniques of attack: I was taught in particular two blows which could well prove to be deadly. I was told most emphatically not to disclose those significant punches and to keep their awareness all to myself. In actual fact, 23 years later I was tempted to protect myself in that manner when a constable of mine and I were rounded up and set upon in Castille Square during the riots... my Guardian Angel withheld my hand in the last second and instead of those two better blows I gave the nearest assailant a sharp rap on his shoulder which sent him reeling.

When I finished the course, I passed the critical test and was given a Certificate of Efficiency (written in Japanese and English) together with an attractive Karate belt bearing my name in black, with colourful flowers in "Eddie", whilst a pagoda and animals embellished my surname - I was greatly impressed when my instructor made a short speech about me, and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause and congratulations.

#### Public baths

After training, the rigorous rule was to clean and refresh oneself at the public baths, a Japanese standard that could not be bettered. The baths consisted in an anti-room with small cupboards for one's clothing, and huge baths with very hot, steaming water, and smaller ones with water of a lower temperature ending up in small basins containing icy-cold water. One is given a small towel only about a foot square to be used both as cleaning cloth with soap froth before entering any bath, and finally as a towel to dry oneself, strongly enough, most successfully.

Of course, every person was completely naked... likewise the women quite visible in their anti-room on the other side of the premises - in no way an impressive factor when Japanese were concerned.

On my first visit I was all set to imitate the other youths who jumped in the largest bath...and thus to show off my Maltese mettle. So, after wiping off the froth off my body, I approached the bath... unimpressed by the little steam on its surface which I took for granted and regarded as a matter of course.

Standing on the side of the bath, I lowered my left leg and dipped my big toe in the water...! then... even the few hairs on top of my head protested and raised themselves like a "rizza"! Of course, my European calibre failed me and I was thus driven to the next more moderate bath.

On one occasion after the baths, a student who was learning Italian together with a female learner of English

took me to a bar to drink sake, the national fermented liquor made from rice. The three of us were enjoying each other's company and conversation when, not long after, a large group of students entered the pub. One of them who appeared to be a leader jumped on a table and started to make a speech which I suspected to be somewhat anti-European... his hands were aimed at me and those present kept on staring at me. I found myself the largest of that which was being preached... somehow an attitude that in effect reached its apex in the four years ahead.

The "Italian" student with me said something to the other who rightaway got hold of my hand and escorted me outside through a small door on the side. She told me as best she could that my presence there could have had unwelcome consequences; she apologized by way of a "Gomenasai" then I - after thanking her by means of an "Arigato Cosaimas" - proceeded on my way.

#### Osaka Zoo

We decided to visit Osaka Zoo which, as informed, turned out to be quite an impressive locality with admirable gardens bearing an outstanding variety of flowers, shrubs, trees and countless species of animals. Here I should add rightaway that - as I shall explain later - that visit proved to be the most hilarious, sidesplitting episode of my whole life, up to this very day!

At the zoo, whilst I was busy taking photos, my relative informed me that his waterworks badly needed attention: in that respect, the worst part of all was my ignorance in not knowing how to say 'Public Convenience' in Japanese!

I asked passers by - as best I could - but was not understood... by that time my relative was shuffling along as best he could... he even warned me that he could well end up leaving wet steps behind him! Heavens above, I told him to hold on and to bear in mind that we were the only Europeans over there!

Luckily we came across a group of students and one of them (with an "Italians" tab on his jacket) gave me the required lead to the special location that I wanted. We went right, left, right as directed... then found ourselves in front of a sizeable building that looked more like a temple or a pagoda, as distinct from a public convenience! By then my relative was trudging along at a very low rate!

No door was visible. I looked inside and saw a huge hall - totally empty - with a step all round and water flowing down the wall. That was it! 'Ahhh!' he hastily reacted, and joyfully increased his speed towards the

nearest part of the step (as if entering a gateless Gehenna!).

As matters stood, I was all set to make a print of my relative doing the obvious, but then, as life would have it, just as I was about to focus that unique scene, a pretty young Japanese lady of some 20 years passed by on her way inside and - maybe by way of some Buddhist or Shintoist creed - chose to place herself in no other part of the massive hall but at just an arm's length from my relative who, naturally enough, thought that I was the one standing next to him!

I was completely stunned and flabbergasted, unable to take any phot, when I saw her turning round, lifting her skirt and with her hands on her knees adding her contribution to the flowing water! My relative, with his head inclined towards her, kept on expressing his relief by repeating his "Għall-erwieh!... Għall-erwieh Eddie!"

Seeing as much, I was completely and tearfully floored, camera and all! When he failed to receive any reply from "me" and saw, instead that female envature next to him, he forgot the departed "Erwich" and yelled "Hawn fejn qegħdin? Din x'qed tagħmel hawn?" On top of all, he was so fully taken aback that he even turned round as he stood... well and truly openly exposed!

I practically choked. And I was far from swift in getting up from the floor. Whilst wiping my eyes and waking up from that exotic scene, that young lady straightened herself up, pulled her skirt down, stepped away and walked out past me... after all, had she not just answered Nature's call?

How on earth could I explain to my relative why that young lady had chosen to place herself next to him at that particular, critical moment, and that the Japanese take a very practical view of the phenomena relating to the material world? Apart from that, it took me quite some time to digest that unique, comical view that was to last me well beyond any expectation! He never stoppe uttering "Patri u Filju..." even when gazing at monkeys and chimpanzees, serpents and bears, elephants and kangaroos and giraffs!

### Japanese Prisons

I wondered what a Japanese Prison would be like, so I asked for the necessary permission to visit one. My request was granted, but tactfully they fined a date when I would have already left Osaka and travelled on to Tokyo.

However, in the normal course of events, we should have failed to reach that admirable capital seein that our trip was due to come to a terminal end catastrophically between Osaka and Tokyo.

### On to Tokyo

We had made arrangement to fly over, but on arrival at the airport - just a few minutes late - we were very disappointed to see our monoplane taking off. However, as it came to be, it was in effect a matter of "Kull deni ħudu b'għid" - even an Italian lady who had just joined us was so correct in telling us not to worry, whilst pointing out that "non ogni male vien a nuocere".

When, as agreed, we returned the following day for our flight, we realized clearly enough that missing the plane the previous day had indeed been a matter of a Great Blessing in Disguise. We were shown that day's newspaper featuring "our" plane on its front page, completely burnt out after crushing on the side of a mountain. It was quite a shocking ordeal once we were so close to be roasted alive together with everyone else on board. The officer in charge then apologized on behalf of the Company as through a mistake, our names had been included in the list of passengers charred in the crash.

When, on the way to Tokyo we saw a mountain in front of us, the plane started spiralling down whilst the altimeter kept on lowering its reading. The passengers got highly excited: we had reached the disastrous spot of the previous day... but all was quiet again when the plane regained its height, then flow over that particular, mountainous area.

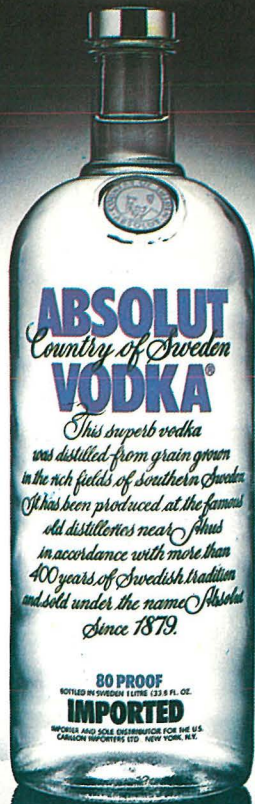
### Return Trip

The time had come for our return home, this time on the PO SS Rampura. Whilst crossing the South China Sea, on our way to Hong Kong, the ship started veering in an unexpected, staggering manner through a heavy squall. We came to know that the course of all that was due to the tail of a typhoon, a violent hurricane common in that region, just as well, for all that, that we had not been punched by that eyclone in some other way... its tail was more than enough!

Another item worth recording concerned the outstanding number of sharks surging around the hull, soon after leaving Singapore: it looked as if the sharks in the Indian Ocean were starving and thus had homed in on us, in search of food cast overboard.

Sharks can smell the fatal end of a human being, but one of the Officers denied that there was any death on board. In that case I tried to solve that quandary by referring to the pungent fragranced being diffused by the fair young lady standing nearby who I later came to know was an Italian/American. She was keen on speaking Italian. We ended our friendship at the end of the trip, but then she looked forward to hearing more about Malta... over in the United States.





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