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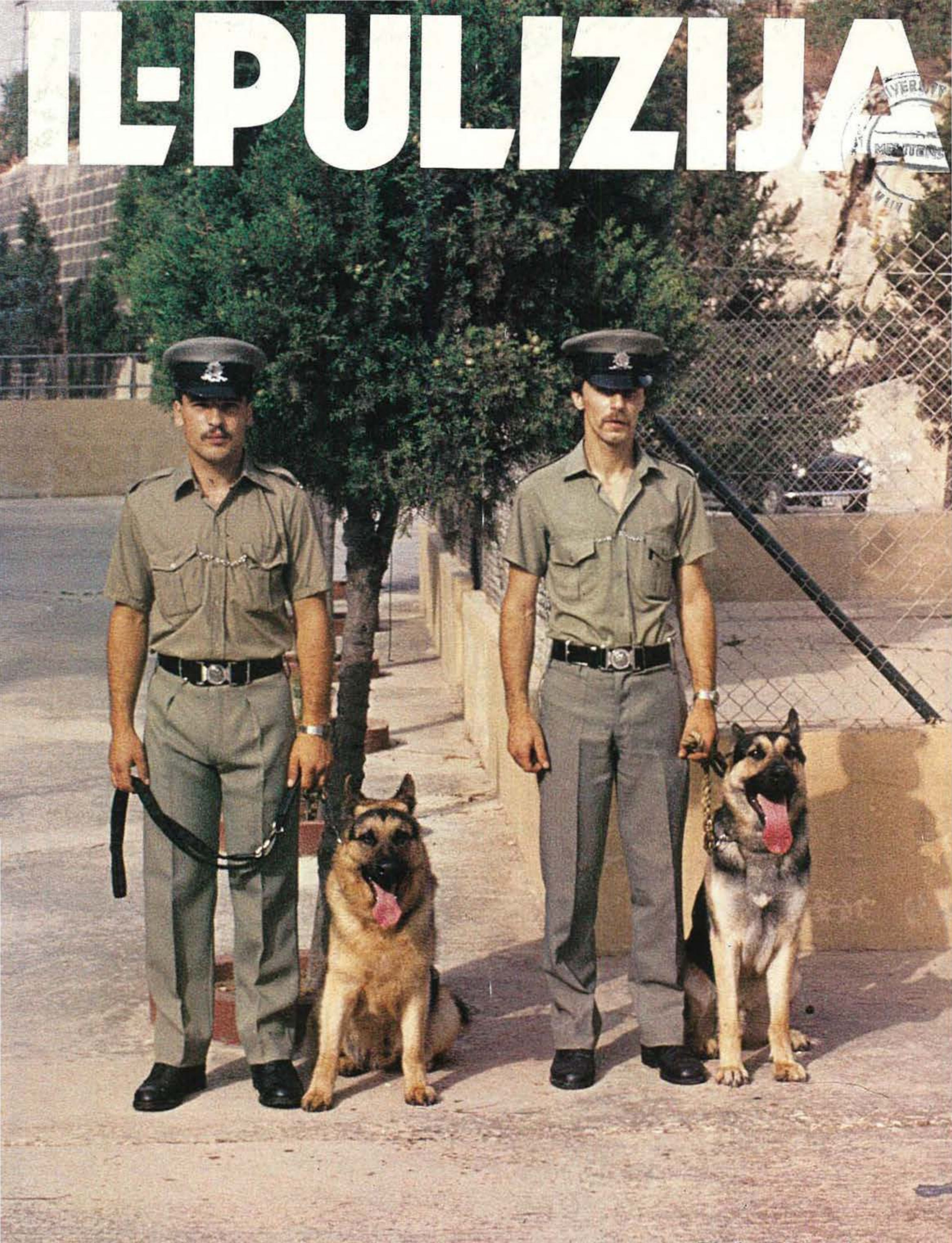

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ALLEGAZZJONI JEW FATT?

Il-Bord Editorjali ta' dan il-magazine ma jistax ikun passiv meta jara ċerti artikoli f'gazzetta lokali jikkritikaw il-Korp tal-Pulizija jew inkella jużaw individwu, membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, biex jippruvaw iħammġu lill-istess Korp.

Ftit tal-ġimgħat ilu kien deher artiklu f'gazzetta lokali magħrufa għal din it-tip ta' kritika taħt l-isem "Take some Torture Home" fejn ġie rrappurtat li l-mara barranija ta' membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija għamlet kawża lil żewġha għad-drittijiet tagħha f'Qorti barra minn Malta u allegat li ż-żwieġ tagħha sfaxxa minħabba li żewġha kien involut f'atti ta' tortura.

L-avukat ta' dan il-membru tal-Korp irrisponda lill-Editur ta' din il-gazzetta u informah li dak li allegat il-mara tal-klijent tiegħu rigward it-tortura hija gidba u qegħda biss fl-immaġinazzjoni tagħha. Madankollu l-kritiċi tal-Korp li soltu jiktbu f'din il-faċċata ma naqsux jagħmlu l-kummenti tagħhom u qalu li mhux kompitu tagħhom jgħidu min qiegħed jgħid il-verità jew jigdeb, iżda żiedu jgħidu li hija kurjuża ħafna kif il-mara ta' dan il-membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija marret tagħmel dawn l-allegazzjonijiet meta kien ikun aktar faċli għaliha li tgħid li ż-żwieġ tagħha sfaxxa minħabba infedeltà u krudeltà da parti tar-raġel tagħha. Dawn komplew jgħidu li kien ikun iżjed faċli għal din il-mara li tirbaħ is-simpatija tal-Qorti b'dan il-mod milli kif huwa allegat li għamlet hi. Jidher ċar li dawn il-kritiċi ma naqsux li jgħinu lil qarrejja tagħhom jiffurmulaw opinjoni dwar min qiegħed jigdeb jew min għandu raġun.

Din, madankollu, ma hiex xi sorpriża għal min jaf x'inhu l-iskop ta' dan l-artiklu u oħrajn bħalu, iżda li hu żgur hu li dak li għidna aħna fl-editorjal tal-ħarġa ta' dan il-magazine ta' Jannar/Frar 1986, dwar dawn il-kritiċi li qegħdin jagħmlu minn kollox u jużaw kull mezz biex iħammġu l-Korp tal-Pulizija huwa korrett. Jidher biċ-ċar li dawn il-kritiċi ma mxewx fuq il-prinċipji morali tal-fidi Kattolika dwar il-karità tal-proxxmu li żgur jemmnu fihom u ma kkonsidrawx x'effett jista' jkollu dan l-aġir tagħhom fuq il-ħajja ta' dan il-membru tal-Korp tal-Pulizija.

Fuq: Karozzi Fiat Fiorino, sabiex jintużaw mid-Dipartiment tal-Laboratorju Forensiku.

Xellug: L-Ambaxxatur Taljan jippreżenta ċ-ċwievet tal-vetturi lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija ta' Malta.

Preżentazzjoni ta' Vetturi lill-Korp tal-Pulizija mill-Gvern Taljan

Nhar it-Tlieta, 11 ta' Frar 1986 fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija f'ċerimonja qasira l-Ambaxxatur Taljan l-Eċċellenza Dott Andrea Negretto Cambiaso ippreżenta f'isem il-Gvern Taljan numru ta' vetturi lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija. Dawn il-vetturi sejrin jintużaw mit-Taqsima tat-Traffiku u mil-Laboratorju Forensiku.

F'diskors qasir ta' l-okkażjoni l-Ambaxxatur irrefera għall-koperazzjoni li teżisti bejn iż-żewġ pajjiżi u kif l-Italja bħala pajjiż ġirien dejjem tagħmel dak li tista' biex tgħin lill-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta. Huwa awgura illi dan l-apparat li ngħata jservi lill-Korp tal-Pulizija fil-qadi tad-doveri tiegħu.

Muturi Moto Guzzi li se jintużaw mit-Taqsima tat-Traffiku.

Il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija għan-nom tal-Gvern u f'isem il-Korp irringrazzja lill-Ambaxxatur għal din l-għotja u qal li kien ċert li se tkun ta siewi għall-Korp. Irrefera wkoll għall-relazzjonijiet viċini li jeżistu bejn il-Forzi tal-bonordni Taljani u l-Pulizija ta' Malta. Barra minn għajnuna bħal din dawn ir-relazzjonijiet iservu wkoll biex iż-żewġ naħat ikunu jistgħu jgħinu lil xulxin fil-ġlieda kontra l-kriminalità.

Forsi ilek ittella' u tniżżel li jkollok id-dar tiegħek. Wasal iż-żmien li twarrab il-ħolm fil-ġenb u tagħmel pass il-quddiem biex tikseb id-dar tiegħek.

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Wirja ta' Hobbies organizzata mill-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija u mill-Għaqda tal-Pensjonanti

Intervista ma' Lorry Muscat, wieħed mill-organizzaturi tal-Wirja ta' Hobbies li saret fil-Games Room, Police Social Club, bejn it-28/2/86 u 9/3/86.

Mistoqsija: X'ġagħalkom torganizzaw l-Wirja ta' Hobbies.

Tweġiba: Ngħidlek il-verità, jiena kollizzjonista filatelika u ili żmien nipparteċipa f'wirjiet organizzati mill-Posta ta' Malta, d-differenza hija li dawn il-wirjiet filateliċi jkunu kompetittivi u mhux l-ewwel darba li rbaħt xi premju.

Minn dawn il-kompetizzjonijiet twieldet f'moħħi l-ideja li għandha ssir wirja ta' hobbies iżda mhux kompetittiva, sempliċiment wieħed jesponi l-materjal tad-delizzju tiegħu lill-pubbliku.

Xi żmien ilu kont tkellimt ma' l-Awtorità tal-Pulizija, fejn urejthom ix-xewqa tiegħi biex l-Għaqda tagħna flimkien ma' l-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija norganizzaw wirja fil-Games Room, fil-Police Social Club, l-Awtorità mill-ewwel laqgħu x-xewqa tiegħi u tawni l-approvazzjoni tagħhom.

Din kienet deċiżjoni tajba li l-Għaqda tal-pulizija Pensjonanti u l-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija, organizzajna din il-wirja ta' hobbies flimkien. Nista' ngħid, li l-maġġoranza ta' l-anzjani tal-Korp, għandhom iħossuhom familjari mal-Korp, għax mhux għalkemm tinsa dak li għal 25 sena tkun ħdimt għalih u kull attività li tiġi organizzata aktar 'il quddiem żgur li ssaħħaħ l-għaqda bejn il-membri, bħal ma qal tajjeb il-Kummissarju fl-introduzzjoni tal-programm 'Wieħed jittama li din l-okkażjoni sservi ta' inkoraġġiment għall-futur biex naraw aktar attività li fiha l-membri jkunu jistgħu jissaħħu fl-għaqda bil-parteċipazzjoni tagħhom'.

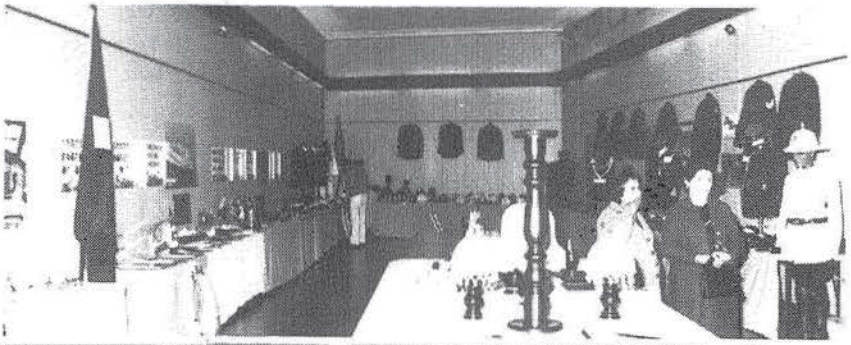
Mistoqsija: X'għamilt wara li kellek l-approvazzjoni.

Tweġiba: Bħal ma għidlek qabel, din il-wirja minn dejjem kienet f'moħħi, għalhekk biex nilħaq l-iskop tiegħi avviċinajt xi membri tal-Korp li wiegħduni l-għajnuna tagħhom u huma stess offrewli li jesibixxu d-delizzji tagħhom f'din il-wirja, wara, lkoll flimkien u bl-għajnuna kbira li tawna l-Awtorità tal-Korp stinkajna u ħdima biex minn sempliċi xewqa ssir realtà.

Wieħed jista' jgħid li l-esibituri kollha jħossu dak is-sodisfazzjon li l-wirja rnexxiet b'suċċess, tant li minn tlett ijiem li oriġinarjament kellha ddum ġiet estiża għal għaxart ijiem, fejn ukoll ġie suġġerit li għandha tibda ssir darbtejn fis-sena. Nispiċċa biex ngħid, li l-organizzaturi qatt ma' ħasbu li l-oġġetti esibiti se jkunu ta' livel hekk għoli. Jiena ċert li din il-wirja se tkun ta' nkoraġġiment għal membri taż-żewġ għaqdiet biex jipparteċipaw f'wirjiet oħra.

Fl-opinjoni tiegħi kemm il-materjal esibit u kemm il-preżentazzjoni ta' l-esibituri kienu mill-aqwa u għalhekk għamluha possibbli li l-wirja rnexxit b'suċċess.

Id-Deputat Kummissarju A. Mifsud Tomasi jippreżenta ċertifikat ta' l-okkażjoni lil wieħed mill-esibituri.



Fir-ritratti jidhru tlett sezzjonijiet tal-Wirja.

MILL-ASSOĊJAZZJONI TAL-PULIZIJA

Wirja ta' "Hobbies'

Bejn it-28 ta' Frar, 1986 u d-9 ta' Marzu, 1986 inżammet wirja ta' 'Hobbies' mill-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija flimkien mal-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Penzjonanti bil-parteċipazzjoni ta' membri miż-żewġ għaqdiet. Il-wirja nżammet komodatament fis-sala tal-logħob tal-Police Social Club.

Oriġinarjament, il-wirja kellha tinżamm miftuħa għal tlitt ijiem iżda fuq talba ta' bosta kif ukoll għall-fatt illi kien mistħoqq li tit-wal b'ġimgħa oħra – grazzi għad-dedikazzjoni tal-esibituri u l-faċilitajiet li jingħataw – minnufih ingħatatilna l-awtorità meħtieġa biex tibqa' miftuħa. L-esibituri, li kienu ħdax minn fost il-membri tal-korp, fosthom mara u erba' pensjonanti, organizzaw flimkien din il-wirja taħt il-patroċinju tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.

L-Official Side tal-Pulizija apprezzat ix-xogħol kollu li sar u awtorizzat il-faċilitajiet kollha li kienu meħtieġa. B'dawn il-kelmtejn nixtiequ nirringrazzja lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, lid-Deputat Kummissarju u lill-esibituri kollha, kif ukoll lill-isponsors li kellna.

Minn donazzjonijiet li saru matul il-wirja, nġabret is-somma ta' Lm48.17,3 li ġiet mgħoddija lid-Deputat Kummissarju għall-fond tal-vittmi sħabna f'tas-Sliema. Aktar dwar il-wirja taqraw f'naħa oħra f'din il-ħarġa.

Il-kundizzjonijiet fil-ħabs

Fost l-ilmenti li l-Assoċjazzjoni tirċievi mingħand il-membri tagħha, tirċievi dawk tal-membri 'seconded' fid-dipartiment tal-ħabs. Dawn l-ilmenti l-Assoċjazzjoni dejjem ressqithom lill-awtoritajiet. Fost oħrajn dawn jirrigwardjaw 'leave', it-time in lieu, il-ħinijiet tax-xogħol u tal-break.

Huwa ta' sodisfazzjon għalina li nkunu nafu li l-Gvern innomina lil Imħallef M. Caruana Curran biex jirrakkomanda titjieb fir-regolamenti li jikkonċernaw il-ħabs u l-impjegati. B'hekk wieħed jistenna li l-affarijiet jitjiebu għal kull settur fil-ħabs.

Ir-reklutaġġ fil-Korp

Matul ix-xahar ta' Marzu 1986 ġew ingaġġati diversi rekluti li aħna bi pjaċir nilqgħu biex naħdmu flimkien. Lir-rekluti l-ġodda nawgurawlhom suċċess fil-karriera tagħhom bħala Pulizija. Huma għandhom iżommu quddiem għajnejhom il-ħin kollu li s-suċċess tagħhom jiddependi minnhom infushom billi jfittxu kif jitgħallmu aktar kif jaqdu aħjar id-doveri tagħhom u jkunu leali lejn il-ġurament li ngħatalhom. Opportunitajiet ta' avvanz fid-dipartiment jeżistu minn żmien għal żmien, għalhekk wieħed għandu jkun ippreparat sewwa għas-siegħa tal-prova.

Ir-rekluti u l-Assoċjazzjoni

Kull rekluta sar membru tal-Assoċjazzjoni mal-ġurament, fejn qal ... nissuġġetta ruħi għall-Attijiet, Ordinanza, ordnijiet u regolamenti kollha...

L-iskopijiet tal-Assoċjazzjoni kif ukoll xi tgħid l-istess Ordinanza tal-Pulizija, kif ukoll xi regolamenti oħra se jiġu mfissra lilhom mill-Assoċjazzjoni stess waqt taħditiet li ġew awtorizzati mill-Kummissarju, kif inhi x-xewqa tal-Assoċjazzjoni.

Hawnhekk ta' min isemmi wkoll li r-rekluti qed jingħataw kors bażiku qasir, wara jaħdmu xogħol regulari biex jieħdu l-esperjenza, imbagħad jerġgħu jinġabru għal kors 'ad hoc' qabel l-eżami aħħari. Din is-sistema tiżgura li kull rekluta jkun ingħata opportunità ta' esperjenza tax-xogħol li żgur isservih ta' ġid għall-futur kif ukoll għal matul il-kors. Din is-sistema taqbel magħha l-Assoċjazzjoni mija fil-mija kif esprimiet ruħha f'rapport li kienet ħejjiet u għaddiet lill-Awtoritajiet tal-Pulizija dwar ir-reklutaġġ wara li ġiet mistiedna li tagħmel dan.

L-eżamijiet ta' promozzjoni

Bħalissa jinsabu għaddejjin diversi lezzjonijiet li qed jingħataw lil membri tal-Korp li għaddew mill-eżamijiet ta' promozzjoni għal Surġent jew Spettur. Lil dawn kollha nixtiequlhom kull suċċess aħħari filwaqt li ninkoraġġixxu l-oħrajn kollha biex iżommu ruħhom aġġornati fil-materji tal-eżamijiet biex ikunu għal-lest f'sejħiet oħra għall-eżami.

Ir-ri introduzzjoni tal-'Extra Duty'

Wieħed mill-punti li dwarhom qed nitolbu laqgħa mal-Prim Ministru huwa proprju l-'Extra Duty'.

Minn nhar it-15 ta' Marzu, 1986 reġgħet bdiet tinħadem l-'Extra Duty' minkejja li għadu jseħħ il-'ban' mill-Gvern fuq l-'overtime'. Mill-bidunett meta ġiet sospiża l-'Extra Duty', madwar tlitt snin ilu u qabel, l-Assoċjazzjoni dejjem tennet li l-'overtime' huwa distint mill-'Extra Duty' fid-dipartiment tal-Pulizija. Ix-xebh ma' l-'overtime' huwa l-'Compulsory Extra Duty'. Prinċipalment, ir-raġuni għal dan hija li l-'Extra Duty' iħallas għaliha t-terza persuna u mhux il-Gvern li qed jimpjega.

Din ir-ri introduzzjoni seħħet wara l-intervent tal-Kummissarju fuq talbiet tal-Assoċjazzjoni. Ta' dan, l-Assoċjazzjoni rringrazzjat lill-Kummissarju b'permezz ta' ittra mibgħuta fis-17 ta' Marzu 1986 u li fiha ġiet imtennija t-talba għall-ħlas dovut tal-'Extra Duty' maħduma qabel ġiet sospiża li tinkludi dik l-hekk imsejħa tal-'Identity Cards'.

Fid-19 ta' Marzu 1986, il-Kummissarju nforma lis-Segretarju tal-Assoċjazzjoni, li kien irċieva l-ittra tas-17 ta' Marzu kif ukoll li l-kwistjoni ta' l-'Extra Duty' li kienet inħadmet qed tkompli tiġi diskussa ma' l-Awtoritajiet konċernati. (Dawn iż-żewġ ittri qed jidhru wkoll f'din il-ħarġa.)

Iċ-ċirkularijiet li jirregolaw l-'Extra Duty' (G.H.Q. Cir. 29/80; 47/80; 55/80; 83/80; 36/81; u 37/81) għadhom jgħoddu. Fost oħrajn, dawn iċ-ċirkularijiet isemmu l-ħlas u s-siegħat li wieħed jista' jaħdem (75 siegħa – Ċir. 83/80). Dawn iċ-ċirkularijiet ġew miġbura f'ċirkulari waħda li għandha tiġi ppublikata fi żmien qasir.

Mill-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija

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Tajjeb li wieħed ifakkar li għall-finijiet tal-Ordinanza u allura tal-liġi, l-'Extra Duty' hija meqjusa xogħol u għal daqstant l-ordnijiet u r-regolamenti kollha dwar ix-xogħol tal-Pulizija jgħoddu wkoll għall-'Extra Duty'.

Mil-laqgħat tal-Assoċjazzjoni

Mill-aħħar ħarġa tal-Magażin, l-Assoċjazzjoni żammet diversi laqgħat li x-xogħol u l-iskopijiet tagħhom kienu jinkludu kif ġej. Kif semmejna fil-ħarġa ta' Jannar/Frar, għad hemm diversi punti li dwarhom l-Assoċjazzjoni kitbet lill-Awtoritajiet u għadhom pendenti, jiġifieri mingħajr risposta. Dawn jinkludu, il-laqgħa mal-Prim Ministru, it-talba biex jerġgħu jidhru r-ritratti tal-mejtin fil-magażin, l-allowances dovuti lill-Maltin stazzjonati f'Għawdex, id-drittijiet tad-dipendenti tal-membri tal-Korp li jmutu jew ikorru fuq ix-xogħol u t-talba għal ġurnata żejda 'off duty' fl-okkażjoni tal-anniversarju mit-twaqqif tal-Assoċjazzjoni.

Ma' dawn it-talbiet żdiedet oħra nhar is-7 ta' Frar, 1986 fejn l-Assoċjazzjoni talbiet biex tkun rappreżentata fil-'Welfare Committee'. Dan għaliex l-Assoċjazzjoni tħoss li peress li hu dover tagħha li tieħu ħsieb il-'Welfare' tal-Korp, tħoss ukoll li għaldaqstant għandu jkollha rappreżentanza fil-kumitat, li skond G.H.Q. Ċir. 2/86 dan ma jeżistix.

Dwar il-laqgħa mal-Prim Ministru, reġgħet ġiet imtennija t-talba b'permezz ta' 'reminder' mibgħut lill-Kummissarju nhar is-7 ta' Frar, 1986, iżda sakemm qed tiġi ppubblikata din il-ħarġa, ma ġejniex infurmati bi żviluppi.

F'waħda mil-laqgħat, il-kumitat ikkunsidra fit-tul u fil-fond u ddeċieda dwar suġġeriment ta' żieda fil-kontribuzzjoni ta' Lm3 kull tlitt xhur. Fid-19 ta' Marzu, 1986, l-Assoċjazzjoni rrispondiet bil-miktub dwar dan fis-sens illi ma tħossx li din il-kontribuzzjoni jistħoqqilha xi żieda għalissa u talbet li tingħata raġunijiet bil-miktub għaliex għandha tiżdied, meta u jekk din ikollha terġa' tiġi diskussa.

F'żewġ laqgħat li saru għas-Surġenti u Kuntistabblijiet ġie diskussa s-sistema dwar l-użu tat-trasport pubbliku. Dan seħħ wara li s-segretarju tal-Assoċjazzjoni ġie mistieden mill-'Official Side' biex jiddiskuti ma' uffiċjali oħra għolja tal-Korp dwar din is-sistema. Wara laqgħa ma' dawn l-uffiċċjali, is-segretarju laqgħa s-Central Committee tas-Surġenti u Kuntistabbli fejn iddiskutew u ssuġġerew diversi punti. F'dawn id-diskussjonijiet kien ta' bilfors meħtieġ li kollox jinkwadra ruħu f'dak li hemm stabbilit fl-'Estacode' dwar it-trasport. F'din il-laqgħa ġie deċiż li m'għandhiex tintalab l-awtorità biex wieħed

•Ikompli f'paġna 8

IL-KAPPELLA TA' L-GĦASSA TAR-RABAT — GĦAWDEX

Waqt il-Quddiesa nhar id-Duluri

Sewwa sew kif titla t-taraġ prinċipali ta' l-għassa tal-Pulizija tar-Rabat Għawdex, insibu kamra żgħir użata bħala kappella. F'din il-kappella insibu statwa sabiħa tal-Vara l-Kbira. Il-kurċifiss artistiku ta din l-istatwa nġieb minn Ruma qabel jew fl-1967. Infatti skond tabella li tinsab f'din il-kappella, l-Isqof Camilleri ta xi indulġenzi lil min jgħid xi talb quddiem dan il-kurċifiss. Ma dan il-kurċifiss insibu tlett statwi sbieħ tad-Duluri, San Ġwann l-Appostlu u tal-Madalena. Dawn huma xogħol ta l-istatwarju magħruf Għawdxi Wistin Camilleri u saru qabel l-aħħar gwerra dinjija, aktarx fit-tlettinijiet. Il-flus għal dawn l-istatwi nġabru minn membri tal-Pulizija stazzjonati f'Għawdex dawk iż-żmienijiet. Barra minn hekk din il-kappella hija armata b'dak kollu li tirrekjedi kappella. Fiha wkoll armar għal festi u armar li jintuża kuljum.

Ta' kull sena nhar il-festa tad-Duluri din il-kappella tiġi armata għal din l-okkażjoni. Issir ukoll quddiesa mill-Isqof għal membri tal-korp. Anki kull l-ewwel ġimgħa tax-xahar issir quddiesa.

Skond informazzjoni miġbura mingħand ex membru tal-Korp stazzjonat f'Għawdex, F'Ħamis Ix-Xirka l-membri tal-Korp t'Għawdex kienu joħorġu jimmarċjaw flimkien mal-kappillan tagħhom jagħmlu l-visti lis-Seba' Knejjes.

Din il-kappella tinsab fi stat tajjeb.

THE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY

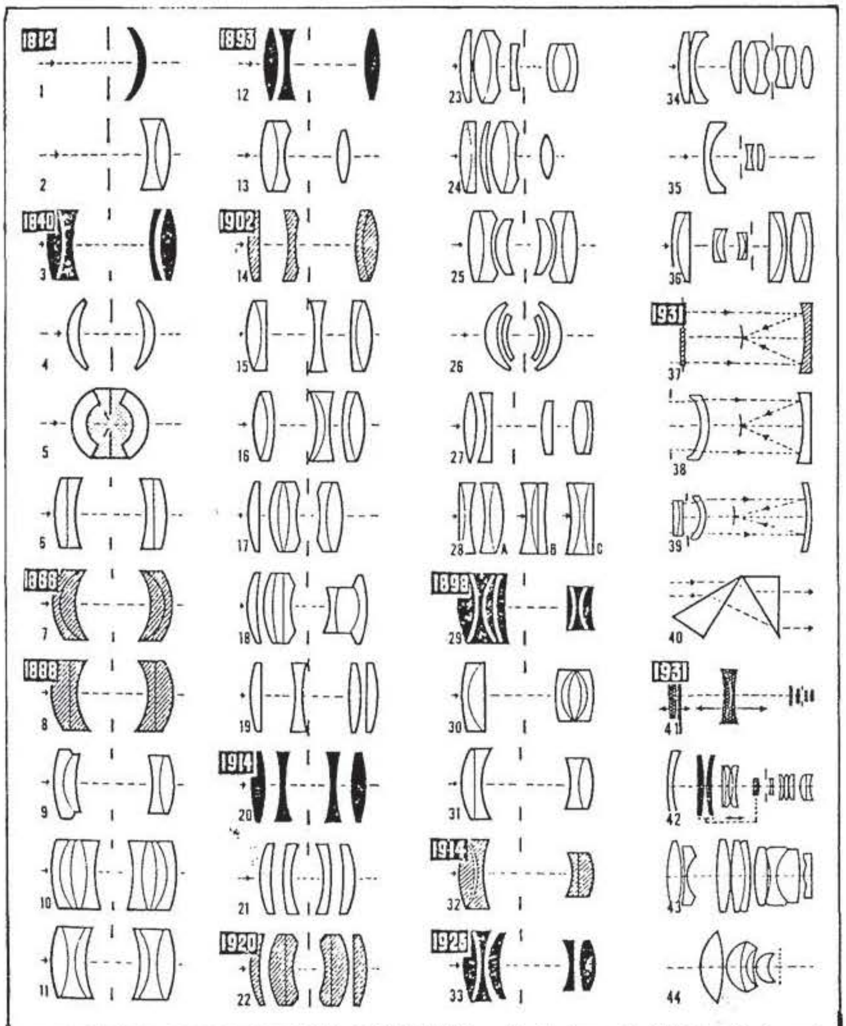
By MARIO SCHEMBRI — **PART 2**

Nevertheless the pioneering spirit led people like Roger Fenton (English) to take his horse-and-cart darkroom to photograph the Crimean war (1855). In America, the Irish Patrick Mathew Brady used a photographic buggy followed the civil war, over 7,000 of his collodion negs. In Paris Nadar, took collodion aerial photographs from a captive balloon.

Stereoscopic photography using daguerreotype had been produced since the late 1840's. Now albumen paper prints and albumen-on-glass transperancies from collodion negs. provided a system of bulk printing low cost stereopairs.

The 1860's brought the introduction of enlargers for collodion negatives. It provided a system of print copying from a glass neg. via light box fitted with a lens. Normally you need a 20 by 16 inch camera to produce a 20 by 16 inch print. The early enlargers like those of the American Woodward (1857) and Scotish Monchroven (1864) used the sun light reflected by a mirror through a hole in the darkroom wall. Due to the slowness of albumen papers, enlargers were normally used to prepare an enlarged collodion negative. Which would then be conventially printed by contact. It was lately that the enlarger came to use as we know it today.

MATHEW B. BRADY 1823 – 1896.



DEVELOPMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC LENS DESIGN – Simple lenses: 1. Wollaston Meniscus; 2. Achromatized Meniscus. (Early symmetrical designs); 3. Petzval lens; 4. Goerz Hypergon; 5. Liquid filled Panorama lens;6. Globe lens; 7. Rapid Rectilinear; 8. Ross Concentric; 9. Zeiss Protar; 10. Double Protar; 11. Goerz Dagor; Anastigmat lenses: 12. Original Cooke Triplet; 13. Aldis Anastigmat; 14. Zeiss Tessar; 15. Dallmeyer Pentac; 16. Leitz Hector; 17. Zeiss Sonnar f2.; 18. Zeiss Sonnar fl.5; 19. Cooke Series X. Modern High Speed symmetrical types: 20. Cooke Aviar; 21 Ross Homocentric; 22. Cooke Series O; 23. Warmisham fl.3; 24. Lee fl.0; 25. Zeiss Orthometar; 26. Zeiss Topogon wide angle; 27. Zeiss Orthometar; 28. Telephoto attachments for normal camera lenses; 29. Zeiss telephoto; 30. Dalmeyer Adon; 31. Busch Bistelar; 32. Booth telephoto; 33. Distortionless telephoto lens; 34. Inverted telephoto design; 35. Hill Cloud lens; 36. Watson variable focus zoom lens; Mirror lens systems: 37. Schmidt; 38 Bouwers and Maksutov; 39. Linfoot and Hawkins; Anamorphic system: 40. Brewster's prisms; Zoom lenses: 41. Busch Vario-Glankar; 42. Zoomar for 35mm. cameras; Aspheric lenses: 43. Elgeet Golden Navitar; 44. Yashido f0.519.

The limitations of the wet collodion itself gradually became intolerabe for location work. Various methods of preserving collodion were tried in order that it might be sensitised and processed at a time seperated from photography. All resulted in loss of speed. But by 1871 Dr. Dick Maddox suggested gelatine as a collodion substitute. Two years later, another Londoner, John Burgess began marketing bromide gelatine emulsion in bottles. The result was not very satisfactory owing to the presence of by products, such as pot. nitrate in the emulsion.

In the 1873, the Englishman Richard Kennett was selling washed pellichles or dried emulsion and ready prepared

GASPAR FELIX tournachan (Nadar) 1820 – 1910.

coated plates. It was not until 1878 that Charles Bennett published that keeping the emulsion at 90cFeh. from 4 to 7 days, produced a ripening which resulted increased speed. Emulsion speed allowed exposures as short as 1/25 th. second and shutters became a necessity.

As processing could be done at some other time by somebody else, the trade of photo-finishing become practical amateur photography greatly increased. Amateur photography evolved in such a great way that by 1883 hardly any photographer used collodion material.

NEW IDEAS

•The freedom and speed of dry plates and expanding markets for photography encouraged new ideas in camera design. As cameras could now technically be used manually, manufacturers produced compact light weight equipment. Cameras could be loaded with 12 glass plates and mechanically designed to bring each plate in turn to the focal plane. Many 'detective' cameras appeard-small like objects (toys) desquised as parcels, opera glasses, walking sticks etc...

In 1888, an ex-New York bank clerk (born just outside London, England) George Eastman produced a new camera. He was looking for a name for his new camera. So he invented a strange name which starts with a heavy letter and ends with the same heavy fonetical letter, and it was arranged in such a way that it could always be remembered. He was after a new, strange but simple name. Eastman put out this camera, he named it Kodak. This new camera the Kodak No. 1, was aimed for people who were not interested in loading plate holders, operating complicated cameras or processing the actual film. For only 25 dollars it was a simple box containing a roll of sentised paper 20 ft x 2¾ ins. enough to make 100 circular negative each 2½ ins. diam.

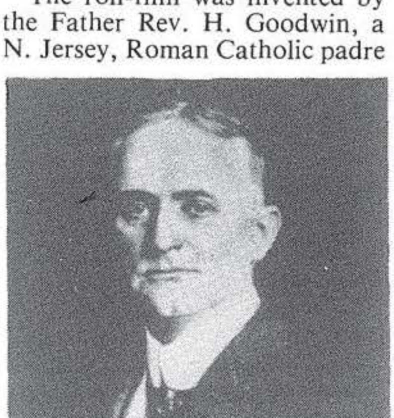
The f.9 lens was fixed focus and the camera had an instantaneous shutter, pressing a button made the exposure, winding a key transported the sensitive material. It was as simple as that. When the 100th. picture had been taken the camera was sent back to Eastman's factory at Rockester.

The paper roll was cut into stripe, processed and the emulsion stripped off on a transport support. Prints were then made from all usable, negs, pasted onto little mounts and returned with the re-loaded camera, all for 10 dollars.

ROLL FILM

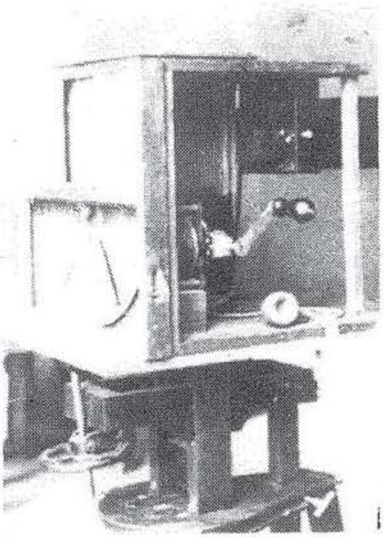
By 1889, the paper roll was replaced by roll film on nitro-cellulose base and 6 years later the film was rolled in a length of backing paper to allow daylight re-loading.

The roll-film was invented by the Father Rev. H. Goodwin, a N. Jersey, Roman Catholic padre in 1887. Today films are of Polyester (plastic based).



GEORGE EASTMAN 1854 – 1952

Eastman's slogan 'You press the button, we do the rest' rang round the world. For many years he had a monopoly of roll-film and with it roll-film cameras. The Kodak camera changed the whole character of amateur photography from a process for the initiated few to snapshotting for the millions.



An early instrument to photograph motion.

Thomas Edison (American), who was working on an instrument to photograph motion, approached Eastman in 1889 for a suitable new flexible film. The 2¾ inch Kodak roll-film was slit down the centre making it 35mm. wide. Edison made the transport perforations at each edge. Later this become an international standard for motion pictures. Then in 1924, Oscar Barnack (German) an employee with E. Leitz, designed a camera for the use with microscopes and using motion picture film. This was later marketed by his company as the first 35mm. camera. The Leica camera.

Other improvements to materials include the extention of colour sensitivity from Blue to Orthchromatic (1885) and Panchromatic (1904) by the German doctor H. Vogel.

Vogel's sensitising dyes were a starting point for practical system of colour photography. Bear in mind also the improvement in lenses such as Rudolf's 1889 Anastigmat lens.

Eastman enjoyed enormous financial success of his camera system in the form of research and development laboratories. These in turn gave way to many new material, like the first practical colour tripack film 'KodaChrome' in 1935.

The 19th. century church in Germany made news when due to a lack of photographic or chemistry knowledge, it condemned all photographic processes and termed it as the work of the devil. It tried to influence the catholic world, including the vatican. Then a catholic priest who took some interest in chemistry, found out that there was nothing satanic about photography.

The scnadalised reaction of that German newspaper to the invention of the Daguerreotype seems very curious now, in the light of the benefits that photography has brought to the world. This is how the editorial ended: 'Is it possible that God should have abandoned His eternal principles, and allowed a Frenchman in Paris to give the world an invention of the Devil... If this thing were at all possible, then something similar would have been done a long time ago in antiquity by men like Archimedes or Moses. But if these wise men knew nothing of mirror pictures made permanent, then one can straightaway call the Frenchman Daguerre, who boasts of such unheard of things, the fool of fools.

The 19th. century began with Wedgwood's primitive, unfixed photograms, it ended with Black and White photography in a state of development not far short of today.

The question of who discovered photography is unresolved and in retrospect unimportant.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN MALTA

The British Forces introduced photography in Malta for the first time. But it was reserved only for security Matters and off course reconnaissance. By the 1850's the Naval and Army authorities had their own photographers and the majority if not all of them were servicemen. No local Maltese personnel were employed as photographers as yet.

But the year 1850/60's, the first photographic studio run by a civilian was that of Giuseppe Lorenzo Formosa, of 66, Old Bakery Street, Valletta. Seven major photographers operating full time, had their studios, most of them at Valletta:

Emanuel Borg, of 21, St. John's Street, Valletta.

Saverio Preziosi Ciantar, of 'London Studio', 133, Strada Teatro, Valletta.

Orazio Agius, 123, Strada Sta. Margerita and 14, Strada Cospicua, Cospicua.

Richard Ellis, of 43, Strata Stretta, Valletta.

Augustine Felice, of 56, Strada Stretta, Valletta.

Alessandro Caurana, of 41, Strada Stretta, Valletta.

H.J. Davison, of 'La Valette Studio', 57, Strada Reale, Valletta.

Most of the local photographic establishments in the island used Daguerre type cameras and Calotype, Collodian and Ambrotype methods for their processings.

More photographic studios were opened all over the major cities, towns and big villages, and by the early 20th. Century, photography in Malta became more popular.

MILL-ASSOĊJAZZJONI TAL-PULIZIJA

•minn paġna 5

juża l-karozza privata tiegħu bi ħlas għal qadi tad-dmirijiet waqt il-ħin tax-xogħol. Dan għal diversi raġunijiet ovvji.

Il-kumitat issuġġerixxa li preferibilment għandu jkun hemm it-trasport tad-dipartiment għall-użu waqt ix-xogħol kif ukoll li l-użu tat-trasport publiku jkun bla ħlas kif kien qabel ġiet mibdula s-sistema fl-1980.

Fl-aħħarnett ġie deċiż u rakkomandat li jekk is-sistema preżenti tat-'Travelling Expences' għandha tibqa', i) it-talbiet għandhom jiġu ppreżentati għall-ħlas fejn hu prattikabbli kmieni kemm jista' jkun; ii) illi ma jsirx ħlas għall-vjaġġ mid-dar għax-xogħol u/jew lura ħlief għall-Qorti meta tkun 'Off' jew bil-'Leave' kif ukoll għall-Qorti meta jkun filgħodu u wara nofsinhar fl-istess jum; iii) għandu jsir ħlas meta wieħed ikollu jivjaġġa fuq xi xogħol f'post ieħor differenti mill-post fejn ikun **iddettaljat** għax-xogħol (mhux stazzjonat).

Wara dawn iż-żewġ laqgħat is-Segretarju ppreżenta r-rakkomandazzjonijiet tal-Assoċjazzjoni f'laqgħa oħra ma' l-uffiċjali maħtura apposta. F'isem l-Assoċjazzjoni talab ukoll li materji bħal din li jolqtu l-kundizzjonijiet tax-xogħol kif ukoll il-'Welfare' tal-korp, għandhom ikomplu jiġu diskussi ma' l-Assoċjazzjoni kif inhi x-xewqa tagħha.

Konsultazzjonijiet dwar materji ta' importanza

Minkejja l-fatt li l-Assoċjazzjoni dejjem uriet ix-xewqa tagħha li tiġi kkonsultata dwar materji li jolqtu l-'Welfare', l-effiċjenza jew il-kundizzjonijiet tax-xogħol, dan mhux dejjem qed isir. Nhar l-14 ta' April, 1986 ġiet ippublikata ċirkulari 32/86 dwar skema ta' Insurance għall-membri tal-Korp. Minnufih, diversi membri avviċinaw lis-segretarju jew lill-president għal aktar informazzjoni dwar l-iskema.

Ovjament dan juri li affarijiet bħal dawn il-membri jħossu u jippretendu li l-Assoċjazzjoni tkun taf dwarhom tant li javviċinawha bid-diffikultajiet tagħhom. Dan jikkonferma kemm hu neċessarju li l-Assoċjazzjoni tieħu sehem f'diskussjonijiet dwar materji ta' din ix-xorta. Sfortunatament, il-membri li kellhom xi diffikulta ma setgħux isibu risposta mingħand l-Assoċjazzjoni għas-sempliċi raġuni li hija ma ġietx avviċinata dwar l-iskema. Imbagħad beda jiġri li ħafna rrispondew 'Not interested' għax kienu f'diffikulta u mhux bilfors għax veru ma kienux interessati. Dwar dan l-Assoċjazzjoni kitbet minnufih lill-'Official Side' għal xi struzzjonijiet. L-Assoċjazzjoni ma tistax ma taqbilx mal-prinċipju ta' skema bħal din iżda tista' tapprova sistema wara li tkun konvinta dwar il-benefiċċji li jistgħu jinkisbu mill-membri tal-Korp, b'permezz ta' diskussjonijiet biex tiġi megħluba kull diffikulta dwar l-iskema.

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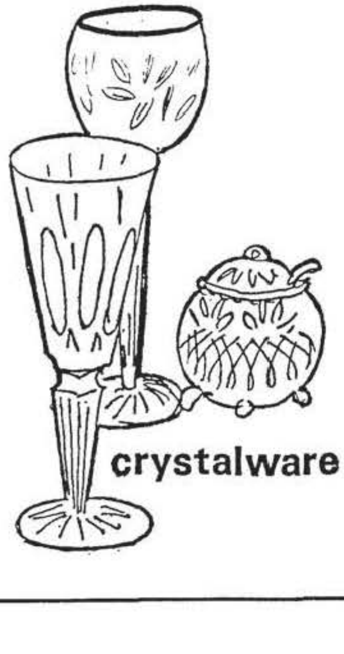

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Police questioning — over a glass of Cognac

A very recent sentence[1] delivered by the Court of Magistrates of Judicial Police for the Island of Malta has raised many legal and uniformed eyebrows. Not because the accused was acquitted – that often happens; nor because the Court came to the conclusion that accused's confession was extorted by a promise of favour[2] – even Magistrates are entitled to their opinions on questions of fact. What is, to say the least, odd, is that the Court, in its sentence, stated (undoubtedly **obiter**) that it (i.e. the Court) was worried by the prevailing practice of interrogating suspects only in the office of the investigating police officer, even when the suspect is neither a "notorious criminal" nor a person caught **in flagrante delicto;** the Court suggested that such questioning can take place in the suspect's own office or at his place of work or, indeed, at his residence. Moreover the Court seemed to doubt the propriety of the presence of more than two police officers at the questioning and of the suspect waiting for any length of time in the "ante-chamber" before being questioned[3].

It is submitted that these **dicta** cannot be taken as being anything even approaching a proper exposition of law.

A suspect is questioned at a police station for the obvious reason that he is, in most cases, under arrest. If he were not under arrest he would not be obliged to follow the arresting officer (usually a constable or sergeant) to the station, he would be at liberty to leave the station at any time, and then the investigating officer would have to go chasing after the said suspect for the privilege of a tête-à-tête over a cup of coffee or a glass of cognac. So, the real issue is not the **place of interrogation** but the **power of arrest.**

Section 359 of the Criminal Code is quite clear. The police may arrest "any person who has committed, or is suspected[4] of having committed any crime punishable with imprisonment, with the exception of the crimes punishable under the Press Act, 1974". The law does not distinguish between notorious and less distinguished criminals; such distinctions are obviously odious, and may lead to the suggestion that criminals or suspects should be afforded different treatment by the police on the basis of their criminal record. Nor does s.359 distinguish between persons caught **in flagrante** and those caught otherwise than **in flagrante**[5]. And, in any case, a person caught **in flagrante** hardly qualifies any longer as a "suspect"!

Arrests in accordance with s.395 are effected by the police in furtherance of their various duties as summarised in s.358. In January of 1981, the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, under the chairmanship of Sir Cyril Philips, published its report[6] which deals with, among other topics, the investigative powers of the police. Paragraphs 3.65 to 3.67 of the said report, although referring to the position in English law, are applicable in large measure also to our law:

3.65 Such rationale as may by perceived in the existing powers of arrest seems to us to be broadly as follows. The ultimate purpose of arrest is to bring before a court for trial a person who commits a criminal offence or is reasonably suspected of so doing. But because arrest deprives the citizen of his liberty its use is to be restricted generally to offences that carry the penalty of imprisonment (there are some exceptions in the case of offences of causing a public nuisance, for example being drunk and incapable) and to persons against whom the summons procedure will not be effective. Arrest may also be used to prevent or terminate the commission of an offence. The general power of arrest without warrant is further restricted to more serious offences.

3.66 The period of detention upon arrest may be used for certain purposes, and the power of arrest is also related to these. Indeed the purposes for which the existing powers of arrest are used in practice can be put in the following terms. It may be used to prevent the suspect destroying evidence or interfering with witnesses or warning accomplices who have not yet been arrested. Where there is good reason to suspect a repetition of the offence, especially but not exclusively offences of violence, it may be used to stop such an occurance. Finally, the criterion of having reasonable grounds for suspicion sufficient to justify arrest is not necessarily sufficient to justify a charge; hearsay evidence, for example, may be sufficient grounds for reasonable suspicion, but it is not sufficient for a person to be charged, since it will not be admissible as evidence at trial. Accordingly, the period of detention may be used to dispel or confirm that reasonable suspicion by questioning the suspect or seeking further material evidence with his assistance. This has not always been the law or practice but now seems to be well established as one of the primary purposes of detention upon arrest.

3.67 The point is clearly made by Lord Devil in the case of Shaaban Bin Hussein v. Chong Fook Kam[7]. " 'Reasonable cause' is a lower standard than information sufficient to prove a prima facie case. Reasonable cause may take into account matters that could not be put into evidence at all or matters which, although admissible, would not on their own prove the case. The circumstances of the case should be such that a reasonable man acting without passion or prejudice would fairly have suspected the person of having committed the offence. It is important that hasty or ill-advised police action should be avoided. If on the other hand the police hesitate too long to arrest a person when they have

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proper and sufficient ground for suspicion against him, they may lose the opportunity of arresting him or may enable him to destroy evidence ... Suspicion arises at or near the starting point of an investigation of which the obtaining of prima facie proof is the end. Suspicion can take into account matters that could not be put in evidence at all."

Since the Royal Commission Report was published the House of Lords has added yet another purpose for which arrest (upon reasonable suspicion) may be resorted to, namely the likelihood that the suspect will respond more truthfully if questioned at a police station than if questioned at his home[8]. In the words of Lord Diplock:

> **Was it a matter that Detective Constable Offin should have excluded from his consideration, as irrelevant to the exercise of his statutory power of arrest, that there was a greater likelihood (as he believed) that the appellant would respond truthfully to questions about her connection with or knowledge of the burglary, if she were questioned under arrest at the police station, than if, without arresting her, questions were put to her by Det. Con. Offin at her own home from which she could peremptorily order him to depart at any moment...?**[9]

All five Law Lords concurred in holding that it was **not** an irrelevant or extraneous consideration for the purposes of arrest.

It follows therefore that the "stress and pressure" inherent in the fact of arrest and deprivation of liberty cannot **per se** be invoked as a ground for impugning the validity (i.e. admissibility) of a confession by the accused. To hold otherwise would amount to a complete negation of s.359. In this context it is pertinent to recall the English case **R. v. Rennie**[10] which is authority for the proposition that a self-generated or self-induced hope of an early release from custody, even if it occurs in the course, or as a result, of firm but otherwise proper police questioning, does not render a confession inadmissible. In delivering judgement in **Rennie,** Lord Chief Justice Lane had this to say:

> **Even if it were the fact that the appellant had decided to admit his guilt because he hoped that if he did so the police would cease their inquiries into the part played by his mother, it did not follow that the confession should have been excluded. Very few confessions were inspired solely by remorse. Often the motives of an accused person were mixed and included a hope that an early admission might lead to an earlier release or a lighter sentence. If it were the law that the mere presence of such a motive, even if prompted by something said or done by a person in authority, led inexorably to the exclusion of a confession, nearly every confession would be rendered inadmissible. That was not the law. In some cases the hope might be self-generated. If so, it was irrelevant even if it provided the dominant motive for making the confession. In such a case the confession would not have been obtained by anything said or done by a person in authority. More commonly the presence of such a hope would, in part at least, owe its origin to something said or done by such a person. There could be few prisoners who were being firmly but fairly questioned in a police station to whom it did not occur that they might be able to bring both their interrogation and their detention to an earlier end by confessing ... It was unnecessary and undesireable to complicate (the) question by considerations of whether conduct was "improper" or constituted an "inducement". The sense and spirit of the principle was more important than the particular wording in which it was expressed. And above all it was to be applied with common sense ... In other words (the judge) should understand the principle and the spirit behind it and apply his common sense. Their Lordships would add, he should remind himself that "voluntary" in ordinary parlance meant of one's own free will.**[11]

It is unfortunate that sometimes the law is obfuscated by tangential desiderata which in reality are quite naive; as naive, in fact, as the proposition that Magistrates in the course of inquests and inquiries should not summon witnesses to the Courts building in Valletta but should make arrangements to have their evidence taken at their homes.

VINCENT A. DE GAETANO LL.D., Dip. Grim, (Cantab.)

(1) **The Police v. Vittorio sive Victor Pace,** C.M.J.P. 24 March 1986.
(2) Section 654 of the Criminal Code.
(3) "Il-Qorti tinnota b'sodisfazzjon li mhux qed jiġi allegat li dina l-konfessjoni ġiet estorta jew meħuda permezz ta' swat, theddid jew intimidazzjoni. Iżda fl-istess ħin ma tistax ma tesprimix il-prejokkupazzjoni tagħha għall-użanza li tidher radikata sewwa li f'Malta l-interrogazzjoni tal-persunia suspettati, anke meta ma jkunux kriminali notorji jew persuni maqbuda 'in flagrante', issir biss fl-uffiċċju tal-Pulizija (u mhux, per exempju, fl-uffiċċju jew post tax-xogħol, jekk mhux id-dar, ta' dak li jkun); kultant fil-preżenza ta' aktar minn żewġ uffiċjali u aktarx wara ħin pjuttost twil ta' **anticamera.** Dan fih innifsu joħloq atmosfera li diġà tpoġġi lil min qed jiġi interrogat, sprovvist minn avukat ta' fiduċja, f'sitwazzjoni sfavorevoli u ekwivoka, li mhux kulħadd jirreaġixxi għaliha bl-istess mod. F'dawn iċ-ċirkustanzi, il-'mirage' tal-ħelsien u ritorn lejn id-dar tista' twassal għall-konfessjoni faċli."
(4) Unlike section 35(1)(f) of the Constitution, section 359 of the Criminal Code does not qualify suspicion with the word "reasonable". It is arguable, therefore, that under s.359 an honest, though not necessarily a reasonable, suspicion suffices for a lawful arrest. See also, **McKee v. Chief Constable for Northern Ireland** [1985] 1 All E.R. 1, H.L.; and s. 48(7) of the Constitution.
(5) The flagrancy of the offence is relevant in connection with other provisions of the Criminal Code (e.g.) sections 360, 361, 362, and that most absurd and outdated provision which is section 250) but not in connection with s.359.
(6) Cmnd 8092, H.M.S.O. 1981.
(7) [1969] 3 All E.R. 1626, P.C.; [1970] A.C. 942.
(8) **Holgate-Mohammed v. Duke** [1984] 1 All E.R. 1054, H.L.
(9) **ibid.** at 1058, 1059.
(10) (1982) 8 C.L.B. 95; [1982] Crim. L.R. 110; [1982] 1 All E.R. 385, C.A.; (1982) 74 Cr.App.R. 207, C.A.
(11) **Archbold,** Sweet & Maxwell (London), 1985 ed., pp. 1089, 1090.

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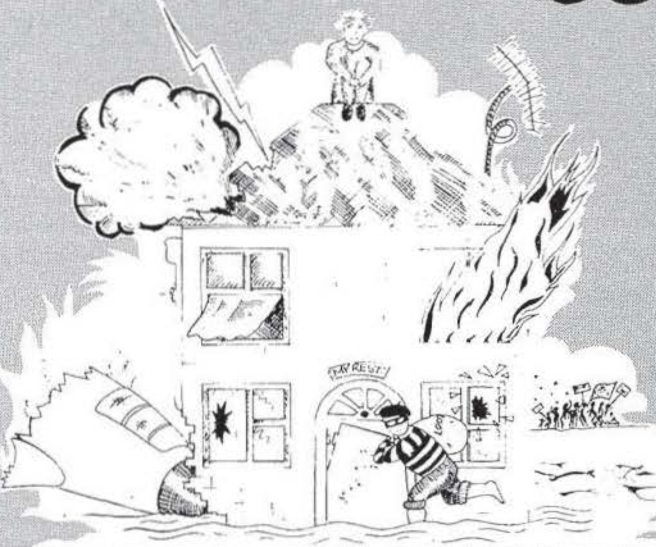

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•Hemm qawl Ingliż li naħseb li jafu kulħadd u li jgħid 'set a thief to catch a thief' u dan l-artiklu huwa xhieda ta' dan il-qawl għalkemm dak li kien japplika għażżmenijiet li sejrin insemmu, ċertament li ma japplikax għażżmenijiet tal-lum. Madankollu llum l-istess nies kriminali jistgħu dejjem, jekk iridu, jkunu ta' għajnuna għall-pulizija.

Persuna magħrufa ħafna fil-kriminoloġija Franċiża huwa Eugene Vidoc. Vidoc kien suldat f'waħda mill-armati ta' Napuljun fejn serva sakemm kellu l-età ta' ħamsa u tletin sena. Fl-1789 Vidoc kellu xi jgħid bl-ikraħ ma' wieħed raġel li ttantalu t-tfajla tiegħu u dan l-inċident wassal lil Vidoc sal-ħabs għaliex huwa kien ta xeba sew lil dak li kien ittantalu t-tfajla.

•ĊERTU ĦILA BIEX JAĦRAB MILL-ĦABS

Il-ħajja fil-ħabs xejn ma għoġbot lil Vidoc u dan irnexxielu jaħrab, iżda wara xi żmien reġa' ġie maqbud u mitfuħ il-ħabs bil-konsegwenza li żdieditlu l-piena. Dan ma għamlux għal darba biss għaliex Vidoc kellu ċerta ħila biex jaħrab mill-ħabs u meta l-awtoritajiet tal-ħabs raw li l-ħabs ma kien joffri l-ebda sigurtà għal Vidoc, dawn tawh sentenza ta' tmien snin fuq ix-xwieni. Minn din is-sentenza Vidoc irnexxielu jaħrab ukoll u fl-1799 huwa mar Pariġi, naturalment taħt isem falz, u hemm fetaħ ħanut mnejn kien jinnegozja f'ilbiet użat. Dan ix-xogħol Vidoc baqa' jagħmlu għal xi żmien iżda, għalkemm kien għamel li seta biex jipprova jbiddel kemm jista' jkun is-sura tiegħu bil-għan li ma jintarafx, huwa xorta waħda ġie magħruf minn sħabu, nies ta' kondotta ħażina, li bdew jirrikatawh billi jeħdulu flus biex ma jikxfuħx mal-pulizija.

Wara xi żmien ta' rikatt, Vidoc iddeċieda li jmur jagħti ruħu f'idejn il-Pulizija iżda taħt kompromess li l-Pulizija tħallih liberu u ta' dan huwa kien lest jagħtihom informazzjonijiet dwar delitti li kienu qed isiru f'Pariġi. Fiż-żmien li qed insemmu f'Pariġi kien hemm mewġa kbira ta' kriminalità anzi wieħed jista' jgħid li kulħadd kien jagħmel dak li jrid bi ftit ċans li jinqabad mill-Pulizija. Il-Pulizija għalhekk aċċettaw il-proposta ta' Vidoc u dan beda x-xogħol tiegħu bħala 'informer' tal-Pulizija. F'dan ix-xogħol Vidoc irnexxa sewwa u jingħad li fl-ewwel sena tax-xogħol ġdid tiegħu, bl-informazzjonijiet ta' Vidoc, il-Pulizija rnexxiela tibgħat aktar minn tmien mitt ruħ il-ħabs fuq diversi akkużi.

•ARRESTAT... U MITLUQ

L-awtoritajiet Franċiżi għoġobhom sewwa x-xogħol siewi ta' Vidoc u fl-1810 Vidoc nħatar kap tas-Sureto ta' Pariġi. Naturalment ridet tiġi rranġata l-kwistjoni li huwa kellu mal-Pulizija għaliex wieħed ifakkar li huwa kien għad għandu l-piena tal-ħabs u għalhekk huwa ġie arrestat iżda mitluq mingħajr ebda sentenza.

Bħala kap tal-Pulizija ta' Pariġi Vidoc beda biex jorganizza l-Pulizija fuq il-prinċipji tiegħu, jiġifieri li jiġġieled lil kriminali bl-istess kriminali u għalhekk huwa ingaġġa fil-Pulizija għoxrin ex-ħabsi li xogħolhom kien li jipprovdulu kemm jifilħu nformazzjonijiet dwar id-delitti li kienu qed isiru f'Pariġi. Dawn in-nies kienu l-bidu tal-Dipartiment ta' l-Investigazzjonijiet Kriminali Franċiż, wieħed minn ta' l-ewwel. jekk mhux ukoll l-ewwel wieħed, li twaqqaf fid-dinja.

Bin-nies u tattiki tiegħu Vidoc kien qed ikollu suċċessi kbar għaliex kien jiġi nfurmat dwar dawk id-delitti li jkunu qed isiru kif ukoll dawk li kienu jkunu qed jiġu ppjanati fil-ħabs għaliex Vidoc ħaseb għal dan ukoll billi tefa wħud minn nies tiegħu l-ħabs taparsi sentenzjati.

Vidoc introduċa wkoll sistema ta' files dwar nies kriminali, sistema li l-Pulizija fid-dinja kollha għadha żżomm sal-lum. B'dan il-mod huwa kien jikklassifika l-kriminali mill-'modus operandi' li kienu japplikaw.

Fl-investigazzjonijiet Vidoc kellu ħila kbira biex ifittex u jsib nies imfittxija mill-Pulizija inkonnessjoni ma' xi delitt. Kellu wkoll ħila li jippoża daqqa ta' wieħed u oħra ta' ieħor. Wieħed ifakkar li fiż-żmenijiet li qed jitkellmu dwarhom il-Pulizija ma kelliex il-mezzi moderni u xjentifiċi tal-lum biex tgħina fl-investigazzjonijiet tagħha u kellha tkun il-ħila ta' l-ivestigatur biex twassal għas-suċċess ta' soluzzjoni ta' delitt. Waħda mit-tattiki msemmija ta' Viċoc kienet li meta kien ikun ifittex xi raġel huwa kien imur għand diversi nisa u jirrakuntalhom it-traġedja li ġratlu għaliex il-mara tiegħu kienet telqitu u ħarbet ma' raġel ieħor u hawn kien jagħti d-deskrizzjoni tar-raġel li jkun qed ifittex. Uħud min nisa, għax kienu jitħassruh, kienu jagħmlu min kollox biex jgħinuh ifittex ir-raġel li jkun qed ifittex u ħafna drabi kien jirnexxielu jakkwista l-postijiet tan-nies li jkun qed ifittex.

•ISEM KBIR FI FRANZA

Vidoc dam Kap tal-pulizija ta' Pariġi għal 23 sena u meta spiċċa minn din il-kariga huwa waqqaf aġenzija ta' 'detectives' privati li x'aktarx kienet l-ewwel waħda fid-dinja. Huwa għamel ukoll studju dwar il-kriminalità fi Franza u r-riħabilitazzjoni tal-kriminali, liema xogħol ġie ppubblikat flimkien ma' xi xogħol ieħor tiegħu. Ta' età kbira Vidoc kien ukoll għamel xogħol ta' spjunaġġ għall-Imperatur Napuljun III, Vidoc miet fl-1857 u ismu huwa isem kbir fi Franza bħal ma huwa l-isem fitizzju ta' Sherlock Holmes fl-Ingilterra u Alan Pinkerton fl-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika li xi darba għad inġiebu xi ħaġa dwarhom.

Photograph shows Mr. Alfred Falzon (second from right) with the Mayor of Pierrelatte (first from right) at the Town Hall during the reception in his honour.

PROJECTING MALTA'S GOOD IMAGE IN FRANCE

by Inspector ANGELO FARRUGIA

Mr. Alfred Falzon, Educational Officer for French, who also teaches French at the Police Headquarters, came back from France following a short stay in the country at the invitation of the "Association pour l'Accueil des personnalités Etrangéres" of Paris through the good offices of the Ministers des Relatious Exterieures. He was accompanied by H. André Borel, French Attache Linguistique seconded to the Department of Education.

During his eight-day stay in the Drome region, Mr. Alfred Falzon delivered a series of lectures in French on the Maltese archipelago to a great number of Secondary school students at Pierrelatte, Monté limar, Dieulefit and Lyons. Each lecture included references to Malta's geography, history, culture, and civilization, education, Maltese language and Literature and industrial and social development. About 250 slides were used to illustrate the lectures which were well received by both the students and the general public who turned up in large numbers in the evening in spite of subzero temperatures prevailing in the region of France at this time of the year.

The highlight of Mr. Falzon's mission in France was the holding of a major Exhibition on Malta entitled: "Malte Archipel Mediterranean Carrefour Des Civilisations" (Malta, A Mediterranean Archipelago Crossroad of Civilizations).

The Exhibition, comprising several sections, from Prehistory to present times, was very well received and was prepared in close collaboration with the Photographic Section of the Department of Information, the Malta Police Force and the National Library of Malta where Mr. Falzon carried out much of his research work on Malta's past link with France. Among the large coloured photographs (10" x 8") exhibited in this exhibition, three of them showed the attractive new facade of the Police Headquarters, the emblem of the Malta Police Force and a member of our Force riding one of the Irish horses of our Mounted Police section.

Student exchanges and class to class correspondence (in French and/or in English) between French and Maltese Government and Private schools were also discussed during the meetings held with the French teachers of English at the Lycées de Pierrelatte, Montélimer, Dieulefit and Nyons. These were briefed on the various facilities Malta could offer them in the field of the teaching of English as a foreign language. A film "Image Malta" (with a voice-over in French), kindly lent for the occasion by the Ministry of Tourism, was shown after each lecture.

Mr. Alfred Falzon's stay in the Dróme was rounded up with a visit on the eve of the departure, to the "Commanderie" of Le Poét Lavel, which used to recruit members of the Order of the Knights of Malta who later joined the "Langue de Provience" with offices at the former "Auberge de Provence" in Valletta, now housing our National Museum of Archeology.

Mr. Falzon's visit and lectures were given extensive coverage by leading French regional papers such as the "Dauphiné Libére" and "La Tribune de Montélimar". He was the guest of the Mayor of Pierrelatte at the Town Hall, where a reception was held in his honour and during which a reproduction of Maltese artist Edwin Galea's historic watercolour "Napoleon at Malta" was presented to Monsieur Desroziers, Chairman of the Commission of the Muncipality of Pierrelatte.

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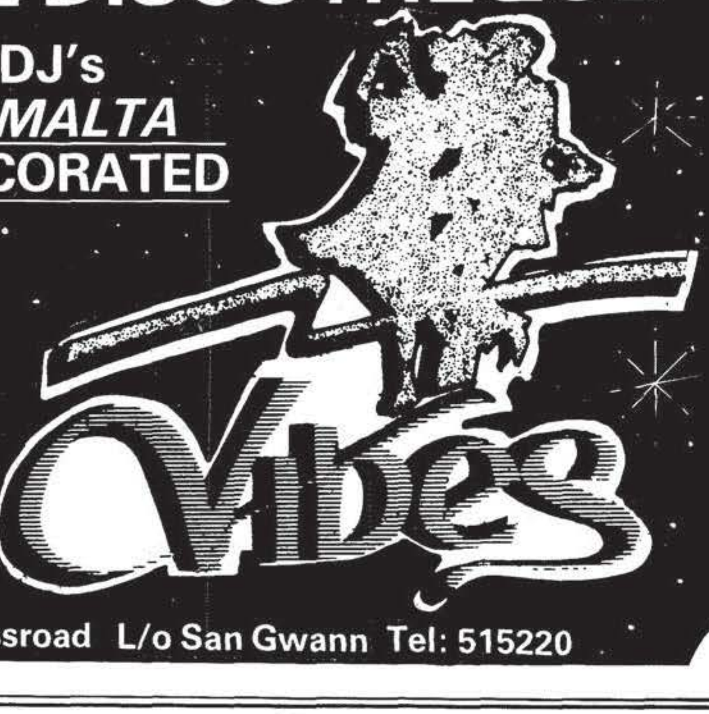

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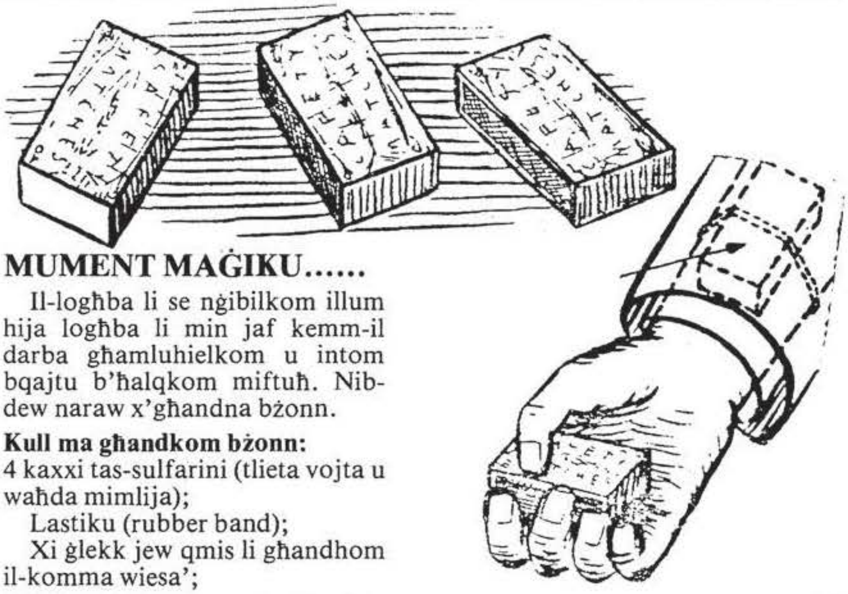

MUMENT MAĠIKU......

Il-logħba li se nġibilkom illum hija logħba li min jaf kemm-il darba għamluhielkom u intom bqajtu b'ħalqkom miftuħ. Nibdew naraw x'għandna bżonn.

Kull ma għandkom bżonn:

4 kaxxi tas-sulfarini (tlieta vojta u waħda mimlija);

Lastiku (rubber band);

Xi ġlekk jew qmis li għandhom il-komma wiesa';

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Poġġu t-tliet kaxxi tas-sulfarini vojta fuq wiċċ ta' mejda, sib tlett itfal u għidilhom biex jiċċekkjaw il-kaxxi tas-sulfarini li huma vojta. Wara li jkunu iċċekkjawhom poġġihom fuq il-mejda kif għandek fit-tpinġija.

IMPORTANTI

Li qabel ma toħroġ fejn in-nies lesti l-kaxxa tas-sulfarini l-mimlija ma' jdejk u orbotha bir-rubber band, kif qegħda turik l-istampa.

Wara li tkun għamilt dan kollu, agħmel l-ewwel biċċa xogħol li tqabbad lil xi ħadd u jiċċekkja li dawk il-kaxxi li għandek fuq il-mejda huma vojti.

Aqbad il-kaxxi l-vojta waħda, waħda u poġġihom ġo l-id li fiha għandek il-kaxxa sulfarini mimlija ġewwa l-komma u ċekċek idejk. Il-kaxxa li għandek fil-komma, li hi mimlija bis-sulfarini iċċekċek u l-udjenza jaħsbu li qiegħda ċċekċek il-kaxxa li inti ħadt minn fuq il-mejda. Prattika sew u tara kif toħroġ sodisfatt anke ma' ħbiebek.

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– Principal, nista' nieħu ġurnata leave, għax għada jiena u l-mara se niċċelebraw il-25 anniversarju taż-żwieġ tagħna?

– Kif? Isma', mhux se noqogħdu kull 25 sena tiġi titlobni ġurnata leave hux?

ĦU PALJU!

– "Ara x'se navżak," qalet omm lil binha ta' 8 snin hekk kif daħal id-dar kollu grif u mimli tajn "jek ma ssirx tifel bravu nieħdok għand il-Police!"

– "M'hemmx għalfejn, Mammy," weġibha ż-żgħir "issa jiġu hu hawn ... għax kissirt ħġieġa ta' gallerija ta' waħda mara ... u se jġibli l-football miegħu wkoll!"

U L-ISEM....

Fl-isptar.

– Tabib jaħasra kif inhu żewġi?

– Se nagħmlulu l-awtopsja.

– Mela fittxu għamluhielu, jaħasra forsi tfejquh.

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– X'inti tagħmel ibni? – staqsieh.

– Pa, għandi somma tqila, u l-fniek, nismagħkom tgħidu li.... malajr jimmoltiplikaw.

ĦSIEB GĦOLI

Ħadd qatt ma qabditu indiġestjoni meta bela' lura kelma li kien qal mingħajr ħsieb.

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– Ejja ħu ħsieb il-funeral tal-mara – qallu.

– Imma l-mara tiegħek ilha mejta ħames snin – qallu tat-twiebet.

– Kont erġajt iżżewwiġt – qallu r-raġel.

– Eh, iva? Nifraħlek!

ĦALLELIN

– Ġanni, x'kien l-isem tal-lukanda li konna fiha Londra?

– Minuta, ħalli nitla' sal-kamra tal-banju u nara l-isem fuq ix-xugaman.

MALTA POLICE DOG SECTION

BY **Sgt. RAYMOND DIMECH**

OFFICER IN CHARGE — DOG SECTION
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Exercising a Malta Police dog to retrieve articles should be done on grassy surfaces.

☐ The use of dogs by Police agencies throughout the world is now an accepted fact but it is only since the years following World War II that they were acknowledged as an indispensable to law enforcement. Dogs were used in both world wars to great effect but not in a police contect that we know today. This however was not the first recorded use of dogs. History records that guard dogs were used in Egypt in about 1000 BC and later were used by the Arabs in the dual purpose of hunting and also used as guard dogs in the night. The chosen breed most popular is the German Shepherd dog (G.S.D.). Their role was guarding, tracking, carrying messages as a military dog and as a police dog for crowd control and drug detection.

The Malta Police Dog Section originated in 1956. At that time the Section had no vehicles for night patrol and the dog handlers used to perform only foot patrol. The section was very small and there were only three dogs available for police work. These dogs were used by different dog handlers. These dogs were G.S.D.'s. As the time passed the need felt that the Dog Section had to be expanded and from the Police General Headquarters moved to Sa Maison which is larger enough and has all the necessary facilities. In fact such place can accommodate thirty dogs where each dog has its own kennel. The transfer took place in 1974.

COURSES

Until 1980 the work of the dog handlers was only on criminal work such as crowd control, football grounds, demonstrations etc. These handlers were sent abroad for thirteen weeks courses to specialise in this field of work. Such courses consists of lectures regarding knowledge of the dog and dog handling, agility and mostly Police work. The most important of Police work are Tracking, building searches and area searches and finally chase and attack.

A classical poisture of one of the G.S.Ds. of the Malta Police.

Tracking: The object of this exercise is to teach the dog to follow by scent a selected trial so that the dog is eventually capable under favourable conditions of following a specific scent to the exculsion of other distructions and, at the same time, of indicating to the handler any items of property left on or adjacent to the track. Training in tracking calls for extreme concentration on the part of both dog and handler. As far as the dog is concerned, it is essential that he must be fresh and alert and not in a tired condition.

Area searches: This exercise is completely separate and distinct from tracking and must not under any circumstances be confused with tracking either by the handler or the dog. The dog relies on finding object by means of Air-borne Scent; he does not rely upon his sight when searching.

Building Searches: This exercise is not introduced into training until tracking and searching for objects to be retreived are well advanced. It will be noticed that as training in this exercise progresses the dog becomes inclined to lift his head and become interested in air borne scent, rather in the scent on or near the ground. This inclination is likely to interfere with tracking unless the latter subject; with the emphasis on the dog keeping his nose down on com-

mand 'seek', has been mastered. The person for whom the dog is to search plays a very important part in the initial stages of this training. He should go to a preselected place, eg. behind a hedge, building, etc. He **must not** have allowed himself at any time to be seen by the dog before hiding.

Chase and Attack: The beginning of the teaching of the chase requires special attention as the utmost care must be taken to prevent undue excitement, hostility or apprehension on the part of the dog. Chasing must be carried out in such natural surroundings as roads, thorough fares and gardens, and performed both by day and night.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

The part played by the criminal is of the utmost importance and must be carried out in the initial stages by a highly experienced person. The criminal should be dressed in ordinary clothes and any protection worn should be completely covered.

Throughout the years many sofisticated electronic and mechanical devices have been developed to aid men in accomplishing various tasks. Although this modern day technology has accomplished many significant achievement, there is one very important aid that has been available for millions of years to men. Only in recent years has its capability been fully exploited and developed for use in the more complex tasks. This aid is man's best friend and most loyal companian-the dog.

The training and working of dogs is designed to assist officers in learning methods of training and employing dogs in the detection of narcotic substances.

In 1980 the Malta Police began using dogs as a tool to assist in combating narcotic smuggling. Since the inception of the programme the dogs have been credited with narcotic dangerous drug seizures. The street value of these narcotics and dangerous drugs would be in the millions of pounds.

There is, however, no real way money value can be placed on the actual result the dogs have produced since the lives of many people would have been severely effected, or completely ruined if it had not been for these seizures. The dog's part in aiding law enforcement officers in protecting society for the awesome drug problem is a most significant contribution that must never be overlooked.

Three Malta Police G.S.Ds. awaiting attentively for their Master's command... discipline is of the utmost importance in training.

With the drug problem, a special branch emerged within our dog section, and with the initiative of the present Commissioner personnel stationed at the Dog Section were sent abroad to train dogs in specialising for narcotic detection.

For this kind of work special dogs must be selected for good temperament. Though the G.S.D. as in the criminal work is the type of breed used in this field. The dog itself must **not** be aggressive as in the criminal work and **must** have the instinct of retrieving. The dogs and handlers selected must be under the guiddance of a specialised instructor. At the first few weeks of training the dog should be thought to retreive an article thrown by his handler. This exercise should take place in an open area preferably grassy surface where the article cannot be seen by the dog.

After such period of training the substance is introduced to the dog. The substance is attached to the article and while the dog is searching and retrieves such article the door or the substance automatically is sniffed by the dog. At this stage the dog will then be sniffing for the odor while eliminating the article.

HEALTH AND CARE

Grooming: Daily grooming of a dog is most necessary to ensure good Health. If a dog is brushed daily it will ensure that the coat is in a healthy condition.

Nose: The nose is a further indication of the dog's health. An excessively dry or moist nose is a symptom of the general condition of the dog.

Teeth: The teeth should be examined daily as they are sometimes damaged by bones and accomolation of tartar should be carefully removed.

Indication of illness: The most common indication of deseases ar are partial loss of apitite,rise in temperature, heavy breath, increased pulse rate, nasal discharged, diarea or constipation. One of the earliest and most important symptom of illness is loss of apitite. These can be best seen while the dog is being fed or groomed.

Exercise: The dog should be exercised daily on smooth or rough surface, on and off the liesh at least for one hour daily. Swimming is the ideal exercise for the mussles of fore and hind quarters.

Dog Handlers: The careful selection of men suitable for training as dog handlers is vital to successful employment of dogs for police purposes. At all stages of training and operational use, the handler and the dog work as a team. The selection of men for traing is therefore no less important than the careful selection of dogs.

Attivitajiet ta' l-Għid għat-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija

•Żjajjar lill-vari tal-Ġimgħa l-Kbira

•Nhar il-Ġimgħa l-Kbira, 28 ta' Marzu 1986, ġiet organizzata ħarġa għat-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp, biex iżuru l-vari u l-imwejjed ta' l-aħħar ċena. It-tfal ġew imwasslin mill-ġenituri tagħhom ħdejn il-gabbana tal-pulizija ta' putirjal, fejn minn hemm riekbu x-xarabank tal-pulizija.

Fid-9 a.m. tlaqna għar-Rabat fejn rajna l-ewwel sett ta' vari. dak il-ħin id-dilettanti tal-festa, kienu qegħdin jarmawhom bil-fjuri. Minn hemm tlaqna għal Mosta, u hemmhekk stajna nerġgħu naraw sett vari oħra.

Rajna wkoll il-vari tan-Naxxar, u minn hemm tlaqna lejn il-Kottonera, bil-ħsieb li naraw il-mejda ta' l-appostli ta' Bormla imma l-queue tant kien twil li ma konniex se inlaħħqu kieku għadna hemm għal daqstant morna naraw il-mejda ta' l-appostli fil-Birgu. Kif konna hemm dħalna wkoll il-knisja u rajna l-vari. Minn hemm tlaqna għal putirjal fejn kien il-ħabta ta' nofs in-nhar fejn it-tfal ġew miġbura mill-ġenituri tagħhom.

•Party sabiħ nhar Ħadd il-Għid

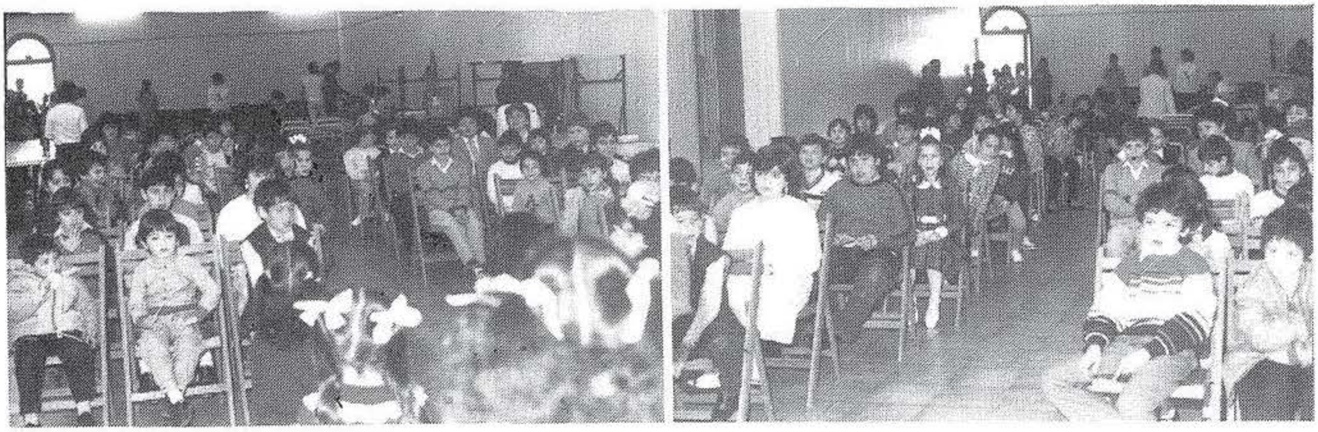
Ħadd il-Għid ġie organizzat Party għat-tfal fil-Games Room tal-Police Social Club li għalih attendew mas-70 tifel u tifla, li kienu ġew ibbukkjati mill-ġenituri tagħhom minn qabel.

Waqt dan il-Party it-tfal ġew murija film mis-Sur Salvu Micallef mill-Isla. Ħadu sehem ukoll it-Troppers Group li fih kien jinkludi l-Kantanta Mariella Pace Axiaq u t-tifel tagħha. Dan il-grupp ukoll ta' wirjiet ta' żfin, kant u anke għamlu xi żewġ 'sketches' li kienu addattati għat-tfal u li ħadu ferm gost bihom. Dan il-grupp huwa mmexxi tajjeb ħafna minn P.C. 890 Pierre Calleja li għadu kemm daħal fil-Korp tal-Pulizija dan l-aħħar. Kemm is-Sur Micallef kif ukoll it-"Troppers Group" offrew is-servizz tagħhom mingħajr ħlas u għal daqstant għan-non tal-kumitat nirringrazzjahom.

It-tfal ġew mogħtija 'soft drinks', pastizzi, pizza, 'sand-wiches', 'cakes' u pasti. Fl-aħħar tas-serata t-tfal ġew mogħtija figolla li kienu maħdumin minn sħabna Henry Vella u Joe Zammit taħt id-direzzjoni tas-Surġent Stephen Bunce.

Il-kantanta Mariella Pace Axiaq u binha Malvin.

Għal dawn l-okkażjonijiet kemm tal-Ġimgħa l-Kbira u l-party ta' l-Għid, it-tfal ġew imħarsin minn Mrs Antoinette Micallef, Mrs. Rose Debono u Mrs. Carmen Calleja. Lil dawn ukoll għan-nom tal-kumitat nixtieq nirringrazzjahom għas-sehem tagħhom għas-suċċess ta' żewġ okkażjonijiet.



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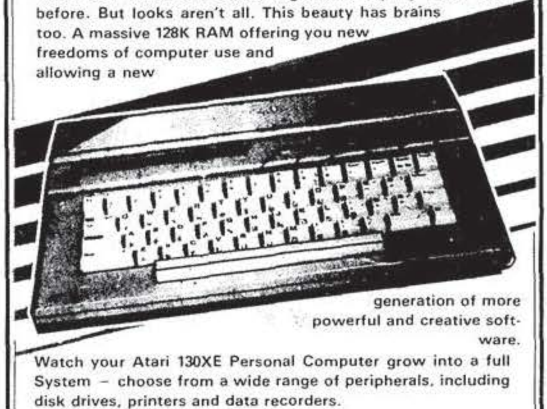

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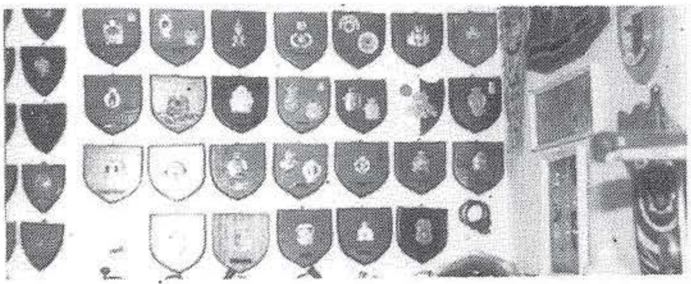
COLLECTION OF POLICE BADGES AND UNIFORMS

By
P.C. JOE BORDA



Two sections showing P.C. Joe Borda's exhibits at this year's exhibition at the Police Social Club, Valletta

☐ Ever since my childhood, I always liked uniforms and badges. I first started collecting Military badges, when I was still at school. In those days, I had about 500 badges, from various regiments of the British Army, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and lots of others. Then in 1971, I joined the Malta Police Force, and my hobby came to a halt. One day, a friend of mine, gave me a British Policeman helmet, and from that moment on, I said to myself, "why shouldn't I start collecting Police badges. And that's what I did.

A first, it wasn't very easy to collect Police badges. I used to write dozens of letters to various Police Forces all over the world. I wasn't always lucky, but slowly, I started to obtain a few badges. I always tried to come by. Some of the badges that I managed to obtain were from the former British Palestine Police Force, Tanganyka Police, Uganda Police, Nysaland (now Malawi) and many others. Some times, instead of the badge, on it's own, they also sent me the cap. That gave me an idea, and I said to myself, why not collect the cap, complete with the badge. And so I did.

The first cap that I obtained, way back in 1977 was a German Police cap, from the state of Baden-Baden. I liked it so much, that I was determined to collect more caps. I joined the IPA (Malta) Sec., and that gave me more chance to meet and get in touch with other collectors. Later on, I also joined the Police Insigna Collectors Association of Great Britain, and that gave me a bigger opportunity. I used to get letters from many parts of the world, asking if I'm interested in 'swaping' badges with them. I would like to point out, that badges of the Malta Police Force, have always been in demand with collectors, from all over the world. That gave me a chance to make more contacts. Some of the collectors that I have changed caps/badges with, and that I still correspond with, come from places like Singapore, Portugal, Spain, U.S.A., New Zealand, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Israel, France, West Germany, England, Eire, N. Ireland, Norway, Italy, Finland, Belgium, South Africa, Iceland, Andorra, and Monaco. These collectors are always pleased to help me with any problems that I might have, about caps or badges, and I do the same from this end.

So far, I have over 160 caps/helmets from the following places: England, Australia, Italy, South Africa, San Marino, Gibraltar, N. Ireland, West Germany, Holland, U.S.A., Canada, Austria, Sweden, Belgium, France, Monaco, Andorra, Russia, Poland, Jugoslavia, Turkey, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Cook Island, Gabon, Leshoto, Togo, Thailand, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, East Germany, Switzerland, and last but not least, Malta.

I also managed to obtain uniforms from Canada, West Germany, England, Holland, Luxemburg, Belgium and Malta. As these take a lot of space, I try to limit myself, to uniforms that have an interesting aspect, or that are very hard to obtain. Amongst these, I have two Cerimonial uniforms from Luxemburg and Belgium, a complete Malta Police Mounted Gala Uniform, and the famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Red tunic, complete with Sam Brown belt, ect. To be able to be in possession of an RCMP tunic, was always my dream, as these tunics, are near to impossible to obtain.

Also, among my most previous items, I have a set of Malta Police cap and helmet badges. These include one of the first badges ever worn the force, to the present day cap badge. Also I have an Inspector's uniform, dateing back to 1930's, and caps and helmets from the Malta Police Force. Among these caps, I have one, which was kindly donated to me by our D.C. Anthony Mifsud Tomasi, a Superintendent cap, which was also donated to me by Supt. Alfred Abela. One cap, which would complete the set is that of the Police commissioner. Hopefully, I will be lucky enough to be able to include this cap to my collection.

MID-DINJA MUŻIKALI

– TAGĦRIF MIĠBUR MIS-Sgt. CHARLES MARSH

☐ Minn din il-ħarġa l-magazin 'Il-Pulizija' se jibda jkollu paġna dedikata għal mużika moderna. Għal din il-paġna aħna se nagħmlu l-almu tagħna biex tkun kemm jista' jkun ta' interess għalikom il-qarrejja, u aħna nixtiequ wkoll li intom tippartecipaw billi tiktbulna u tgħaddulna suġġerimenti ħalli din il-paġna tkun mill-aktar interessanti.

L-għan ewlieni tagħna huwa li nħallukom aġġornati ma' dak kollu li jkun għaddej fil-kamp tal-mużika moderna, kif ukoll li minn żmien għal żmien nagħtu diskografiji kif ukoll nippreparaw features ta' kantanti u gruppi li nħossu li jkun jixirqilhom tislima speċjali.

BOB DYLON

Il-leġġendarju Bob Dylon għadu kif approfitta ruħu mit-tour ġgantesk li għamel riċentement fl-Awstralja flimkien ma' Tom Petty & the heart breakers, billi waqt wieħed mill-kunċerti, ipproduċa special għat-televiżjoni li dam madwar siegħa u li ġie trasmess dirett permezz tas-satellita madwar l-Amerika. Dan l-ispecial kien jikkonsisti f'uħud mill-aqwa diski li ħareġ Dylon fil-

karriera brillanti tiegħu. Minn dan il-kunċert ħarġet ukoll is-single ġdida ta' Bob Dylon li jisimha "Band of the Hand" miktuba minnu stess u prodotta minn Tom Petty.

JULIAN LENNON

It-tieni album tal-kantant Julian Lennon – li jiġi iben il-mibki John Lennon – se jkun jismu "The Secret Value of Day-dreaming". Dan l-album mistenni jikseb suċċess kbir ġewwa l-Istati Uniti Julian li milli jidher se jimxi sew fuq il-passi ta' missieru, ħalla f'idejn Phil Ramone biex ipproduċa dan l-album u dan diġà huwa garanzija ta' suċċess. Ta' min jinnota li Phil kien responsabbli għal ħafna mil-Albums li kisbu suċċess għal John Lennon

fil-karriera brillanti tiegħu. Is-single 'Stick around' li għadha kemm ħarġet minn dan l-album, tidher li ntlaqgħet tajjeb ferm mid-D.J.'s amerikani u tinsab fil-quċċata ta' l-aktar diski li jindaqqu fuq ir-radju fl-Istati Uniti.

WHITNEY HOUSTON

Iż-żagħżugħa, sewda u sabiħa Whitney Houston bħalissa tinsab ġewwa San Francisco tirrekordja l-album il-ġdid tagħha li mistenni joħroġ għall-bejgħ fil-futur qarib. Jieħdu ħsieb il-produzzjoni ta' dan l-album insibu lil Jelly Bean Benitex u lil Navada Michael Walden. L-isem ta' dan l-album għalissa qiegħed jinżamm sigriet.

THE CONCERT THAT COUNT

Dan huwa l-isem ta' kunċert li għandu jsir fis-26 ta' April fir-'Rose Bowl' Stadium ta' Pasadena u li l-fondi minnu se jmorru kampanja kontra d-Drogi.

Fost il-kantanti li mistennija jieħdu sehem, insemmu lil Madonna, George Michael, Mr Mister, Pointer Sisters, Beach Boys, Sheena Easton, Sting, Starship, Whitney Houston, Dream Academy, David Bowie, Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Mick Jagger, u Aretha Franklin li mistennija wkoll tippreżenta dan il-kunċert, li ħafna qegħdin isejħulu l-'Live Aid' tas-sena.

☐ Dan li ġejjin huma xi wħud mill-albums li bħalissa qegħdin jagħmlu suċċess fuq iż-żewġ naħat ta' l-atlantiku:

Living Doll... Cliff Richard & the Young Ones.

Chain Reaction... Diana Ross.
These Dreams... Heart.

Absolute Beginners... David Bowie.

Touch Me... Samantha Fox.
Secret Lovers... Atlantic Starr.
Rock in the U.S.A.... John Cougan Mallencamp.

Wonderful World... Sam Cooke.

Manic Monday... Bagles.
Kyrie... Mr Mister.

Harlem Shuffle... Rolling Stones.

BROTHERS IN ARMS... Dire Straits. (Album li ilu għal kważi sena fil-klassifiċi internazzjonali)
ROCKY IV... Sound Track (Jinkludi Burning Heart minn Survival u Living in America minn James Brown)
WHITNEY HOUSTON... Whitney Houston.
PROMISE...Sade (Album ieħor eċċezzjonali ta' din il-kantanta sewda)
THE COLOUR OF SPRING ...Talk Talk.
WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD... Mr Mister
NO JACKET REQUIRED... Phil Collins (Album ieħor mill-aqwa li ilu aktar minn sena fil-klassifiċi internazzjonali)
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U.S. RESEARCHERS CITE EFFORTS IN FIGHT AGAINST AIDS VIRUS

☐ U.S health officials report progress toward developing drugs to combat Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) a virus possibly more deadly than any other disease known to man.

AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease that experts say cannot be spread by casual contact. It attacks the immune system, leaving the body defenseless against various infections, including pneumonias and certain rare cancers. AIDS is incurable and believed to be always fatal.

The U.S. Public Health Service's Acting Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. James Mason, emphasized at a recent press briefing that the AIDS virus is extremely difficult to catch and doesn't spread easily – not nearly so easily as, for example, tuberculosis, which can be borne on a cough; or cholera, spread by sewage-contaminated water, or malaria, contracted from the bite of a mosquito. For the average individual who is not homosexual and who doesn't take drugs intravenously, the chance of contracting AIDS is less than one in a million. (The chance of dying in an automobile accident is about one in 5,000.)

Researchers believe AIDS is caused by a virus called Human T-cell Lymphotroci Virus, or HTLV-3. It's a retrovirus, a type of virus that stores its genetic information in a chemical called ribonucleic acid, or RNA. Almost every other organism, from virus to mammals, stores its genetic information in deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA.

A special protein on the surface of HTLV-3 allows the vrisu to attach itself and penetrate helper T-cells (T-4 Lymphocytes), a master control cell in the body's immune system. When it enters a T-cell, the RNA-based retrovirus uses an enzyme information into the more standard DNA. The integrated virus eventually commandeers the cell's reproductive machinery to replicate its own genes. AIDS virus particles then emerge from the host cell and go on to infect new cells.

"If you wanted to destroy the immune system with a minimum of work, you would design HTLV-3," said Dr. Samuel Broder, Deputy Clinical Directory at the National Cancer Institute. "If you damage the regulatory capacity of the T-cells, other cells (in the immune system) become lost."

Researchers believe the AIDS virus first infected man about 20 years ago, and is perhaps an evolutionary descendant of a virus that has existed in monkeys for as many as 50,000 years. How the virus got from monkey to man remains unknown, although other viruses have crossed the species line before.

U.S. Researchers report that a better understanding of the virus is helping scientists design drugs to interfere with its survival and, ultimately, a vaccine that would protect those not yet exposed. But they add that it won't be an easy task, since no other infectious disease in history, not even the plague or polio, specifically targeted the body's immune system. They warn that no vaccine or cure is likely for several years.

"What we're trying to do is something that hasn't been done before," said Dr. Mason. "That's to produce a chemical that won't kill people or hurt them, but will totally destroy a virus that is so potent that once it enters the cell it can link itself with a person's genetic material, so that they're indistinguisable."

Dr. Mason said that, through advances in molecular biology, researchers have been able to identify virus-specific component against which chemical agents could be directed without harming the cell. He noted that there are only two drugs on the market today to combat viruses, neither of which eliminates the virus. One antiviral drug, used against influenza, simply holds the virus in check until the immune system can produce antibodies to destroy it.

"The other antiviral agent, Acyclovir for genital herpes infection, has come about through serendipity, but the potential for targeting antiviral development exists," he said.

In the case of the AIDS virus, Dr. Mason said foru antiviral substances have received investigational new drug approval and are being tested in patients in the United States. These include Suramin a popular drug used to treat parasitic diseases like African sleeping sickness; Ribavirin, a flue drug used in more than 70 countries; HPA-23, a mineral compound used in France to treat about 50 patients; and Azidothumidine, a new, unusually potent antiviral drug.

The director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious diseases, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said that one of the most promising drugs, Suramin, has been used to suppress the AIDS virus by preventing it from producing the enzyme reverse transcriptase, which it needs to reproduce and infect other white blue cells.

"But during our studies the pateints showed no signs of clinical improvement while taking the drug – in other words, they did not get better," Dr. Fauci said. "That may seem like a negative result, but we have shown now that you can block the virus."

Dr. Fauci said the most effective treatment for AIDS will probably result from the comhination of an antiviral drug such as Suramin and another therapy that attempts to restore the body's damaged immune system. He said a number of substances that are known to increase the body's supply of certain critical immune cells are now undergoing clinical tests at hospitals around the country. These include such drugs as Interferon and Interleukin-2 – proteins found in the white blood cells of health people.

Legal Notes by Dr. Vincent A. De Gaetano

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Accomplice as witness for the prosecution – stage at which, and purpose for which, his statements made to the police may be produced as evidence.

Zammit was indicted on charges of bribery, extortion, malversation by a public officer and fraud. In the list of witnesses and documents he intended to make use of at the trial, accused indicated all the statements made by prosecution witnesses to the police. The Attorney General pleaded, **in limine**, the inadmissibility of these statements. THe Criminal Court upheld the plea except in respect of the statements made by Michael Debono; the Criminal Court held that since Michael Debono was to be regarded as an accomplice and was giving evidence following a free pardon conferred by proclamation of the President of the Republic, he was to be regarded as a "suspect witness" and therefore his statements made to the police were admissible as evidence. The Attonery General appealed. The Court of Criminal Apeal, allowing the appeal, held that –

1. a witness who was also an accomplice was different from other witnesses only in so far as his evidence required sufficient corroboration by other circumstances for the conviction of the accused if such accomplice was the only witness against the accused (s. 635(3) of the Criminal Code);

2. the only evidence which the jury is to consider is that given on oath in Court; however the credit of a witness may be impeached by the party against whom he is called by evidence that he had at other times made statements inconsistent with his testimony; and a party producing a witness may contradict him by other evidence and may also show that he had at other times made statements inconsistent with his testimony before the jury (s. 641 of the Criminal Code and ss. 583, 584 and 585 of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure);

3. a court should not pronounce itself **in vacuo** on a purely hypothetical question; it was up to the trial court to decide, during the hearing of evidence or after hearing the evidence, whether to allow the production of any document for the purpose of contradicting a witness or of impeaching his credit.

The Republic v. Afred Zammit
Court of Criminal Appeal, 11 October 1985.

AIDS VIRUS

U.S. scientists are also investigating the role of bone marrow transplants in boosting the body's defenses against AIDS. Early studies involving identical twins have shwon that bone marrow transplantation can provide the AIDS patient with an instant source of immune cells.

A group of French doctors say they have succeeded in "dramatically slowing" the development of AIDS by using an immuno-depressive drug called Cyclosporine, commonly given to prevent rejection of transplanted organs. They stress that the treatment does not represent a cure, but may allow for long-term maintenance of AIDS-stricken patients.

Researchers report that the discovery of a vaccine against AIDs doesn't appear to be likely for another five years. Dr. Gauci said that researchers are still puzzled about exactly what protects the body against the AIDS virus – knowledge that may be the crucial step in obtaining an effective vaccine. Another obstacle to developing a vaccine lies in the ability of a virus to change its genetic structure, which, in turn, changes the virus' protein coat that would be targeted by a vaccine.

Some estimates suggest that the mutation rate for AIDS viruses is 100 to 1,000 times higher than for influenza, but scientists are looking for a portion of the protein coat that does not change. If such a stable portion can be found, then it could be used to create a vaccine that would be effective against all strains of the virus.

There is also mounting evidence that the fatal disease can attack a victim's brain as well as his immune defense system. According to doctor's estimates, at least 30 percent of AIDS show symptoms of brain disease or damage to the spinal cord, resulting in Dementia, memory loss and other mental illnesses. Wheter the AIDS virus kills cells other than T-4 Lymphocytes in brain disease cases is still not known.

Dr. Fauci said recently that it was conceivable "that the many faceted neuropsychiatric symptoms of many AIDS patients are related to the fact that this virus can infiltrate and infect central nervous system tissue."

On the positive side, a new antibody test has been developed to protect blood supplies from transmission of the AIDS virus. U.S. doctors report that the blood supply is safer now than ever before and that the problem of blood-transfusion AIDS, for the most part, is over. Nearly 200 people, or about two percent of the total cases of AIDS reported in the United States since 1981, had contracted the deadly disease following transfusions with blood or blood products.

AIDS was first reported in the United States in mid-1981. Since that time, the U.S. Government's centers for disease control has received reports of more than 14, 700 cases, about 51 per cent of which have resulted in death. More than 90 per cent of the cases reported have been among homosexual and bisexual men, persons who inject illicit drugs, and persons who have had transfusions with blood and blood products. Only one percent of the total cases appear to have resulted from heterosexual contact, and that percentage has not changed for several years.

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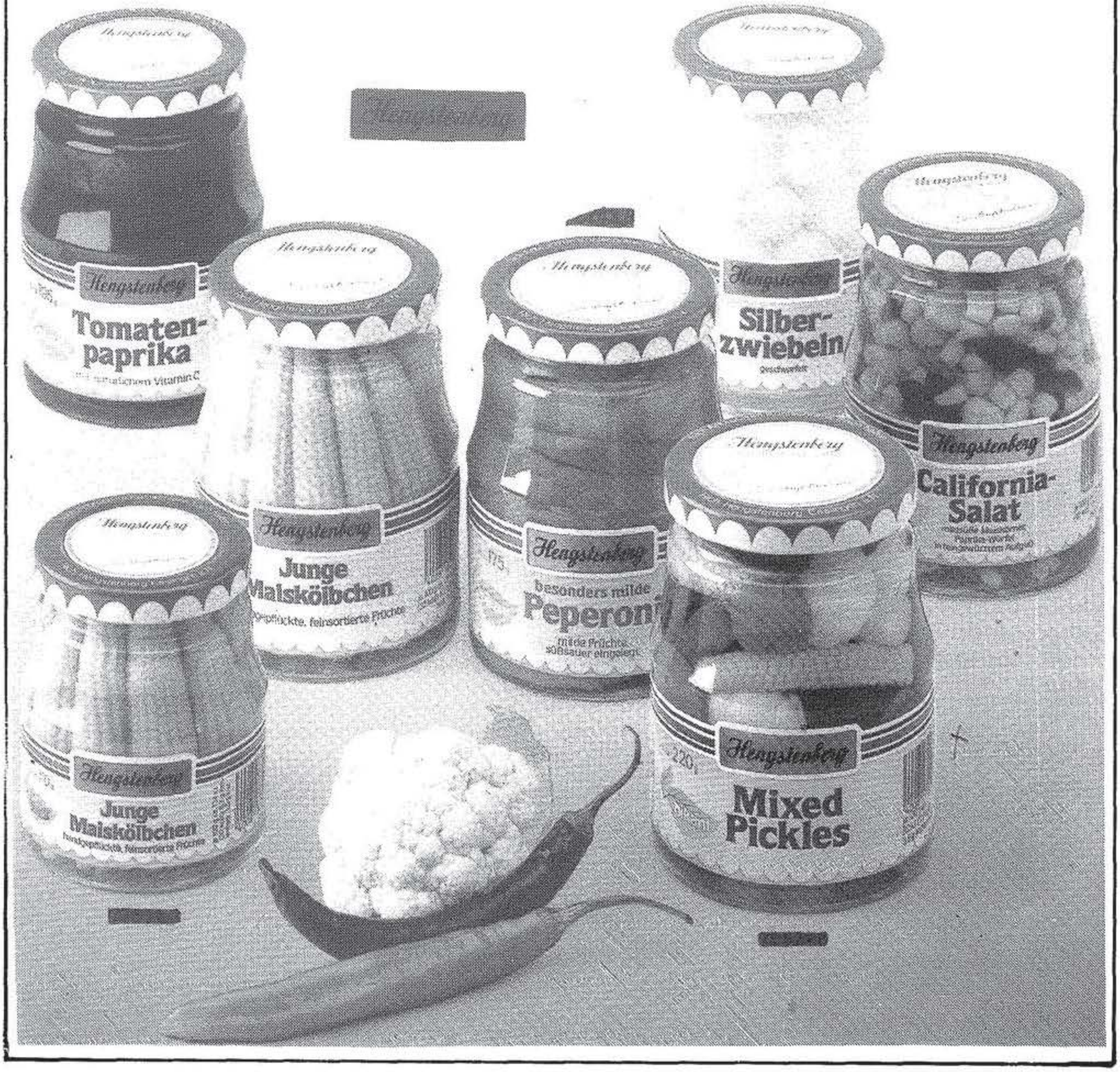

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Għandna pjaċir inħabbru illi l-uffiċċju prinċipali ta' l-Għaqda fil-Police Social Club issa tlesta u beda jiffunzjona. Il-Kunsill qed jagħmel mill-aħjar biex dan l-uffiċċju jkun miftuħ matul in-nofs ta' nhar ta' fil-għodu.

Peress li m'aħniex f'pożizzjoni li nħallsu nies biex inżommu l-uffiċċju miftuħ, il-Kunsill qiegħed jagħmel sejħa għal voluntieri biex joffru ftit mill-ħin liberu tagħhom billi jattendu f'dan l-uffiċċju li nixtiequ li jkun miftuħ kuljum (mit-Tnejn sas-Sibt) bejn id-9.30 u l-11.30 ta' fil-għodu. Dan għal kumdita ta' l-istess membri ta' l-Għaqda.

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DUN GEJT MANNARINU

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Billi fostna għad baqa' min jinterpreti l-ġrajjiet ta' l-imgħoddi bis-sentimenti tiegħu, għad baqa' tassew min għadu tant b'sentimenti kontra l-qassisin li ma jħallix waħda tgħaddi bla ma jlissen li jħoss kontra tagħhom. Forsi b'dan is-sentiment għad hawn min ipinġi lil Dun Gejt Mannarinu u sħabu bħala tradituri. Tradituri tgħid għax kien bis-suttana? Mela kull min ikun irid jeħles mill-ħakkiema jiġi dikjarat traditur?

Naraw mela jekk Dun Gejt u sħabu kienux tradituri. Il-poplu tagħna dejjem kien ġelus u lest għal sagrifiċċji biex jara l-pajjiżu meħlus mill-qlub ħżiena tal-barranin setgħana. L-istorja tgħallimna kif il-Maltin taw dehebhom biex f'dew il-gżira minn taħt Monroy. U l-memorja ta' din il-fidi ta gżiritna kienet għada ħajja fihom meta is-Sultan ta' Spanja ta rigal lill-Ordni, din il-gżira li kienet ġiet mifdija bi flus il-poplu Malti stess. U l-Gran Mastru meta rifes Malta — ħalef — quddiem il-bieb tal-Belt ta' l-Imdina li josserva u jħares id-drittijiet tal-Maltin. Kemm żamm kelmtu, forsi xi darba din tingħata teżi lil xi student u jkollna fiex nikkonfermaw sewwa.

ĠURAMENT

Ma għaddewx għaxar snin minn dak il-ġurament ta' l-Isle Adam li ta warajh ma bagħatx lit-Tabib Mattew Callus fuq il-forka. U tafu għaliex? Għax ried li l-Gran Mastru jżomm kelmtu li b'ġurament iħares il-privileġġi u d-drittijiet tal-Maltin. Tgħid hawn min għandu kuraġġ jgħid li t-Tabib Mattew Callus kien traditur ukoll?

Mela naslu fis-sena 1770 u Malta kienet taħt il-Gvern ta Pinto. Dan dar għal fondi li kellha mġemma l-Università tal-Maltin. Ma kienx biżżejjed. Għolla l-ħajja u għamel xi taxxi. Kif miet Pinto, fil-pajjiż kien ġie hawn tensjoni u fl-1773 kien sar il-Gran Mastru Ximenes. Dan ħareġ bandu li ħadd ma seta jmur għal kaċċa tal-fenek. Il-fenek fi żmien bħal dan ma kienx jinqatal b'kapriċċ, imma għal ikel.

Biex tkompli tagħqad, ġew imnaqqsa xi salarji u spejjeż amministrattivi ġew ukoll imrażżna sew. Fil-pajjiż kien hemm il-ġarr u l-ilmenti tal-poplu sabu mezz li jitwasslu s-Santa Sede li l-Ordni tal-Kavallieri kienet lejha suġġetta. Billi kien hawn il-ġakbini, jwasslu kull min kien jilmenta kontra l-Ordni, kien hawn biża, terrur u firda bejn dawn favur l-Ordni u oħrajn favur il-kleru billi l-poplu kien jippretendi li jaqbżu għal drittijietu. (Ma kienx hawn deputati Maltin bħal lum). U f'Awissu 1774 fix-xatt ta' l-Isla ġara inċident fejn impjegat tal-Kurja ġie f'argument ma baħri taxxwieni, dan ittieħed fuq ix-xini u ġie msawwat. Meta l-Isqof fil-Palazz tal-Birgu sema', irrabja u bagħat jarresta lill-baħrin li sawtuh. U dawn ġew maqbuda u mitfugħa l-ħabs ta l-Isqo fil-Birgu stess li kien amness ma' l-istess Palazz tiegħu.

AĠITAZZJONI

Iżda il-Kavallieri, bl-arja kollha fil-għaxija, marru l-Birgu, ħabtu għal Palazz ta' l-Isqof u ħarġu mill-ħabs lil ħatjin. Fil-Birgu kien hemm aġitazzjoni kbira li xterdet mat-tliet ibliet.

Meta l-kleru sama b'dan, sar malajr memorjal li ntbagħat lill-Isqof Pallerano iżda dan żammu hu, u pprova jikkalma l-poplu. L-Isqof allura mar Ruma biex jirrapporta, iżda minn hemm ma ġiex aktar. L-Ordni hekk ried li jwarrbu minn nofs ħalli ma jkollu ebda tfixkil f'dak li kien qed jagħmel fil-pajjiż — tajjeb jew ħażin. Hawn allura fl-assenza ta' l-Isqof, indaħal l-Inkwiżitur u talab lill-Kleru u poplu jobdu l-awtorità tal-Gran Mastru bħala l-awtorità u l-Gvern tal-pajjiż.

F'din l-arja hekk ta' aġitazzjoni kien bil-moħbi tħejja komplott biex fit-8 ta' Settembru 1775, meta l-Ordni tkun qed tfakkar il-festa tar-Rebħa ta' l-Assedju, żewġ gruppi ta' Maltin, sekulari u xi qassisin immexxija minn Dun Gejt Mannarino kellhom f'żewġ gruppi jaħbtu għal Forti Sant Elmo u l-Kavallier San Ġakbu (it-torri ta' quddiem Kastilja).

Hekk sar: U fil-ħin miftiehem ħatfu dawn il-fortijiet u daħlu biex hemm tniżżlet il-bandiera ta' l-Ordni u flokha ittellet dik ta' Malta. Kif il-Gran Mastru sema x'ġara, ordna l-passi meħtieġa biex jittieħdu lura u ġie mdaħħal il-Vigarju (fl-assenza ta' l-Isqof) Mons Gaetano Grech. Saru negozjati u waqt dawn in-negozjati, xi membri ta' l-Ordni fetħu in-nar. Il-Maltin wieġbu u intlaqat xi membru ta' l-Ordni. Intant, intlaħaq il-ftehim bil-kundizzjonijiet li 1) Il-Maltin jingħataw il-Privileġġi tagħhom; 2) Li jitraħħas il-ħobż; 3) u li l-ħatjin ikunu meħlusa għal kollox. B'danakollu, għalkemm intlaħaq dan il-ftehim, l-Ordni attakkat il-forti Sant Elmo bla tat iċ-ċans li jseħħ il-ftehim, u ħatfet il-forti. Wara intqal mill-Ordni li dan sar, għax il-Maltin kellhom il-provlista f'idejhom, biex jevitaw il-periklu. Ir-rapport li sar wara mill-Ordni stess, jgħid li kienu il-Maltin (ribelli) li kisru il-ftehim u għalhekk ħaqqhom li jiġu mgħallqa. (Is-soltu deċiżjoni ta' min ikun b'saħtu u fil-ħakma).

U fl-14 ta' Settembru, hekk malajr tlett Maltin jisimhom Mikiel Tonna, Klawdju Satarjano u l-kjeriku Baskal Balzan ġew maqtula bl-aktar mod barbaru — qatgħulhom rashom u dawn tpoġġew fuq antinjoli fuq is-sur tat-Torri San Ġakbu, eżatt wara dahru fejn illum hemm il-monument ta' Sir Paul Boffa. U l-irjus tħallew hemm żmien. Il-Maltin li kienu jgħaddu minn hemm inħallikom taħsbu x'kienu jħossu.

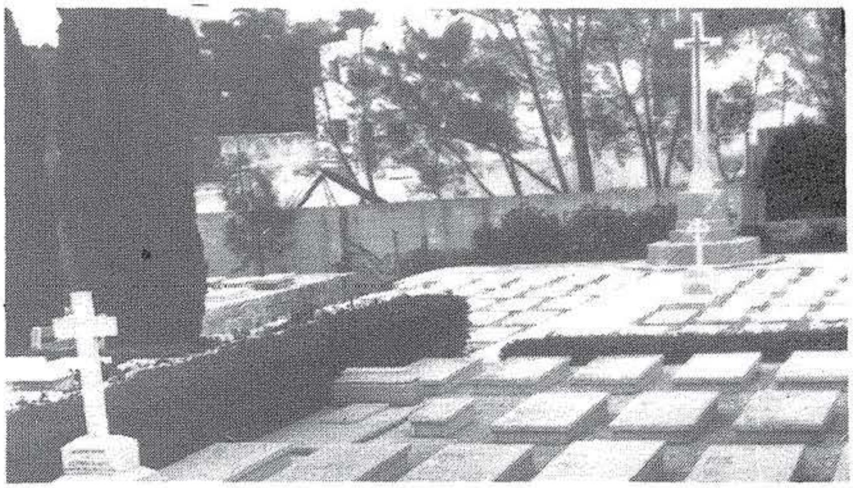
Il-Maltin però ma setgħux jgħidu l-iċken kumment kontra l-ħakkiema għax dawn kienu ripressivi u bla ħniena.

L-imħallfin ma riedux jiffirmaw l-eżekuzzjoni tagħhom, u għalhekk l-ordni ma kenitx għajr dik tal-Gran Mastru — għalkemm baqa' ma jidherx — l-Inkwiżitur u l-Isqof, ipprotestaw bil-qawwa kollha mal-Gran Mastru u nfurmaw b'dak li ġara lis-Santa Sede. B'danakollu l-Gran Mastru wkoll kiteb Ruma u minn hemm akkwista BOLLA biex seta' jgħaddi l-prosekuzzjoni anke jekk kien hemm membri tal-kleru f'din 'l hekk imsejħa rivolta.

MA KONTX NAFHA, SIRT NAFHA, U QED NISTENNIHA... IL-MEWT!

Iva, ommi u missieri huma responsabbli ta' dan li ġej. Ta' dan huma jaħtu li ġabuni fid-dinja u ħadd iżjed.

Meta kont tarbija mimli innoċenza ma kont naf xejn xi tfisser ħajja u din hi ħaġa ovvja. Bdejt nikber, u kelli dawk is-sitta jew sebgħa snin. Kelli ħafna ħbieb ta' l-età tiegħi, li konna nilagħbu flimkien, imma l-aktar ħabib li kien viċin tiegħi, u saħansitra m'hiex l-ewwel darba li kien jiġi jilgħab miegħi d-dar, kien ċertu Pawlu. Jien u hu konna qisna aħwa, dejjem flimkien. Ftit li xejn, għaċ-ċokon li konna, konna nafu xi tfisser il-Mewt. Iżda ż-żmien jgħaddi bħar-riħ u sirna tfal imfarfra.



"...imma għaliex trid tifirdek mill-għeżież tiegħek?"

FIRDA ETERNA

Darba fost l-oħrajn, niftakar, meta ommi qaltli li kien miet missier Pawlu, u dak il-ħin, bdejt nħoss xi ħaġa ta' dwejjaq għax issa bdejt nifhem xi tfisser il-Mewt. Sirt naf li l-Mewt hija firda eterna li m'hemmx ċans tiġi lura. Indunajt kemm kont iffortunat li jiena kien għad għandi l-missieri ħaj, fil-waqt li bdejt naħseb, li issa sieħbi ma kellux iżjed min jieħu ħsiebu u jwensu bħal ma kien għad baqgħali jien. Niftakar li għal xi mumenti inqbadt inħares lejn ritratt tat-tieġ ta' missieri. Iċċassajt lejh, u bla ma naf kif, id-dmugħ beda ħiereġ gelgul. Bdejt nibki u nitħassar fl-istess ħin il-sieħbi Pawlu, li issa safa' nieqes minn missieru li tant kien iħobb. Indunajt kemm kien importanti li jkollok il-ġenituri tiegħek ħajjin, jieħdu ħsiebek u jgħallmuk. Bdejt inġib quddiem għajnejja l-missieri jistinka u jaħdem bla heda biex jaqla' l-ħobża ta' kuljum biex imantni lili u l-familja tiegħi.

Għalhekk, issa, sirt nafha l-Mewt. Sirt naf kemm hi kiefra u kattiva. Li l-Mewt ma taħfirx. Imma għaliex trid tifirdek mill-għeżież tiegħek? Għaliex m'għandiex rispett lejn ħadd, trabi, tfal, kbar u xjuħ? Lil kulħadd tkaxkar u tieħu. Kbirt mhux ħażin u sirt ġuvni bħal ħafna oħrajn. Tgħallimt iżjed affarijiet li lili għamluni matur, matur biżżejjed biex issa indunajt li minn ħin għal ħin kont qed nistenna l-Mewt. Li ili nistenniha mill-ewwel nifs ta' ħajti. Ħajja li għoġobhom jagħtuni ommi u missieri li tant għadhom iħobbuni.

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Kienu ħamsa l-Imħallfin nominati u fl-20 ta' Ottubru 1776 bdew il-proċeduri fil-Forti Sant Elmo. Sittax il-Malti kienu il-ħatja, erba qassisin li kienu Dun Gejt Mannarino, Dun Salv Sammut ta Ħaż-Żebbuġ, Dun Stiefnu Zarb u Dun Ġwann Bonanno. Kien hemm seba' kjeriċi u ħamsa sekulari lajċi. (Meta ngħidu kjeriċi rridu niftakru li f'dawn iż-żmienijiet bosta kienu li jkunu kjeriċi biex hekk ikunu biss suġġetti għal Veskovat, u fil-pajjiż igawdu ċerti drittijiet, bla ma qatt isiru qassisin.

Waqt li kien għadu sejjer il-proċess, il-Gran Mastru Ximenes laħqu Alla u ħadu fl-4 ta' Novembru 1776. Il-Maltin bagħaduh lil dan u hekk ukoll għamlu sħabu stess li mank lapida fuq qabru ma għamlu biex jiftakru fih.

U laħaq Rohan Gran Mastru. Dan kif sar ried jiddikjara l-ħelsien tal-Maltin, għax ammetta li l-Gran Mastru ta' qablu kien ta kelma fil-ftehim li l-ħatjin ikunu meħlusa, u ordna minnufih li jitneħħew l-irjus li sa dak in-nhar kienu għadhom fuq l-antinjoli esposti biex iwerwru lill-Maltin. Iżda billi ta' madwaru rieduh ikompli l-proċess ried li jkollu ir-rapport f'idejh. Dan sar fil-25 ta' Novembru.

Il-qassisin ingħataw sentenzi ta' ħabs għal għomorhom, fil-waqt li d-disa' l-oħrajn kienu eżiljati fi Sqallija. dan ġara 'il għaliex għalkemm il-Gran Mastru ried jeħlishom, ma tħalliex mis-Sultan ta' Napli, tant li dan anqas ħalla l-Isqof li jiġi lura Malta (naturalment biex ma jiddefendix aktar lill-Maltin).

Jekk din il-ġrajja turix xi atti ta tradituri jew le, inħalli f'idejkom. Iżda biex taqraw aktar nistedinkom taraw il-bibliografija li qed nuri hawn taħt ħalli tkunu tafu aktar dettalji, għax f'artiklu bi spazju limitat ma tistax tikteb fit-tul.

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Wara nuqqas ta' spazju f'din il-kolonna ta' l-isports u wara li tajtkom żewġ rapporti mportanti tar-rebħ tan-K.O. u l-Frank Ghio Cup mit-team tal-Pulizija ma kienx hemm spazju biex nagħtikom ir-riżultati u klassifika finali tal-League tat-Tieni Diviżjoni tal-Football għad-Dipartimenti tal-Gvern u Korpi Parastatali għas-sena 1985. Għalhekk illum sejjer nagħtikom dawn ir-riżultati u klassifika biex fil-ħarġiet li jmiss inkun nista' nibda nwasslilkom ir-rapport tal-parteċipazzjoni tat-team tal-football tal-Pulizija f'dan il-league għal din is-sena.

Waħda mill-formazzjonijiet tagħna fl-istaġun 84/85.

Riżultat (1985)

Pulizija vs 2nd Reg A.F.M. (w/o għall-Pulizija)	2-0
E.M.W.D. vs M.A.F.	1-3
Ċentru Sportiv vs Eng. Inst.	0-2
Air Malta vs M'Xlokk P.P.	2-3
E.M.W.D. vs Eng. Inst.	6-0
Pulizija vs Ċentru Sportiv	2-0
M'Xlokk P.P. vs Eng. Inst.	3-0
Pulizija vs Air Malta	1-1
Pulizija vs E.M.W.D.	0-0
M.A.F. vs 2nd Reg. A.F.M.	3-1
Eng. Inst. vs 2nd Reg. A.F.M.	0-1
Pulizija vs M.A.F.	1-0
M'Xlokk P.P. vs E.M.W.D.	3-1
2nd Reg. AFM. vs Ċ. Sportiv (w/o għas-2nd Reg AFM)	2-0
Eng. Inst. vs Air Malta	0-5
2nd Reg. A.F.M. vs EMWD.	3-2
Eng. Inst. vs M.A.F.	2-0
Pulizija vs M'Xlokk P.P.	0-3
Ċentru Sportiv vs Air Malta	0-2
Air Malta vs 2nd Reg. AFM.	6-0
E.M.W.D. v Ċentru Sportiv	4-1
M.A.F. vs M'Xlokk P.P.	1-1
Pulizija vs Eng. Inst.	0-0
M'Xlokk PP vs 2nd Reg AFM	4-1
Ċentru Sportiv vs M.A.F.	1-1
Ċ. Sportvi vs M'Xlokk PP	2-2
Air Malta vs E.M.W.D.	3-1

KLASSIFIKA FINALI

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
M'Xlokk P.P.	7	5	2	0	19	7	12
Air Malta	7	5	1	1	23	6	11
PULIZIJA	7	3	3	1	6	4	9
M.A.F.	7	2	2	3	9	11	6
2nd Reg. AFM	7	3	0	4	8	17	6
E.M.W.D.	7	2	1	4	15	13	5
Eng. Inst.	7	2	1	4	4	15	5
Ċentru Sportiv	7	0	2	5	4	15	2

M'Xlokk Port Project, bi 12-il punt minn sebgħa logħbiet huma ċ-champions tat-Tieni Diviżjoni (bla megħluba) u ġew promossi għall-Ewwel Diviżjoni flimkien ma' l-Air Malta li bir-rebħa fuq il-M.A.F. (4-1) fl-aħħar logħba spiċċa fit-tieni post b'10 punti.

It-team taċ-Ċentru Sportiv li spiċċaw fl-aħħar post b'2 punti ġew relegati għat-tielet Diviżjoni.

It-team tal-E.M.W.D. u Engineering Instrument li spiċċaw b'5 punti kull wieħed ikun deċiż jekk xi ħadd minnhom jiġix ukoll relegat skond it-teamijiet li jibqgħu jiffurmaw parti fit-Tieni Diviżjoni l-istaġun ta' wara.

Kif tistgħu taraw it-teamijiet tal-Pulizija ġie fit-tielet post b'9 punti u falla l-promozzjoni għall-Ewwel Diviżjoni għal ftit.

It-team tal-football tagħna mogħti tifħir

Il-Kumitat Organizzattiv tal-League tal-Football għad-Dipartimenti tal-Gvern u Korpi Parastatali ħareġ ktieb kommemorattiv għal-Istaġun 1984/85. Fil-bidu hemm żewġ messaġġi ta' l-okkażjoni mill-Ministru Hon. Lorry Sant Ministru ta' l-Isports u ieħor mis-Sur Carm Borg Chairman ta' dan il-League. F'dan il-ktieb hemm bijografija żgħir ta' kull team flimkien ma' ritratt. Hemm ukoll ir-riżultati kollha u klassifiki finali tat-Tieni Diviżjoni tal-league. Fil-paġna ddedikata għat-team tal-Pulizija, barra li hemm ritratt tat-team hemm storja żgħira li qiegħed inġib kif riprodotta bl-Ingliż:

"The strong Police team had a most successful season. Although failing to win promotion to the First Division, they finished the season on a top note when they were able to beat the First Division League Champions Health in the Knock-Out final.

They also started the new season in style by making it a double over Health, beating them again in this years's edition of the FRANK GHIO SHIELD on the 11.11.85.

PULIZIJA, as they are officially registered, finished in third place with 9 points, behind Kalafrana and Air Malta. Their only defeat was against the eventual winners Kalafrana. They drew with Engineers Inst. (0-0), Air Malta (1-1) and E.M.W.D. (0-0). Their three wins were against A.F.M. (2-0), Ċentru Sportiv (2-0) and M.A.F (1-0).

PULIZIJA are making a strong challenge for this years's Second Division title."

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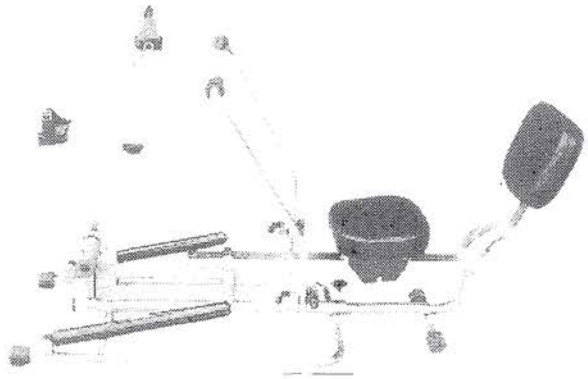

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MARATONA TA' MALTA

L-ewwel Maratona ta' Malta ġiet organizzata mill-Malta Marathon Committee nhar il-Ħadd, 16 ta' Frar, 1986. Fil-Maratona ħadu sehem xejn inqas minn 109 atleta li mhux kollha rnexxielhom jispiċċaw id-distanza ta' 26 mil. Il-Maratona bdiet fid-9 ta' filgħodu minn Santa Luċija u għaddiet minn dawn il-pajjiżi: Żurrieq, Mqabba, Siġġiewi, Żebbuġ, Ta' Qali, Mosta, Birkirkara, Balzan, Attard, Fleur-de-Lys, Santa Venera, Ħamrun, Pietà, Msida, Ta' Xbiex, Gżira u spiċċat fix-Xatt Tas-Sliema.

Fost l-atleti, barra atleti barranin u l-aħjar atleti Maltin b'sodisfazzjon għal Korp tal-Pulizija kien hemm PC68 Joseph Mallia li rnexxielu jispiċċa l-Maratona f'ħin ta' 4:14.46 u spiċċa fis-76 post. Għalkemm ma ġiex minn ta' l-ewwel PC Mallia fl-età ta' 37 sena kien sodisfatt ferm bil-wirja tiegħu għaliex barra li rnexxielu jispiċċa l-Maratona din kienet l-ewwel esperjenza tiegħu f'dan it-tip ta' sports. PC Mallia huwa magħruf sewwa fil-qasam sportiv u jifforma parti mit-team tal-football tal-Korp tal-Pulizija.

Meta ġie mistoqsi jikkummenta huwa qal li ma kienx jistenna li jispiċċa hekk frisk wara ġirja ta' 26 mil u għaldaqstant jinsab sodisfatt ħafna. Din għalih kienet esperjenza eċċezzjonali għalkemm ir-riħ effettwa ħafna lill-atleti kollha. Huwa kompla li wara li jagħmel perjodu ta' mistrieħ beħsiebu jerġa' jibda jittrenja ħalli għall-Maratona li jmiss ikun jista' jtejjeb il-ħin u l-pożizzjoni ta' din is-sena. Meta ġie mistoqsi dwar it-training li kien jagħmel PC Mallia qal li huwa beda jittrenja għal din il-Maratona xi tlett xhur biss qabel u kien jagħmel distanzi differenti bejn tlieta u erbgħa darbiet fil-ġimgħa.

Għall-kronika nixtieq ngħid li l-ewwel 10 atleti li spiċċawil-Maratona kienu dawn:- 1. Paul Pickup 2:27.48; 2. Ian Thompson 2:29.46; 3. Charles Portelli 2:32.50; 4. Terry Lonergan 2:33.52; 5. Gerald Marrinan 2:39.40; 6. Ron Hill 2:43.09; 7. Mario Hammett 2:45.35; 8. Henry A. Pritchard 2:49.57; 9. Steve Trew 2:53.55; 10. Andrew J. Waller 2:54.17.

Fl-aħħar nixtieq li niddedika din il-karikatura li qiegħed nippublika ma' din il-paġna lill-ħabib tagħna PC68 J. Mallia għad-dedikazzjoni u sagrifiċċju personali li għamel biex seta' jikkompeti fl-ewwel Maratona ta' Malta b'sodisfazzjon għall-membri kollha tal-Korp tal-Pulizija.

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PC68 J. Mallia waqt il-bidu tal-Maratona.

B'dedika lil ħabib tagħna PC68 J. Mallia.

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PULIZIJA.................4
SWISSAIR 2

Fit-30 ta' Jannar, 1986, it-team tal-Pulizija lagħab logħba friendly ma' team Svizzeru kompost minn impjegati tal-Kumpanija tal-ajru SWISSAIR. Il-partita li ntlagħbet fil-Marsa Sports Ground kienet ferm pjaċevoli fejn it-team ta' Swissair fetaħ l-iskor f'nofs l-ewwel taqsima. It-team tal-Pulizija għamel reazzjoni u għamel l-iskor 2-1 favur tiegħu sa l-ewwel taqsima b'żewġ goals ta' PC811 V. Busuttil u PC607 J. Camilleri.

Għat-tieni taqsima t-team tal-Pulizija kompla fejn ħalla fl-ewwel taqsima u żied żewġ goals oħra permezz ta' PC960 A. Scerri u goal ieħor ta' PC607 J. Camilleri biex fl-aħħar tal-partita t-team ta' SWISSAIR naqqas il-marġini b'goal opportunist.

Din il-logħba serviet ta' esperjenza tajba għat-team tal-Pulizija bi preparazzjoni għal-logħbiet li jmiss fil-league tal-Gvern u Korpi Parastatali fejn it-team tagħna lagħab waħda mill-isbaħ logħbiet tiegħu u li ma kienx għal għadd ta' saves tajba tal-goalkeeper ta' SWISSAIR l-iskor kien ikun akbar.

Ta' min isemmi li qabel il-logħba kull player tat-team tal-Pulizija ġie ppreżentat b'rigal mid-diriġenti tat-team ta' SWISSAIR.

FOOTBALL F'GĦAWDEX

MINN E. BELLIA

•Wara li t-team tagħna kien lagħab diversi logħob ta' ħbiberija u anke rebaħ żewġ challenge Cups, ġie mpoġġi bħala t-team favorit li jirbaħ dan il-kampjonat bejn il-Korpi Parastatali u Dipartimenti tal-Gvern.

L-ewwel logħba li lagħab tal-kampjonat kienet kontra t-team medjokru tal-Inland Revenue, fejn it-team tagħna kien favorit nett li jirbaħ din il-logħba, iżda minħabba xi mpenji oħra tas-servizz it-team tagħna niżel għal-logħob b'diversi players nieqsa bħal PC610 Grima u PC214 M. Camilleri fejn anke lagħbna tul il-partita kollha player nieqes. Għalkemm tlifna bl-iskor ta' 2-1 kellna l-mumenti tagħna u kienu ħafna ċ-ċansijiet ta' goals li ġew moħlija banalment min PC854 Bonnici, u PC371 Mercieca. L-l-iskorer tat-team tagħna kien PC340 S. Mercieca. Kienet logħba li tlifna kontra dak li kien mistenni.

vs Mid-Med Bank 0-2

•It-tieni logħba tagħna kienet kontra t-team qawwi tal-MMB. Dan it-team ġie msaħħaħ minn meta lagħbna żewġ friendlies li fihom aħna konna rbaħna ż-żewġ inkontri. Huma intruduċew lil goalkeeper Gesmond Buttigieg (Vict. Hotspurs) Joe Bezzina (Vict. United) u William Portelli (C. Bosco Youths) li lkoll jaħdmu, Branches tal-MMB Malta.

F'din il-logħba t-team tagħna kien ferm sfortunat, li għalkemm kellu ħafna mil-logħob, sab lid-difiża u lill-goalkeeper tal-MMB sodi ħafna u kienu ħafna saves ta' l-istess Buttigieg li żammu lit-team tagħna li jiskorja. Meta rnexxielna ninfdu lid-difiża sibna l-lasta għal ħames darbiet tgħid le lit-team tagħna. Ta min isemmi wkoll li ż-żewġ goals li sofrejna kienu żbalji tal-goalkeeper tagħna PC868 P. Camilleri li fl-ewwel wieħed ħalla ix-shot ta' I.M. Busuttil jaħrablu għal ġox-xibka fil-waqt l-ieħor ħalla l-ballun jaqbżu minn tefa tal-goalkeeper oppost. Fl-aħħar mumenti tal-logħba l-players tagħna pprotestaw bl-aħrax għal penalty fuq foul fuq il-player tagħna PC567 T. Bajada. Kull min kien preżenti kienu tal-fehma li ma kienetx il-ġurnata tat-team tal-Pulizija.

ŻEWĠ TELFIET ŻGĦAR... U ŻEWĠ REBĦIET KBAR!

vs Telemalta Corp. 8-0

•F'din il-logħba t-team tagħna deher li nesa ż-żewġ telfiet l-oħra u kien determinat li jakkwista rebħa tajba fuq dan it-team pjuttost medjokru. It-team tagħna fetaħ fuq l-offensiva u għal bidu tal-logħba sabuha ftit diffiċli li jinfed id-difiża tat-TeleMalta Iżda meta sabu l-ewwel goal il-logħba kienet storja waħda, u mhux għaċ-ċansijiet li tilef PC610 Grima l-iskor kien ikun ferm akbar. Il-goals tagħna ġew skorjati hekk PC567 (4) PC610, Grima (2), PC740 J. Agius, PC340 S. Mercieca goal kull wieħed.

vs P.W.D. 7-5

•Ir-raba' logħba kienet kontra t-team tal-PWD li jippossedi ħafna players li jilagħbu ma' diversi Clubs Għawdxin bħal G. Grech, M. Farrugia (Vict. U.), C. Attard, A. Sillato (Vict. H.), Francis Mizzi u Joe Cini (Kerċem Ajax).

Wara biss ħames minuti logħob it-team tagħna kien diġà qiegħed jirbaħ bl-iskor ta' 2-0, biex sa tmiem l-ewwel taqsima l-iskor sar 3-2 favur it-team tagħna.

Kif bdiet it-tieni taqsima t-team tagħna reġa kabbar il-vantaġġ għal 5-2, it-team tal-PWD ġie mogħti żewġ penalties biex naqas l-iskor għal 5-4. Hawn it-team tagħna reġa' beda jilgħab b'aktar determinazzjoni biex reġa kabbar l-iskor għal 7-5, l-aħħar wieħed minn penalty.

L-iskorers għat-team tagħna ġew skorjati hekk: PS567, T. Bajada (3), PC756 J. Camilleri (2) u goal kull wieħed PC740 J. Agius, u PC610 L. Grima.

Waqt il-preżentazzjoni taċ-Challenge Cup lit-team tagħna.

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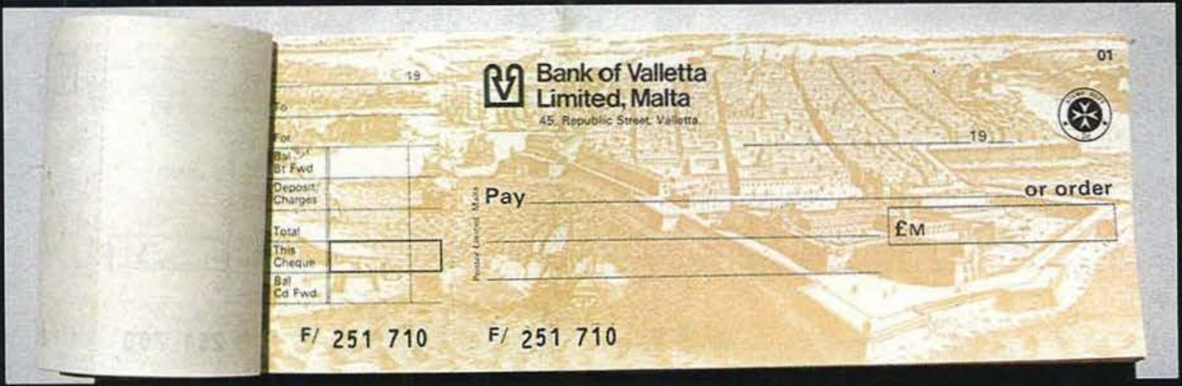

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