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# IT-TNAX TA’ LULJU 1814 TWAQQIF TAL-KORP TAL-PULIZIJA F’MALTA

minn EDWARD ATTARD

Għalkemm f’Malta, fl-imghoddi, minn dejjem kien hawn xi taq-sima ta’ l-amministrazzjoni tal-Gzejjer Maltin li kellhom id-dmir li jharsu ż-żamma ta’ l-ordni u d-dixxiplina fil-pajjiż, saħansitra minn żmien l-Għarab (870 W.K.) meta dan ix-xogħol kien f’idejn *s-sahib el-xutra*,<sup>1</sup> iżda huwa fit-12 ta’ Lulju 1814 li gie stabbilit il-Korp tal-Pulizija kif nafuh illum.

Kif ha t-tregija tal-Gzejjer Maltin, Sir Thomas Maitland, Gvernatur ta’ Malta bejn l-1813 u l-1824, huwa sab li f’Malta kien hawn tahlita shiha ta’ korpi jew taqsimiet tal-pulizija li kellhom gurisdizzjonijiet differenti li kienu jwasslu għal hafna kwistjonijiet bejn taqsimi u oħra. Għaldaqstant il-Gvernatur Maitland bi Proklama XXII tal-1814 ordna li mit-12 ta’ Lulju 1814, is-setgħat li sa dak iż-żmien kellhom dawk kollha li kellhom x’jaqsmu ma’ l-amministrazzjoni tal-Gustizzja li kienu: il-pulizija mwaqqfa ftit taż-żmien qabel minhabba l-pesta; il-Castellano jew President tal-Gustizzja; il-Capitano di Verga jew il-hakem tal-belt; l-Imħallef tal-Qorti Kriminali; il-Magistrati tal-Pulizija u l-Avukati fiskali ta’ Malta u ta’ Għawdex; dawn il-karigi kellhom jispicċaw darba għal dejjem u l-istess gara għall-Qorti tal-Magistrati tal-Pulizija mwaqqfa dak iż-żmien.

B’effett mill-istess data, 12 ta’ Lulju 1814, il-Gvernatur Maitland ordna li l-Pulizija ta’ Malta għandha tkun f’żewġ dipartimenti distinti – wieħed ta’ Pulizija Esekuttiva u l-ieħor Ġudizjarju. Il-kmandant tal-Pulizija kellu jkun l-Ispettur Ġenerali tal-Pulizija (illum magħruf bħala Kummissarju) u il-kapijiet tat-taqsimi ġudizjarja

saru l-magistrati ta’ Malta u Għawdex.

F’indirizz lill-Imħalfin, konsli u awtoritajiet legali oħra fit-2 ta’ Jannar 1815, fl-okkażjoni tal-ftuh ta’ l-ewwel perjodu tal-Qrati, il-Gvernatur Maitland, għal darb oħra għamel enfasi li f’Malta kellu jkun hawn distinzjoni bejn dawk li jagħmlu l-ligijiet; dawk li kellhom id-dmir jaraw li ma jinkisrux il-ligijiet u dawk li jiggudikaw lil min jikser il-ligijiet.<sup>2</sup>

Mhux l-għan tiegħi li f’dan l-artikolu nittratta r-riformi legali iżda se nsemmi biss il-poteri li ingħataw lill-pulizija biex tarresta persuni hatja ta’ xi offiża kontra l-paċi pubblika jew ir-Regolamenti tal-pulizija ta’ dak iż-żmien u li meta jkun possibbli, tressaq lil dawk arrestati mill-aktar fis quddiem il-qorti u f’ebda każ, iż-żmien ta’ arrest, ma għandu jkun ta’ aktar minn jumejn. Il-pulizija kellha wkoll tiġbor ix-xhied kollha meħtieġa dwar il-każ meta dan ikun se jiġi trattat mill-Magistrat. Dan il-pulizija baqgħet tagħmlu sal-lum.

## Kmandanti tal-Korp

Mill-1814 sal-lum, il-Korp tal-Pulizija kellu sitta u għoxrin kmandant taht diversi ismijiet ta’ hatra. L-ewwel kmandant, bl-isem ta’ Spettur Ġenerali tal-Pulizija, kien il-Konti, Kurunell Francis Rivarola, Korsikan, li kellu karriera sabiha fil-militar u li wara li spicċa minn kmandant tal-Korp, f’Novembru 1822 huwa kompli jservi fil-militar bħala kmandant tar-Regiment tar-Royal Malta Fencibles u wara spicċa bħala Gvernatur ta’ Zanti.<sup>3</sup>

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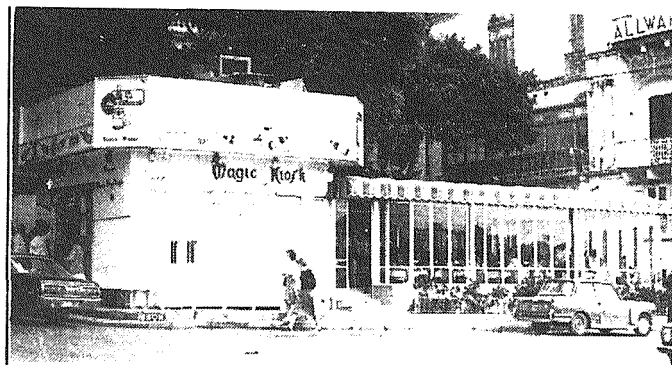
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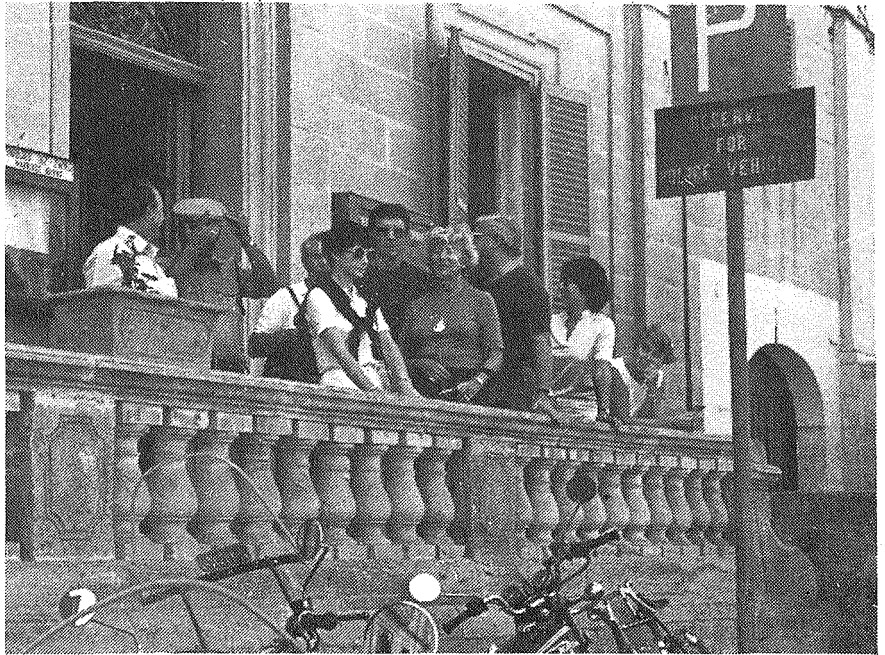


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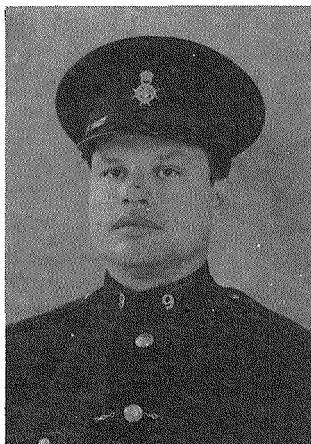
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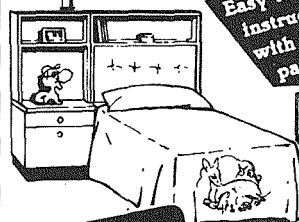


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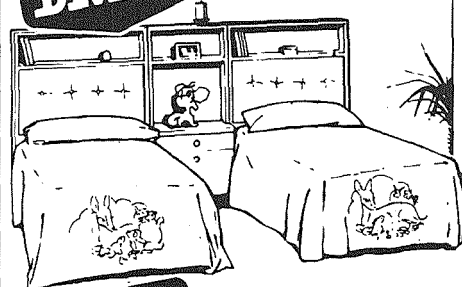


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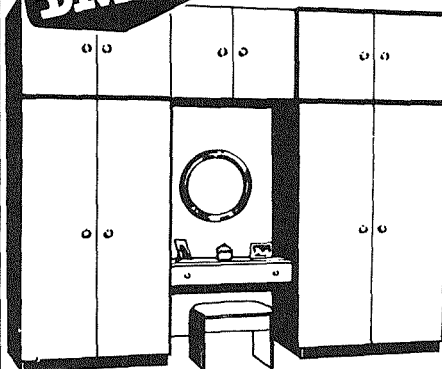
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# *Do We Need To Revise Our Concept Of Crime Control?*

by Dr. Paul Cassar M.D., D.P.M. F.R.Hist.S. (Lond.)

Delinquency is but one aspect of the wide range of human behaviour; hence so long as the springs and vagaries of human behaviour remain obscure and, sometimes, unexplainable, it is inevitable that doubts and questions will arise as to the effectiveness of our management of the law breaker.

This paper deals very briefly with the musings on this topic that have engaged the mind of a psychiatrist during his thirty-years of professional experience in our law courts and of his studies of the international literature on the subject.

## **Juvenile Delinquency**

Some psychologists tend to see in the juvenile wrongdoer a sick person and not a naughty or wicked individual. Others view him as an emotionally immature person. Consequently the former advocate psychiatric treatment while the latter emphasise an approach of understanding and love to help him to attain the necessary maturity and stability of character. There is no doubt that there are psychologically sick and immature persons among juvenile lawbreakers but there are also normal individuals who are simply anti-social and who need a different kind of management from the sick and immature person. What is of paramount importance is to follow up all juveniles who fall foul of the law for the first time at adolescence because crime at this age may be indicative of a blossoming psychopathic personality with its repetitive clashes with the law and its persistent unresponsiveness to conventional punitive and other remedial measures.

## **Social Causes of Crime**

Some social reformers ascribe crime to poverty; but others contend that when there was more poverty, when people were less well housed and not so well fed one heard less of the occurrence of crimes than to-day. They,

therefore, seek the causes of crime elsewhere such as the family milieu (parental lack of discipline, husband-wife discord, mishandling of the child, bad examples from family) or the social environment (unemployment, slums, bars, friends.) This view tends to exonerate the individual from guilt and sees crime as a protest against parental authority or against retrograde social thinking and an unjust economic order. But how far is crime actually a manifestation of these factors, if at all?

## **Attitude of the Public Towards Crime**

The public shows a morbid curiosity about crime. The press tends to heighten this curiosity and in fact there are, in some countries, magazines that are devoted exclusively to crime reading and reporting. T.V. also shows many films with crime as their themes. These media tend to stimulate delinquency by teaching potential criminals how to commit offences and how to evade detection. They also tend to enhance the image of the criminal as an interesting and clever person boosting his self-importance and self-pride.

When a suspect is brought to court the public's attitude may be one of leniency once the initial shock of the crime imputed to him has subsided. In fact the public is inclined to show more concern over the accused's restriction of liberty while he is awaiting trial than over the plight of the bereaved family and the burden of the damages suffered by the wronged person.

## **Imprisonment**

The motive behind imprisonment is the protection of society and the reformation of the offender and not merely the infliction of punishment. It is an effort to reintegrate him into the social structure once he leaves prison by providing educational facilities and vocational training during

his detention. Some people deride the effectiveness of imprisonment in reaching these aims. On the contrary they maintain that imprisonment far from combating criminality tends to foster it by facilitating contacts among criminals hitherto unacquainted with one another. They, therefore, suggest replacing imprisonment by the infliction of heavy fines and making good the damages caused to the victim. Others hold that prison life is not uncomfortable enough to form a deterrent to the offender and they ask:- "Aren't we too tolerant with the wrong doer? Is this tolerance born of sentimentalism? or of a sense of ignorance on our part because we have been unable to devise a better system than imprisonment? or of weakness and of fear because we do not want to antagonise the offender lest he will hit back when he is free again?"

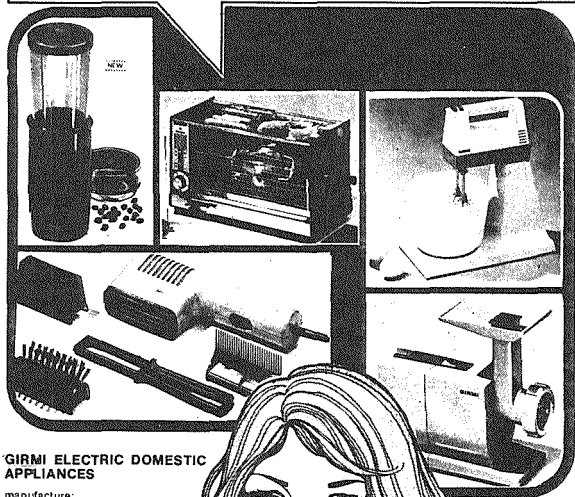
## **The Jury System**

Are we justified in retaining the jury system? Is not a jury system an indication of distrust and lack of confidence in the judiciary? Is a lay jury more competent than the judge to assess the facts of the case especially where technical points of a medical, psychiatric and ballistic nature are involved? Is a jury objective enough in reaching a verdict and isn't it prone to be swayed by the emotional appeals of the prosecution or of the defence? Is the jury immune from the influence of rumours, comments and stories in the press and of political prejudice or preconceived opinions?

## **The Study of the Personality of the Offender**

The study of the personality of the offender before sentence is delivered is a point worth pursuing for it is useless to expect an offender to reform if he is subject to an intellectual defect or if he suffers from a psychopathic per-

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## mill-Kavalier Joseph Galea

Jekk wiehed jirnexxilu jneħhi ħajtu b'idejh, ighidu li kien miġnun, li marritlu żmerċ xi rota minn moħħu. Jekk ma jirnexxilux kawzi jġhodduh bi kriminali, għax tneħhi ħajtek l-istess bħal tneħhi ħajjet ħaddiehor. Jibqa l-fatt li min jikkontempla suwiċidju, għandux dritt moralment jiddisponi minn ħajtu, jew le, skond il-kuxjenza libera tiegħu.

Mill banda l-oħra, jekk il-ħajja giet mogħtija lil minn Alla, għandux dritt ineħhi, jew jiddisponi minn dak li mhux tiegħu.

Il-*Codex Juris Canonici*, kan. 965, V (Vat. 1931) jagħmluha ċara li "min jagħmel ħsara lill ħajtu, jew lil ħaddiehor," ma jistgħux jagħtuhom is-sagramenti, u anqas ma jistgħu jindifnu f'lok sagru (Kan. 1240).

X'igieghel lil wiehed biex jasal joqtol ruħu b'idejh? Il-ħajja ta' kuljum hi hekk mgħobbija b'diffikultajiet li kull wiehed minnha żguri li xi darba f'ħajjtna konna garrabna, jew għadda minn għalina xi gwaj, li seta baqalna ferita f'qalbna, li għalkemm wara żmien tkun qisha għalqet, donnu li meta jiġi r-riħ tagħha, terġa tinħass mhux f'it.

Fl-istorja tad-dinja għandna tliet kazijiet ta' suwiċidji li baqgħu jissemmew u mfakkra: dak ta' Kleopatra tal-Egittu, li ippreferit tneħhi ħajjitha b'idejha bil-gidma tas-serp velenuz, milli jehduha bħala "għelm tarrebħa" lejn Ruma. It-tieni dik ta' Sokrate, li mgieghel jixrob il-velenu, għalkemm kontra l-volontà tiegħu, neħħa ħajtu b'idejh, b'telfa kbira għad-dinja. It-tielet dak ta' Goering, il-ministru tal-Germanja taħt Hitler, li waqt il-guri ta' Nuremberg, ha doża ta' ferri cyanide, u wara żewġ minuti mar għand Alla.

Fl-istorja ta' Malta u Għawdex, is-suwiċidji li baqgħu jissemmew mhumiex wisq, għaliex quddiem il-ligi tagħna dawn huma konsiderati bħala kriminali irresponsabbli. B'dankollu għandna kazijiet li għamlu lehen fi żmienhom.

L-aqwa wiehed li hu mfakkar hu dak ta' Bernardo, fi żmien l-assedju ta' Għawdex mit-Torok fis-sena 1551. Dan l-eroj biex ma jhallix li wliedu l-bniet jaqgħu taħt idejn il-Misilmin, qatilhom waħda waħda, u fl-aħħar neħħa ħajtu b'idejh ukoll. Att bħal dan ngħidulu erojku, iżda hu kellu dritt imur kontra l-volontà ta' wliedu li jneħħilhom ħajjithom?

Il-kazijiet tas-suwiċidju f'dawn il-gzejjer tagħna huma varjati kemm kif ġew imwettqa, u sew min kien għamilhom. Hemm kazijiet ta' tghallieq fid-dar bil-moħbi, jew f'għalqa ma' sigra, jew għarqa f'bir jew gibja; bix-xorb tal-ispirtu tal-melħ, jew velenu ieħor; b'arma tan-nar, jew qtugħ tal-gerżuma; iżda l-aktar li kienu popolari u komuni huma dawk li jintefgħu minn fuq il-Lift tal-Barrakka ta' fuq, jew minn fuq is-swar ta' hdejn il-Barrakka t'isfel għal Barriera, ix-xatt tal-Belt, fejn aħna tal-belt ngħidulu hdejn Wills.

Jissemma l-każ tal-Isqof ta' Malta Fra Baldassare Cagliares (1614–1633) li fl-aħħar ta' ħajtu kien tant marid, li tilef il-boxxla, u waqt li kien sejjer passigġata fit-triq tal-Buskett f'mument ħazin li għadda minnu, fettillu jaqbez ġewwa bir.

Il-kazijiet tas-suwiċidji li huma rekordjati u dokumentati huma dawk ta' żmien l-Inglizi, minn meta l-Gvernatur Sir Thomas Maitland kien għamel l-aqwa riforma li kienet tinħtieg Malta. Irriforma s-sistema tal-Qrati, għamel il-Korp tal-Pulizija, u dak kollu li kienet tinħtieg Malta biex tneħhi minn fuqha l-għabra taż-żmien u l-għanqbut fuqhiex kienet ilha mibnija.

B'riħet hekk għandna dokumentazzjoni gdida f'kull qasam tal-ħajja.

L-ewwel kazijiet registrati niltaqgħu magħhom fis-sena 1814. In-nobbli Francesco Parisio-Muscato, kavalier ta' l-Ordni ta' San Ġwann, kien taħ ferħ ta' genn nhar it-12 ta' Jan-  
nar 1814, u qabeż fil-gibja tad-

dar tiegħu, Palazzo Parisio, fi Triq il-Merkanti, fejn illum hemm il-Foreign Office ta' Malta. Kellu 41 sena, u fi żmien l-imblokk tal-Franċiżi (1798–1800) kien wiehed mill-partigġani. Meta miet il-Kanoniku F. Saverio Caruana, li minn għaliek kien jikk-manda dawn il-gzejjer, caħad li dan jindifen fil-knisja ta' San Ġwann, tal-kavalieri, kif kienet id-drawwa, u minflok difnuh fi-ċimiterju tal-Furjana, fejn hemm il-parroċċa tal-lum.

Fix-xahar ta' Lulju tal-istess sena, Dun Onorato Casha, kappillan tal-kavalieri, kien qabeż ġewwa l-gibja tal-isptar (Sakra Infermerija) u għereq. Imħabba l-femiet tiegħu politiċi, l-istess, ma difnuhx fil-kennirja ta' San Ġwann, imma fil-Furjana.

Mhux possibbli li ngibu l-kazijiet kollha kemm għaliex il-lista hi twila wisq, u sew għaliex l-ispazju fi *Il-Pulizija* ma jippermettilnix. Iżda sejrjn insemmu żewġ kazijiet oħra kurjużi, li fi żmienhom kienu qanqlu għagħa kbira fost il-poplu.

Nhar il-15 ta' Ġunju 1868, il-perit Giuseppe Grech, kien ħareġ mid-dar tiegħu u mar in-Naxxar. Meta wasal fir-raħal baqa' sejjer lejn l-iskola tal-bniet, u x'hin wasal staqsa biex ikellem lissinjora, is-sinjorina Virginia Magri. Il-purtinara tal-iskola qaltli li ma kienitx tista' tghid lissinjora li kien hemm min staqsa għaliha, għax kien projbit. Iżda hu insista mhux f'it u qallilha li kellu premura li jwassallha tagħrif. Għalhekk il-purtinara marret tghidilha, u f'it wara giet is-sinjora b'sitt itfal magħha. Kif resqet lejha qallilha jekk kieneitx biddlet il-fehma dwaru, billi kienet irrifjutata li tiehdu b'għarus. Hi wiegħbet minnufieh li ma xtaqitx li tiehu l-istat tagħha. Il-perit, disappuntat, dlonk ħareġ pistola minn butu u sparalha, laqatha f'wicċha, u għamilha ferita ħafifa, u wara dawwar il-kanna lejha u spara għaliek innifsu, u waqa' mejjet quddiemha.

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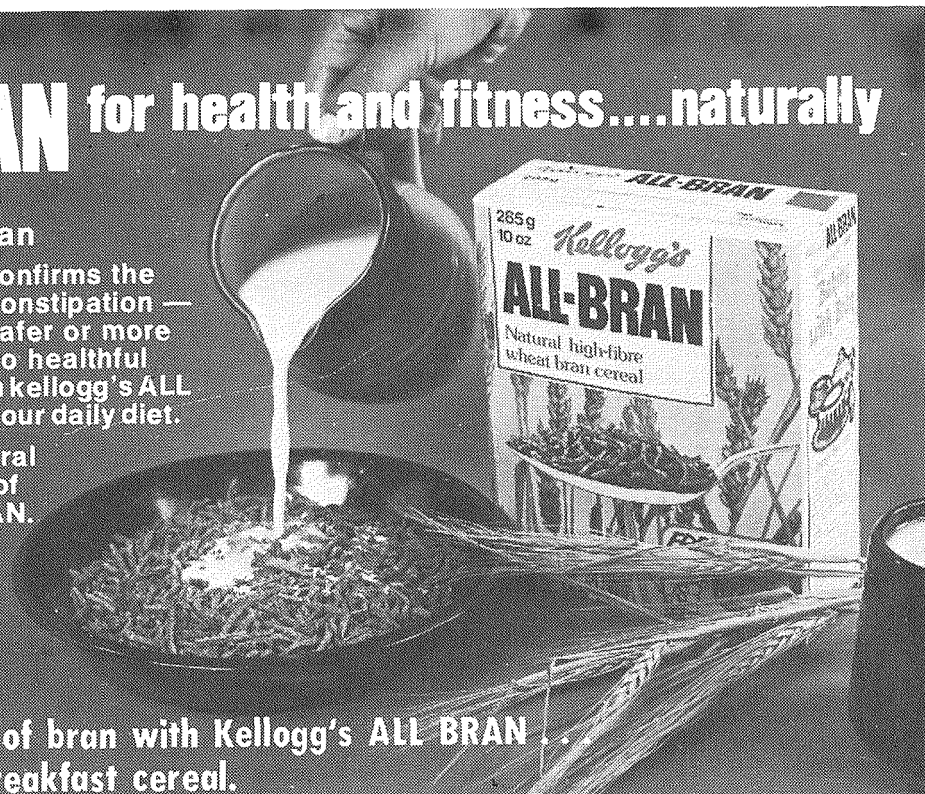
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Kazijiet bħal dan, ta' rifjut, insibuh f'kull rokna tad-dinja u f'kull żmien.

L-aqwa storja ta' suwicidju li kien baqa' misterjuż ftit żmien, u li kien wassal bniedem innocenti fuq il-forka, hu l-każ tal-kappillan ta' H'Attard.

Mela, darba wara nofsinhar, hu u niżel l-Isqof Vincenzo Labini mill-Imdina bil-kaless u l-parilja, fi triqtu lejn il-Belt, x'hin wasal fl-inhawi tat-triq, nitfa 'l bogħod mil-parroċċa, lemaħ lil kappillan tar-raħal flimkien ma xi bdiewa jitghazznu u jitkellmu bil-qegħda għad-dell. Waqqaf il-kaless, u sejjah lil kappillan hdejh. Kif resaq, Dun Delicata, wara li baxxa u sellem b'rasu lill-Isqof, Labini beda jgħajru u gighelu jmur lura lejn il-knisja, għax hemm kien postu, u mhux jgħaddi ż-żmien band'oħra. Għal dan il-kliem, il-kappillan kollu mistħi u miksur, telaq lejn il-knisja. Daħal gewwa s-sagristerija, u minn kaxxarizz, jew armarju, ha l-muftieh tal-gnien li kellu sew sew biswit il-knisja. Mar lejn il-gnien, fetaħ u daħal, mar lejn il-bir li hemm fir-rokna, qabaq il-habel u ddendel miegħu, wara li tala fuq il-herża tal-bir.

Filgħaxija, meta sar il-hin biex jingħad ir-rużarju u l-kappillan jaġhti l-barka, bħal ma kien soltu il-kappillan ma deherx. Fittxewh kullimkien u ma nstabx. Is-sagristerian mar jigrì lejn il-gnien, biex jara jekk il-kappillan għall li jista jkun, kienx rieqgħed hemm, u x'hin daħal, isibu mdendel mejjet, u jitbandal hađa l-bir. Is-sagristerian iggennen: u gieh skruplu li jmur ighid x'kien sab, u minflok fetaħ l-għatu tal-bir, qata' l-habla li magħha kien mgħallaq il-kappillan, u erħilu jaqa' fil-bir. U rega' għatta l-bokka, u telaq inkiss inkiss lejn il-knisja, mingħajr ma qal xejn b'dak li kien ra u sab.

Il-kappillan baqa' ma nstabx, iżda wara xi jumejn uħud qalu li kienu raw lis-sagristerian diehel bil-moħbi fil-gnien tal-kappillan, u wara ftit kienu rawh ukoll hiegeg inkiss inkiss, donnu mitluf minn sensieh. Għaldaqshekk għamlu tfittxija fil-gnien u sabu lil kappillan mejjet fil-bir. Arrestaw lis-sagristerian u akkużawh bil-qtil tal-kappillan. Wara li nstemgħet il-kawża, għax ma kienx għad hemm il-guri, qatgħuhilu għall mewt, u dendluh fl-inhawi tal-knisja tal-Mirakli lejn Hal Lija.

Il-kappillan difnuh fil-knisja fuq in-naħa tax-xellug fil-

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sonality. It is of extreme importance to spot these two morbid conditions as their existence is of more significance than the offence itself in deciding the choice of sentence that best fits the offender, i.e. whether probation or imprisonment or psychiatric care.

### An Institute of Forensic Medicine

At a meeting of the International Academy of Legal Medicine and Social Medicine, held in Malta in 1974, I stated that forensic medicine "is continually expanding its boundaries and that its offshoots are for ever outgrowing their parent. For this reason the organisation of the teaching and, more particularly, the practice of forensic medicine deserve to be (a) established as a department or institute in its own right, administratively separate from, and independent of, any other medical service; (b) provided with the means and facilities for the collection of medico-legal material to further enlarge the practical instruction of students and graduates and widen the scope and depth of our quest for knowledge; and (c) furnished with adequate staff, who being trained in various ancillary scientific disciplines, can speak with authority on their particular fields of specialisation". Those remarks still hold good to-day; indeed they have become even more cogent in view of the fact that more sophisticated means are now being used by delin-

kappellun, u lis-sagristerian difnuh f'hofra li kienu jhaffru hađa fejn tkun saret il-forka.

Għadda ż-żmien u nkixfet l-istorja kollha. Iżda s-sagristerian miskin kienu qatluh għal ta' xejn, ingustament.

Hu x'inhu, il-mottiv biex dawn l-imsejkna kienu waslu f'din l-estrimità, jista' jkun li kien l-inkwiet, li jgħix miegħek, jorqgħod miegħek, u jqum qablek.

Kien hemm min nehħa hajtu għax kellu disappuntament fl-imħabba; kien hemm min halla l-iskrupli jirkbuh, filwaqt li whud wettqu biċċa bħal din għall-gost, qisha hađa tal-logħob. Fi żmien-na hawn uħud li qed jagħmlu suwicidju biex il-fehmiet politiċi

quents in the commission of crime.

### A Conference on Criminal Science

It is evident from the variety of the issues raised in this paper that their study requires the collaboration of men and women engaged in various but linked fields of criminology — lawyers and judges, pathologists and psychiatrists, laboratory personnel and other technicians, social welfare and probation officers, police officers and prison administrators. I, therefore, strongly emphasise the need for a conference, to be organised under the auspices of the Minister for Justice, to bring together all those engaged in the investigation and management of criminal behaviour to enable us to identify and study any deficits and gaps in our system of crime control; to obtain, as clearly as possible, an understanding of the mental processes of the offender; and to suggest the necessary remedial measures for the better control of delinquent conduct.

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li għandhom ikollhom widen, jaħasra, u jnehħu hajjithom b'idejhom billi jsumu sakemm jintemmu u jmutu.

Meta jigrù kazi bħal dawn li semmejna, ix-xogħol kollu għall pulizija. L-ewwel iridu jidentifikaw min hu l-katavru; ifittxu biex isibu x'kien il-mottiv li wassal għad-deċizjoni li wiehed inehħi hajtu b'idejh; jinvestigaw lill-qraba u hbieb tal-mejjet; jitransferixxu l-katavru lejn il-kamra tal-mejtin tal-isptar għall awtopsja, u jagħmlu inkjesta bil-magistrat.

Mument hazin li jista' jgħaddi minnu kulhadd, Alla haħes qatt.

•minn paġna 1

Wara Rivarola, ha t-treggija tal-Korp il-Logotenent Kurunell Henry Balaneaves, b'kariga ta' Deputat Spettur Generali. Ta' min isemmi li kemm Rivarola u Balaneaves ghamlu wkoll xi żmien f'kariga temporanja ta' Logotenent Gvernatur fl-assenza ta' dan ta' l-aħħar minn Malta.<sup>4</sup> F'tit wara li temm il-kariga tiegħu bħala kmandant tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, fl-1833 Balaneaves gie mahtur *Town Major* ta' Malta.<sup>5</sup>

Wara l-ewwel żewġ kmandanti militari, l-Korp tal-Pulizija għad taht it-tmexxija ta' l-ewwel uffiċjal ċivili,<sup>6</sup> Charles Godfrey li nħatar kmandant tal-Korp fl-ewwel ta' Jannar 1832 taht kariga ta' Maġistrat tal-Pulizija Esekuttiva. Din il-kariga dbiddlet għal dik ta' Spettur tal-Pulizija b'effett mit-12 ta' April 1839.<sup>7</sup> Charles Godfrey miet f'Novembru 1844 meta kien għadu jokkupa l-kariga ta' kmandant tal-Korp tal-Pulizija għalkemm xogholu kien diġa' qed jagħmlu dak li ha t-treggija tal-Korp warajh.

Fl-1844 gie mahtur Frederick Sedley bħala kmandant tal-Korp, li, kif diġa' issemma', kien għamel xi żmien agent Spettur tal-Pulizija. Minn wara Sedley, fl-1858 sa' l-1915 il-Korp tal-Pulizija għadda taht it-treggija ta' seba' kmandanti oħra taht l-isem ta' Superintendent tal-Pulizija u fl-1915, is-Sur Claude Woodruff Duncan inhatar Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, l-isem tal-kariga li għadu magħruf biha il-kmandant tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. (Beda jissejjah Kummissarju fl-1918).

Ta' min isemmi wkoll li f'Għawdex, fl-1838, spiċċa l-post ta' Logotenent Gvernatur u Kmandant Militari ta' Għawdex u Kemmuna u b'effett mil-31 ta' Marzu 1838, il-Maġġur C.A. Bayley, CMG li sa' dak iż-żmien kellu l-kariga hawn fuq imsemmija, inhatar bħala Spettur tal-Pulizija Esekuttiva għal Għawdex.<sup>8</sup> Bayley miet il-Marfa



**FRANCIS RIVAROLA – L-ewwel Kmandant tal-Korp tal-Pulizija.**

f'Awissu 1852 u gie midfun fil-fortizza Chambret, Għawdex.<sup>9</sup>

Fl-ewwel żminijiet tiegħu (1842) il-Korp tal-Pulizija kien jikkonsisti fi Kmandant u Spettur għall-Għawdex, għaxar Ajjutanti u żewġ Sotto-Ajjutanti, erba' Surgenti Maġġuri, tlieta u tletin Surgenti u mija u disa' u hamsin Kuntistabbli.<sup>10</sup> Is-salarju ta' Kuntistabbli kien ta' £20 fis-sena filwaqt li s-salarju tal-Kmandant tal-Korp kien ta' £450 fis-sena. Kien hawn ukoll madwar 45 Għassa tal-Pulizija f'Malta u Għawdex.

Biex inkompli b'aktar tagħrif dwar il-kariga tal-Kmandant tal-Korp tal-Pulizija insemmi wkoll

li fi Frar 1917 f'rapport dwar organizzazzjoni tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, s-Superintendent C. Duncan issugerixxa li l-kariga ta' kmandant tal-Korp għandha tissejjah Spettur Generali biex din tkun bħal dik ta' korpi ta' Pulizija oħra fil-kolonji Ingliżi.<sup>11</sup> Izda jidher li f'tit inghata każ ta' dan is-suggeriment għaliex b'effett mill-11 ta' Jannar 1918 il-kmandant tal-Korp beda jissejjah Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.<sup>12</sup>

Fir-rapport dwar ri-jorganizzazzjoni tal-Korp tal-Pulizija tal-Kummissarju Duncan aktar il fuq imsemmi, huwa ssugerixxa wkoll li l-Pulizija jkollha l-kwartieri tagħha fejn

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## MALTA POLICE.

Police Order No. 150

by

The Police Commissioners, Commanding.

VALLETTA, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1930.

### 1. APPOINTMENT.

Lt.-Colonel, G. G. S. Brander, O.B.E., to be a Commissioner of Police (Government Notice No. 306/30).

*Ordni li turi l-hatra tal-Log. Kurunel Brander bħala Kummissarju tal-Pulizija kif ukoll*

*il-Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. S. Brander, O.B.E., ta' Kummissarju tal-Pulizija*

jìgu magħlma r-rekluti qabel jòhorgu ghax-xogħol barra. Kif se naraw il quddiem sa l-1919 il-Pulizija ma kelliex dawn il-kwartieri, iżda biss xi uffiċini fil-belt Valletta. Bħala post għal *Depot*, Duncan issuggerixxa l-*Old Laboratory Barracks* f'Marsamxett jew il-Palazz ta' l-Inkwizitur fil-Birgu li dak iż-żmien kien vojti.<sup>13</sup> Kien ukoll il-Kummissarju Duncan li rriorganizza it-Taqsima ta' l-*Investigazzjonijiet Kriminali* fl-1917 li kienet tissejjaħ *Detective Office*.<sup>14</sup>

Wara Duncan lahaq il-Kurunell Henry William Bamford O.B.E., li hu magħruf għall-bosta riformi li għamel fil-Korp u li kien ferm maħbub mill-membri tal-Korp. Interessanti wiehed isemmi li l-Kurunell Bamford qatt ma libes uniformi ta' Pulizija, iżda baqa' bl-uniformi militari li kellu.

Hawn ta' min isemmi li kien hemm perjodu fejn il-Korp kellu zewġ Kummissarji tal-Pulizija, jamministraw it-tnejn flimkien u mhux wiehed fl-assenza ta' l-iehor. Dan kien fl-1930 fi żmien il-Kummissarju S. Galea li miegħu kellu lil Logotenent Kurunell Gustav Brander, O.B.E., li dam iservi fil-kariga ta' Kummissarju bejn Settembru 1930 u Gunju 1932.<sup>15</sup> Matul dan iż-żmien l-ordnijiet lill-Pulizija kienu jòhorgu minn *The Police Commissioners, Commanding*. X'kienet ir-raġuni ta' dan għad trid tinkiteb meta xi darba tiġi ppubblikata l-istorja tal-korp.

Hemm aktar tagħrif dwar il-kmandanti tal-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' dawn l-aħħar 168 sena, iżda semmejt xi wħud minnhom biss minhabba spazju u għaldaqstant għażilt dawk li għandhom xi rabta partikolari ma' ċerti riformi fil-Korp.

### Kwartieri Generali tal-Pulizija

Kif diġà għidt fil-bidu tagħha, l-Pulizija ma kelliex dawk il-Kwartieri kif nafuhom illum u kellha biss xi uffiċini fil-belt Valletta msejjaħ *Office of the Inspector General, Police Office*, jew *Central Police Office*.

L-ewwel *Police Office* kien fil-Palazz tal-Gvernatur, il-Belt Valletta, li l-entrata għal dan l-uffiċċju kienet minn Triq l-Arcisqof. F'dawn l-uffiċċini kien hemm il-kmandant tal-Korp u xi assistenti tiegħu flimkien ma xi skrivani (mhux pulizija). F'Mejju 1872 l-uffiċċju tal-kmandant tal-Korp ġie trasferit għal Nru. 152, Strada Stretta, li kien jìgi taħt il-qorti l-antik.<sup>16</sup> Fl-1917 dan il-post beda jissejjaħ *Commis-*



Il-Kummissarju Bamford – magħruf għal bosta riformi fil-Korp tal-Pulizija.

*sioner's Office*.

Fl-1 ta' Diċembru 1919 il-Pulizija okkupat l-ewwel Kwartieri tagħha fis-Sacra Infermerija, llum Dar il-Mediterran Għall-Konferenzi u li qabel dahlet hemm il-Pulizija kien jintuża bħal sptar militari.<sup>17</sup>

Konsegwenza tal-gwerra (1939–45) il-Kwartieri Generali tal-Pulizija kellhom jìgu trasferiti għall-Fleur de Lys, fl-Istitut Vincenzo Bugeja u kien ukoll imsejjaħ *Police War Headquarters*.

Mill-15 ta' Marzu 1954 il-Pulizija okkupat Kwartieri Generali ohra fil-Furjana fejn għadha hemm sal-lum u fejn qabel dahlet il-pulizija kien iservi ta' Sptar Centrali.

L-għan ta' dan l-artiklu ma kienx biss biex wiehed jagħti xi tagħrif dwar l-istorja tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, iżda wkoll li wiehed ifakkar fit-12 ta' Lulju, d-data meta twieled il-Korp, liema data b'dispijaċir wiehed jinnota li qatt ma għet celebrata bħala *Jum il-Pulizija*.

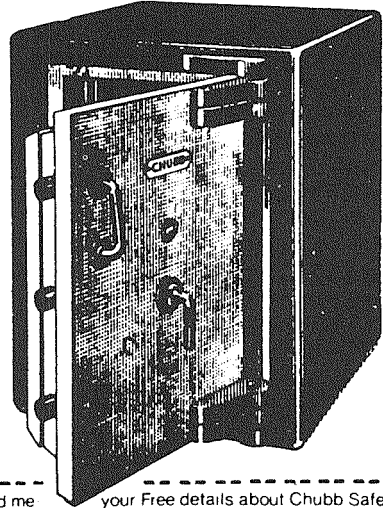
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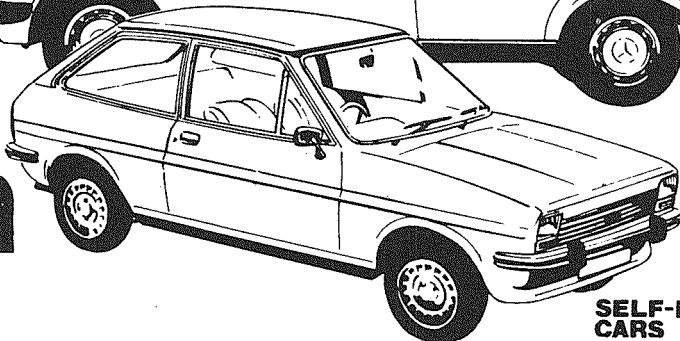
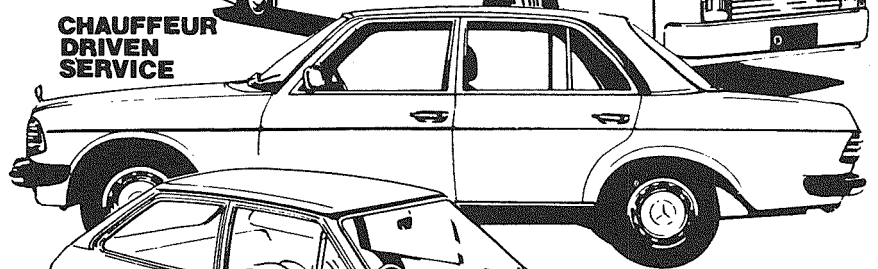
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# IL-PROGRESS FIT-TOROQ TAGHNA

minn Alfred Abela (Spettur tat-Traffiku)

X'qed isir fit-toroq ta' Malta u Għawdex halli jonqos il-periklu fis-sewqan? F'dawn l-aħħar snin sar progress enormi f'dak li hu twessieh u ftuh ta' toroq godda, iżda dan kollu mhux dejjem iservi biex inaqqs il-periklu fit-toroq tagħna. Bil-kemm wiehed ma jasalx biex jgħid li t-twessieh ta' toroq iħajjar lil ċerti sewwieqa, speċjalment dawk zgħażaġh, biex isuq il-vetturi tagħhom b'veloċità eċċessiva biex bħal li kieku jkun qed juru l-kapaċità tagħhom. B'dana kollu wiehed m'għandu qatt itellef il-mertu li haqqu min qiegħed isebbah it-toroq tagħna u fl-istess hin inaqas l-istagħnat tat-traffiku.

Iżda, l-iżjed importanti huwa l-programm li gie ntrodott f'dawn l-aħħar sentejn fejn ingħata bidu għal dawk imsejjha *Traffic Schemes*. Dawn huma skemi li bihom kull belt jew villagg ta' Malta u Għawdex jiġi studjat minn sotto-kumitat tal-Bord tal-Kontroll tat-Traffiku u wara dan l-istudju, jsiru dawk il-bżonnijiet, bħal *one-ways*, *No Stopping* u oħrajn. Dan qed isir bil-għan li jipprovdi postijiet għall-ipparkjar ta' vetturi mingħajr ma jinħoloq ingumbrar fit-triq. B'din is-sistema, qed jiġi ffrankat it-telf ta' żmien li kien ikun hemm qabel, meta ħafna nies kienu joqgħodu jiktbu u jissuggerixxu sistemi godda dwar sewqan fit-toroq tal-belt jew raħal tagħhom.

B'hekk ukoll, waqt li jkun qed isiru xi tabelli godda, jinbidlu jew jinzebgħu dawk li jkun digà fil-post, kemm-il darba jkun hemm il-bżonn.

Sar progress ukoll f'dik li hija zebgħa ta' l-art. Wiehed illum jinnota illi fejn kull tabella ta' *Stop* li qed titwaħhal, qiegħda tinkiteb *biz-zebgha* ma' l-art l-istess kelma. Ta' min isemmi post partikolari, Ta' Xbiex (hdejn il-*Housing Estate*) fejn hemm triq li whud mis-sewwieqa ma kienux jafu li hija *two ways* bil-konsegwenza li dawn ma kienux qed isuqu fuq in-naħa tax-xellug tat-triq u għalhekk inzebgħat linja tul it-triq kollha biex tindika li t-traffiku jiġi miz-żewġ naħat. Anke dik li hija tip ta' zebgħa – din qed tkun aħjar. Din iż-zebgha ma' l-art tinkludi

wkoll il-*Pedestrian Crossings* li qed jinzebgħu kollha mill-ġdid. Dwar dawn il-*pedestrian crossings* wiehed irid iġid li faċli li taqbad u tiżbogħ *pedestrian crossing* ma' l-art, iżda huwa daqshekk ukoll faċli li minflok tkun qed tgħin biex issalva l-hajja ta' bniedem minn xi incident tat-traffiku waqt li jkun jaqsam it-triq, tkun qed tipperikolalu aktar ħajtu. Għaldaqstant, qabel ma tiġi allokata *Pedestrian Crossing*, isir studju sewwa biex kemm jista' jkun, din ma tkunx f'xi dawra jew kiswa jew f'xi post ieħor ta' periklu għal min jużha u kultant, ikun aħjar jekk ma ssir jejn milli ssir f'xi post perikoluż.

Bl-iskop li dejjem jonqos il-periklu għal dawk li jaqsmu t-triq, giet ukoll introdotta sistema ġdida ta' dawl fejn hdejn il-*Pedestrian Crossings* qiegħdin jitwaħhlu arbli ta' tliet pulzieri wisa'. Dawn l-arbli huma mghammra bi globi ta' pied djametru u ta' kulur *amber* li matul il-lejl ikun jitfi u jixgħel sabiex jiġbed l-attenzjoni tas-sewwieqa. Taht dan il-globu, hemm fanal li jitfa dawl qawwi għal fuq l-art. B'dan id-dawl, min ikun qed jaqsam it-triq, ikun jidher aktar. Din is-sistema ta' dawl fuq il-*pedestrian crossings*, giet introdotta dawn l-aħħar xhur u jidher li ntlagħhet tajjeb. Iżda dan il-progress kollu, kultant jifarrak minħabba l-atti ta' vandalizmu li jsiru. Illum issib

tabelli mghawġin b'vendikazzjoni; oħrajn imdawwrin bil-kontra u b'hekk jifthemu mod ieħor; saret ukoll ħsara fis-sistema 'l ġdida ta' dawl fuq il-*pedestrian crossings* li tkellimna fuqha. Kieku kulhadd jifhem sewwa xi tfisser din il-ħsara u x'konsegwenzi jista' jkollha, kieku żgur li dawn l-atti hekk koroh u bla sugu jinqatgħu darba għal dejjem.

Iżda dan il-progress fit-toroq mhux bizzejjed, is-sewwieq għandu wkoll il-parti tiegħu x'jagħmel. Jekk kull sewwieq li jkun qiegħed isuq vettura, li meta tintuza ħazin, tista' tagħmel ħsara daqs kwalunkwe arma, kif ukoll kull bniedem ieħor li jagħmel uzu mit-triq, ma josservawx ir-Regolamenti tat-Traffiku, dan ix-xogħol kollu li qed isir ma jkun iservi għal jejn. Għal jejn ikunu saru dawk it-tabelli u sistemi godda li għall-pajjiż isarrfu somom kbar ta' flus u ta' piż fuq il-komunita. Għalhekk kulhadd, b'mod partikolari s-sewwieqa, għandu josserva r-regolamenti tat-traffiku biex dejjem inaqqsu l-incidenti fit-toroq tagħna. Għandna wkoll nġinu biex ma jsirx vandalizmu li l-ħsara tiegħu trid titħallas jew bil-hajja ta' bniedem ieħor jew bil-flus li jkun ħareġ il-poplu stess bħala taxa u għaldaqstant nagħmlu appell lil-pubbliku biex jirrapporta dawn l-atti ta' vandalizmu.

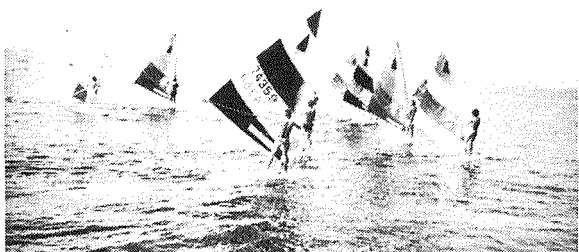


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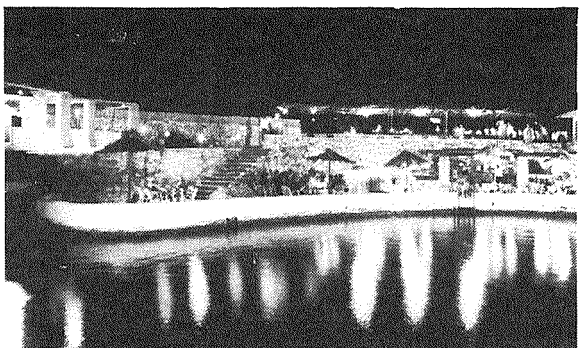


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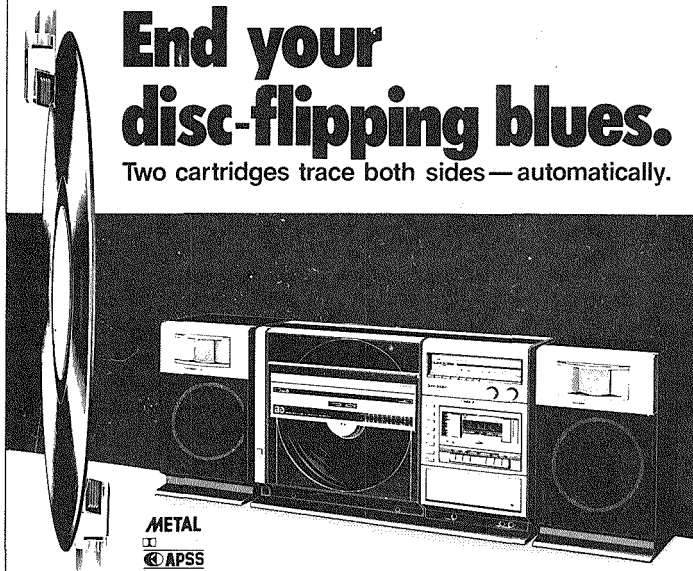
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# HIDMA TA' HELMUT ZIEGNER FOST IL-HABSIN

minn E.A.

F'diversi hargiet ta' dan il-magazine dehru artikli mid-Direttur tal-Habs, is-Sur R. Theuma, dwar ir-rijabilitazzjoni tal-habsin u dan fakkarni fix-xoghol bla heda ta' attur Germaniz, Helmut Ziegner li għal bosta snin stinka kemm felaħ biex jitneħħew il-pregudizzji kontra dawk li jgħorġu mill-habs u li dawn jergħu jinghataw cans fis-socjeta'. Ziegner dejjem emmen li l-aħjar mod li tnaqqas il-kriminalità huwa li dbiddel il-ħajja ħazina tal-kriminal qabel ma jkun tard wisq, u biex tagħmel dan, huwa meħtieġ li lil ħabsi terġa' ttiēħ cans ieħor fis-socjeta' u tghinu ma jirrepetix l-iżball li jkun għamel qabel. Jekk, skond Ziegner, ma jinghataw dan iċ-cans, allura wisq probabbli, li dak li ħareġ mill-habs se jerga' jispiċċa l-habs.

Helmut Ziegner, li llum għandu mas-sittin sena, beda biex qatta' l-hin liberu tiegħu jghin lil dawk li kienu jgħorġu mill-habs biex jergħu jsibu posthom fis-socjeta'. Huwa kellu l-ewwel laqgħa mal-habsin fl-1949 meta bhala attur huwa attenda għall-play li kienet saret fil-habs ta' Lehrterstrasse, f'Berlin. Izda mohħ Ziegner kien attar fil-500 prigunier tal-habs li kienu preżenti għal dik il-play milli fil-play in-nifisha. Għall-ewwel darba, Ziegner irrealizza li l-prigunieri kienu nies li jidhku u jibku; li jittamaw u jibzghu; fi kliem ieħor, nies bhāl l-oħrajn. Wara li halla l-habs, Ziegner ħass li għandu jsir jaf aktar dwar il-habsin u akkwista permess biex iżur il-habs ta' fejn kien joqgħod u jgatta' ftit hin jitellem mal-habsin. Hawn Ziegner tagħllem li filwaqt li l-habsin ikollhom seba' mitt sena sakemm jgħorġu mill-habs, izda meta jkunu waslu biex iħallu l-habs wara li jiskontaw is-sentenza, taqbadhom ċerta biża li meta se jhallu l-habs, dawn se jsibu ruħhom wehedhom, mingħajr flus, mingħajr xogħol u mingħajr ebda għajjnuna. Dan kollu, ħaseb Ziegner, jista' jwassal li l-habsi jerga' lura għall-ħajja ħazina ta' qabel u konsegwentement jerga' jispiċċa lura fil-habs.

Aktar ma għadda ż-żmien, Ziegner sar konxju tal-problemi tal-habsin u ddecieda li jintefa'

b'ruħu u gismu biex jghinhom fil-problemi tagħhom. Din il-missjoni ta' Ziegner kienet iebsa u diffiċli għal bosta raġunijiet. Biżżejjed insemmu li filwaqt li Ziegner ma kienx isib dik il-koperazzjoni mixtieqa mill-awtoritajiet, kien hemm ukoll drabi li din il-koperazzjoni kienet tonqos ukoll mill-istess ex-habsin li Ziegner kien qed jipprova jghin. Dawn kienu mumentu koroh għal Ziegner u li ma kienitx għad-determinazzjoni li kellu għax-xogħol fejjiedi li kien qed jagħmel, kieku kien iħalli kollox għaddej.

Izda Ziegner kellu wkoll mumentu ta' ferħ u sodisfazzjon f'dak li kien qed jagħmel meta bil-hidma tiegħu kien verament jghin ħabsi jerga' jsib postu fis-socjeta' bhāl każ li se nsemmu:

Darba waħda, wieħed li kien għadu ħiereġ mill-habs wara li skonta sentenza dwar serq ta' flus mill-kumpanija li kien jaħdem magħha bhala *accountant*, mar iżur lil Ziegner fid-dar tiegħu tiegħu bl-iskop li jitolbu jghinu jsib post fejn jaħdem u fejn joqgħod sakemm sablu x-xogħol, Ziegner stiednu joqgħod miegħu. Wara ħafna taħbit, Ziegner irnexxielu jsiblu post fejn jaħdem – iġorr il-bricks ma' kuntrattur. Izda Ziegner ma waqafx hawn għaliex ta' kuljum huwa kien iżur il-dan l-ex ħabsi fuq il-post tax-xogħol li xejn ma sata' jidhra x-xogħol minħabba, naturalment l-istrapazz, u kieku ma kienx għall-kliem ta' nkoraggiment ta' Ziegner, kieku dan ir-raġel żgur kien iħalli dan ix-xogħol. Ta' min wieħed isemmi li dan ġara fil-hamsinijiet, żminijiet ta' wara l-gwerra meta kien hemm qagħad kbir fil-Germanja tal-punent. Izda wara xi żmien, dan ir-raġel dara x-xogħol u ftit taż-żmien wara, huwa gie trasferit għall-xogħol f'uffiċċju tal-kuntrattur u fi żmien sena u nofs huwa sab ruħu iċ-Chief Accountant tal-kuntrattur.

Peress li, kif issemma qabel, li dak iż-żmien kien hemm nuqqas kbir ta' xogħol u wieħed kien jaħsibha aktar minn darba biex jimpjega ex-ħabsi miegħu, għaldaqstant Ziegner ipprova u rnexxielu johloq huwa stess xogħol għal l-ex-ħabsin billi b'xi flus li huwa kellu, ghen lil wieħed

li kien għadu ħiereġ mill-habs biex jiftaħ ħanut tal-merċa. Barra minn dan, huwa xtara xi *typewriters* qodma u fetiħ ħanut fejn jisewwew u jinbiegħu *t-type-writers*. B'hekk huwa pprovdha xogħol lil seba' ħabsin.

Fl-1954, is-sid ta' fabbrika kbira f'Berlin offra lil Ziegner xi makkinarju qadim li kien qed jinbidel fil-fabbrika. Ziegner mill-ewwel aċċetta din l-offerta u kera post u wara li ġarr xi magni li inghata, mpjega ħmistax-il ex-ħabsi u bdew jipproduċu biċċiet tal-plastic għas-'switches' u tagħmir ieħor ta' l-elettriku. Bhala shift manager tal-fabbrika, Ziegner impjega wieħed li kien għadu kemm skonta sentenza ta' tmienja u għoxrin sena ħabs.

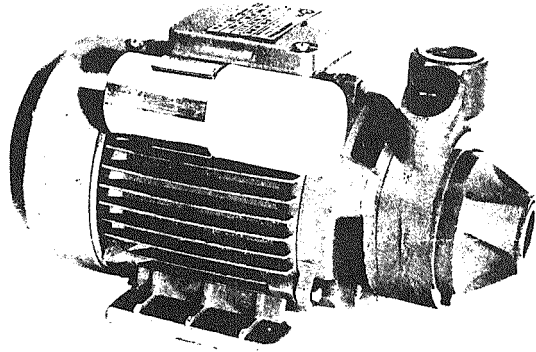
Izda mhux kollox kien għaddej ward u żahar, għalkemm Ziegner kien qed jipprovdi x-xogħol għal dawn l-ex-ħabsin. Xi drabi kien ikun hemm min ma jattendix għax-xogħol u Ziegner flimkien mal-Manager ta' fabbrika, kienu jmorru jfittxu lil min falla x-xogħol u dan ta' sikwit kien jinsab fil-kumpanija ta' delinkwenti u ex-ħabsin li ma riedux jabqdu t-triq it-tajba. Meta Ziegner kien jirnexxielu jsib in-nagħga mitlufa, huwa ma kienx joqgħod jagħmel xi ħafna panigirki, izda jghid lil dak li ma marx għax-xogħol li meta jrid, hu jista' jerga' lura għax-xogħol fil-fabbrika.

Barra mill-hidma tiegħu ma' l-ex-ħabsin, Ziegner ta wkoll bidu biex jinghata x-xogħol bi ħlas fil-ħabsijiet u dan beda fil-habs ta' Moabit meta bdew jaħdmu sittin ruħ f'xogħol ta' ħadid użat fil-concrete. Meta raw dan is-suċċess, l-awtoritajiet Germanizi talbu lil Ziegner biex jiftaħ ħwienet oħra tax-xogħol f'ħabsijiet oħra u ta' dan, l-awtoritajiet Germanizi offrew għajjnuna finanzjarja lil Ziegner.

Fl-1957 Ziegner waqqaf il-*Universal Foundation*, istituzzjoni li kienet titmexxa minn negozjanti, awtoritajiet civili u nies oħra li kellhom interess fir-riformi tal-habs u r-rijabilitazzjoni tal-habsin. Taħt it-tmexxija ta' Ziegner, din l-istituzzjoni xtrat għodod u makkinarju kif ukoll materjal biex twaqqfu

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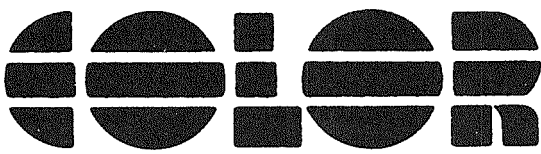
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# Police Around The World

## *FINLAND (PART I)*

### History and General Facts

The geographical location and history of Finland have made it a meeting ground between the Scandinavian countries and Russia. Our country has an area of 337,000 square kilometers and a population of nearly 4,700,000. The thousands of lakes connecting rivers and islands as well as the vast forests have influenced the economic and political life of our country.

Like other Finnish institutions, the police force is proud of a long history of development reaching back into the 13th century. The outstanding feature of this Department has been the continuous strengthening of the power of the national government in the police field. The change toward centralization of the police authority has continued for the past seven hundred years without regard to the political situation. This gradual change continued slowly but surely in Finland during centuries of allegiance to the Swedish Crown, more than a hundred years as a Russian Grand Duchy and for the past fifty years as an independent republic.

At present, the Finnish Police is an organ of the national government. Even though towns contribute one third of police expenditure, the strength, organization and operations of both rural and urban police are exclusively determined by authorities of the national government.

The police organization and the principles of police work are based on the Police Act of 1966 and on the Police Statute of 1969.

The whole strength of our police force is now about 8,600 including the secretarial personnel. The compulsory retirement age is 60 years for constables and overconstables and 67 years for other persons. The pension laws are exactly the same as for other state officials.

The number of crimes known to the police was in 1968 about 304,000 including also all kinds of misdemeanours.

### The Direction of Police

Supreme direction of the police rests upon the Minister of the In-



terior who has a special department for police affairs in his ministry. The chief of this department serves as a professional chief of police throughout Finland and is called Commander-in-chief. His immediate assistant and deputy chief is called the Inspector General of Police.

The Department for Police Affairs is divided into six bureaus; these are the Administrative Bureau, the Uniformed Police Bureau, the Criminal Police Bureau, the Technical Bureau, the Motorvehicle Bureau and the Alien Bureau. These bureaus are headed by chiefs, policemen, who are administrative government officials as well. The civil service officers of these bureaus also have experience in all kinds of police work.

The direction and supervision of the police activities in the twelve administrative provinces of Finland are the responsibility of the provincial governments. These provinces only serve the purposes of national government administration and have no self-government. Provincial governors are appointed and they carry on control over urban and rural local administrative areas. They are also responsible for the police in their respective provinces. An Inspector of Police in each province, however, provides the professional direction and supervision. In 1944 these inspectors were also given prosecutorial responsibilities in serious cases. As prosecutors, the inspectors of police are directly subordinate to

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the Chancellor of Justice and they superintend the police prosecutors of the provinces.

The active part of the Police Force consists of the General Police, the Central Criminal Police, the Security Police and the Mobile Police. The supporting units are the Police Academy, the Police Kennels, the Police Motor Pool, the Police Armory, the Police Equipment Depot and the Police Communications Depot.

### The General Police

The general (or local) police operates under the provincial government. The provinces are divided into police districts which generally correspond with local authority areas i.e. municipalities. Each town constitutes a police district, while a rural police district may include one or more municipalities. New towns, established after the 1st of January 1959 are at present still rural police districts or parts of them.

Police districts are headed by a police chief. A law degree is required of police chiefs of the largest towns and rural districts.

The police chiefs are directly subordinate to the provincial inspectors of police.

Depending on the size of the urban police department, the policeman next in rank may be an assistant police chief, a police secretary, a police commissary (captain, lieutenant) or an over-constable (sergeant). The main divisions in town police forces consist of departments of criminal investigations and uniformed police. In addition, larger towns may have traffic and social divisions. The uniformed police operates from precinct stations and the criminal police usually acts from the police headquarters of the town. Detectives are specialized in investigation of certain types of crimes but they also have a good general knowledge of general criminal investigation work.

Rural districts may also have assistant chiefs in their police force, depending on the population and the size of the district. These assistants mostly direct the work of the criminal police, unless they are public prosecutors instead of the chief. The largest rural districts act very much in the same way as town districts i.e. they have the same special



divisions as the towns. The largest rural district has a staff of 95 and the smallest only of 3 persons.

The rural police is in charge of a considerable number of administrative duties as well, such as tax collection, distraint, execution of sentences etc.

Continuing a practice which evolved when Finland was under the Swedish Crown, the rural chiefs also serve as public prosecutors in their districts. In many of Finland's isolated and sparsely settled rural districts, the police chief is the outstanding public figure people depend on, in fact he is sort of a "father confessor".

### The Police Department of Helsinki

Helsinki, the capital of Finland has about 520,000 inhabitants and it is only natural that the Helsinki department is the largest of all police-units in Finland and also the best organized. The police chief here has the rank of Police Commander and under him are the assistant chief, the chief of CID and the judicial assistant. The whole staff is now about 1970, but as you will see below the department has many duties outside the actual police work.

The main divisions of the

department are the secretarial division, the division of economics, the precincts, the central division, the mounted division, the division of motor vehicles, the criminal investigation department, the traffic division, the social division, the division for passports and the division of registrations.

The city area is divided into nine precincts. Their staff performs all the duties of the uniformed police and investigates crimes which do not belong to the criminal investigation department. In addition to the normal police work the precincts also inspect certain professionals, especially hotels and restaurants. The chief of the precinct also acts as a public prosecutor in misdemeanours tried by reports only.

The central division has duties in the whole city area in assisting the precincts, and its personnel serves as police reserve, when needed. The radio cars and boats also operate under the central division.

The mounted division is mainly used for patrolling the sparsely settled suburbs and forest areas and at gatherings. The division of motor vehicles takes care of all the 88 motor vehicles of the department.

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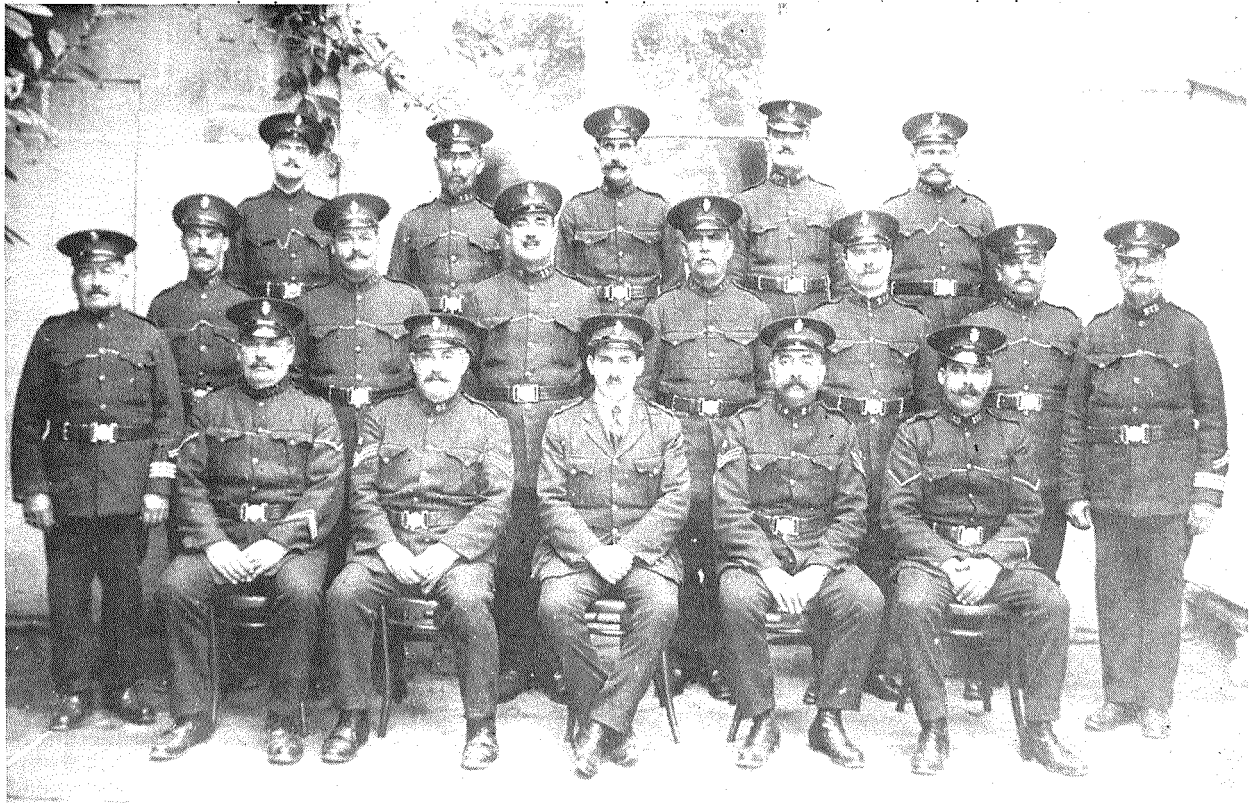
# MILL-IMGĦODDI

Qabel nagħti tagħrif dwar ir-ritratt antik li qed jidher f'din il-harga, nixtieq ngħid li wara li jidher xi ritratt ta' din ix-xorta, jkun hemm hafna min jitlobni xi kopja żejda tal-magazine jew ir-ritratt innifsu għar-raġuni li jkun hemm jidher fih xi membru tal-familja tiegħu. L-istess jigrri għar-ritratti ta' l-ex-membri tal-Korp li jidhru taħt il-*Mutual Help Association* (tal-mejtin); jiskantani l-fatt li hafna drabi

l-familjari tal-mejjet ma jkollhomx ritratt ta' l-individwu liebes l-uniformi.

Fir-ritratt ta' din il-harga li huwa mehud madwar sebghin sena ilu, jidher l-Ispettur Salvu Galea, li fl-1928 sar Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, flimkien mal-membri tal-Korp ta' xi divizjoni, probabbilment fid-distrett tas-Central (illum No. 3 District). Ir-ritratt mehud f'xi biħtha ta' Għassa tal-Pulizija. Bil-qegħda

fuq il-lemin jidher il-kapural li wara sar Surgent, Santu Az-zopardi (Nru. 113) li għandi hafna ritratti tiegħu fil-kollezzjoni tiegħi. Fuq wara (xellug) jidher dak il-famuż pulizija bid-daġna. Wiehed josserva kemm kienu moda l-mustaċċi fost il-membri tal-Korp u f'dan ir-ritratt insibu li kollha huma bil-mustaċċi u mhux biss, għaliex għandek diversi stili ta' mustaċċi.



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b'kisbiet ta' certifikati li kienu ta' għajjnuna kbira biex wiehed isib ix-xogħol kif iħalli l-habs.

L-istituzzjoni li waqqaf Ziegner, hadet ukoll hsieb tiftaħ centru barra mill-habs għaż-żgħażaġh fejn dawn setghu jitgħallmu snajja u wara jinstitabilhom ix-xogħol.

Fl-1965 Ziegner waqqaf l-organizzazzjoni msejjha UNIHHELP bil-għan li dak ix-xogħol li beda hu, jitkompla u l-prigunier isib min jgħinu wara li jöhrog mill-habs. Għalkemm fil-

bidu tat-twaqqif ta' din l-organizzazzjoni ma kienx hemm dawk ir-riżultati mixtieqa, iżda wara xi żmien, bil-għajjnuna ta' organizzazzjonijiet oħra kif ukoll ta' trade unions u kumpaniji tax-xogħol, il-UNIHHELP bdiet tagħti l-frott tagħha fit-tweittieq tar-rijabilitazzjoni tal-habsin.

Għal din il-hidma kbira fost il-habsin, Ziegner gie mogħti il-*Grand Cross of the Order of Merit*, l-unika dekorazzjoni li jista' jigi mogħti cittadin fil-Germanja tal-Punent.