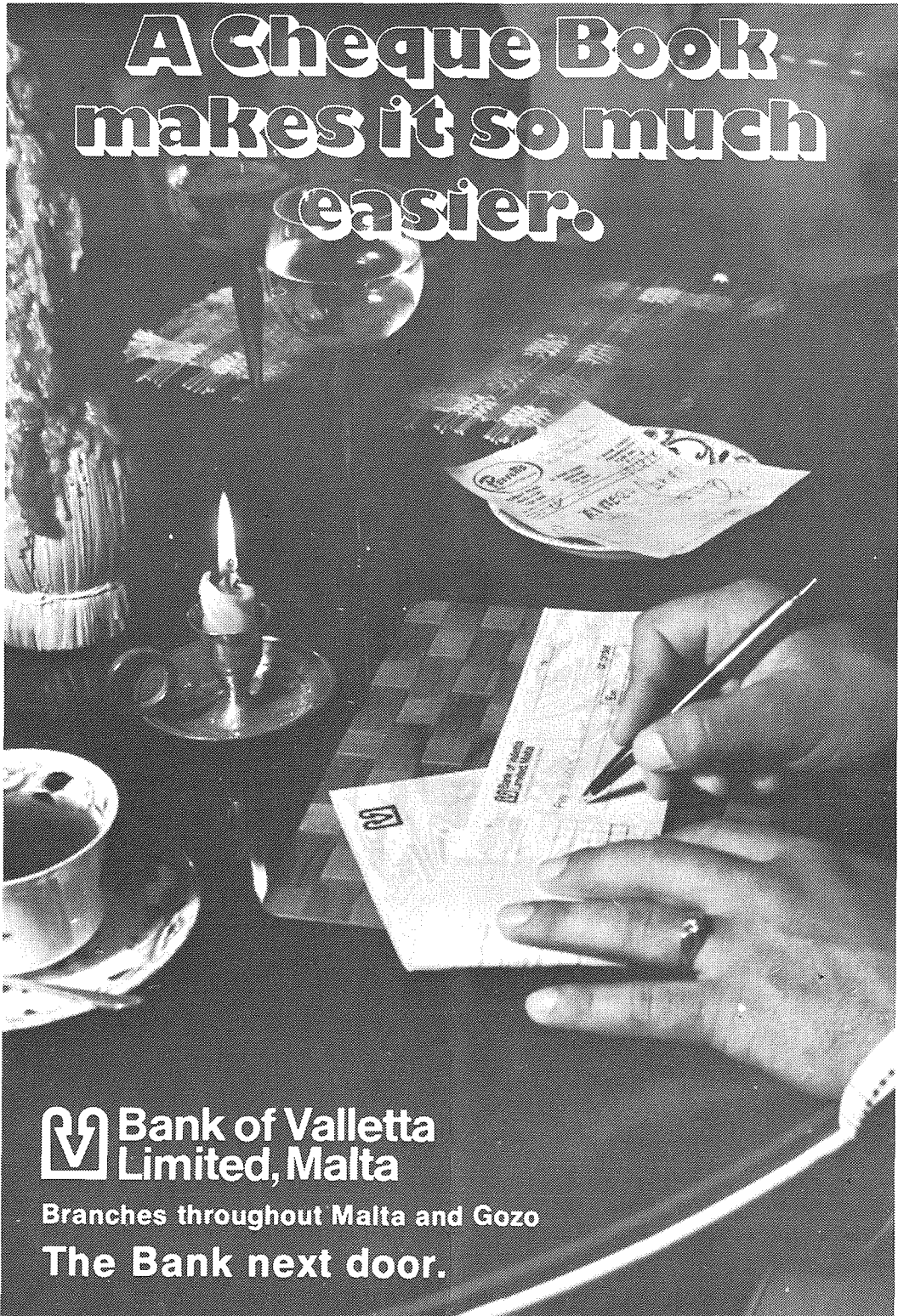


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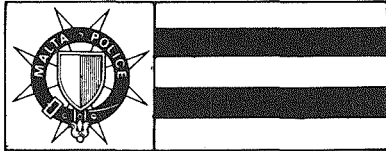
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## Il-Pulizija matul l-istranj tat- Trasport Pubbliku.

Ix-xahar ta' Frar ta' din is-sena ghad jibqa' miftakar mill-membri tal-Korp ghal hidma bla heda li wetqet il-Pulizija matul l-istranj tat-trasport pubbliku. Matul dan l-istranj il-Pulizija hadmu ghal sghat twal kuljum bl-iskop li barra milli tinzamm il-bon-ordni tip-provdi wkoll servizz ta' trasport ta' emergenza.

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JOHN N. CACHIA,  
Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.



Pulizija jieklu waqt ir-rinfors

## EDITORJAL

### Lill-membri godda tal-Korp

L-Association kemm-il darba wriet ix-xewqa li tindirizza lill-membri godda tal-Korp izda din ix-xewqa, ghalkemm kien hemm drabi li giet milqugħa, ma sehhet qatt. Madankollu permezz ta' dan l-organu tagħna, ahna nistghu dejjem nil-hquhom u nwasslulkom il-messaġġ tagħna.

Il-messaġġ tagħna huwa wiehed li nahdmu biex dejjem inkabbru l-efficjenza fil-Korp u nikkumbattu dak li jipperikola l-hajja tas-soċjeta' Maltija. Fiz-zminijiet tal-lum il-Korp intefa' bl-ghalmu tieghu kollha fil-ghieda kontra l-abbużi tad-drogi u fil-ghieda kontra l-kriminalita'. Intom il-membri godda tistghu tghinu hafna f'dan ir-rigward billi tagħmlu x-xogħol tagħkom bl-ikbar sens ta' bzulija, ghaqal u responsabbilta'. Wiehed irid jifhem li x-xogħol tal-Pulizija mhux bizzejjed li wiehed jagħmlu ghaliex obligat li jagħmlu. Ix-xogħol mehtieg li jsir bil-qalb, bi kburiya u bl-akbar armonija bejnietna u mal-pubbliku.

Fil-waqt li nesigu dan is-sens ta' responsabbilta', ones-ta' u fedelta' lejn id-doveri tagħna ta' Pulizija nagħmlu wkoll sejha u lesti b'x ngħinukom f'dak li għandu x'jaqsam mal-'welfare' tagħkom u għaldaqstant nappellawkom biex tersqu għandna b'dak kollu li jkun qed jinkwetakom u ahna min-naha tagħna nwegħdukom li nressqu l-ilmenti tagħkom quddiem l-awtoritajiet. Ahna konvinti li jekk l-ilmenti tagħkom ikunu ġusti, dawn jigu kkunsidrati bl-akbar serjeta'.

Dan kien l-appell sinċier tagħna. Jekk ikun hemm widen għal dan l-appell, ikun hemm iktar rizzultati pozittivi u dan għandu jghina biex jehfiefu l-problemi tagħna.

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# MEMBRI GODDA FIL-KORP.

Fil-5 ta' Frar 1979, 98 membru tal-Pulizija ħadu l-ġurament ta' Lealta' quddiem il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija. Dan l-ingaġġ sar wara eżamijiet li saru dan l-aħħar. Għal darb' oħra, wara ħafna snin, ingħatat preferenza lil dawk il-kandidati li għandhom ċerti snajja' u lil dawk il-kandidati li jafu jdoqqu strument tal-banda. Il-kandidati kollha xorta wahda poġġew għall-eżami.

F'diskors qabel il-ġurament, il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, is-Sur J.N. Cachia qal li l-Korp tal-Pulizija mhux xi Korp ta' kafkaf iżda Korp ta' dixxiplina, ta' xogħol u ta' onesta'. Il-Kummissarju qal li l-Korp bħal-issa kien fuq tlett 'fronts', jiġifieri għieda kontra l-kriminalità, għieda kontra d-drogi u servizz ta' emerġenza tat-trasport pubbliku minħabba l-istrike tal-karozzi tal-linja.

Il-Kummissarju qal ukoll lir-rekluti biex ma jaraw xejn bi kbir. Huwa semma' li fil-bidu kulhadd jara l-affarijiet xi daqs-xejn bi kbir anke hu ra l-affarijiet bi kbir meta daħal fil-

Korp tal-Pulizija 40 sena ilu.

Il-Kummissarju tkellem ukoll dwar il-korsijiet fil-lingwi li jistgħu jiehdu l-Pulizija. Huwa qal li wara tlett snin il-Kuntistabbli jista' jersaq għal eżami ta' Surġent jew ta' Spettur u allura min għandu ċ-ċans u hu determinat li jimxi 'l quddiem għandu l-'openings' meħtieġa u jista' javvanza.

Is-Sur Cachia tkellem ukoll dwar it-taħriġ li kull membru tal-Korp qiegħed u se jkompli jiehdu. Dan it-taħriġ jikkonsisti f'road marches u physical training. L-iskop ta' dan it-taħriġ huwa biex il-membri tal-Korp jibqgħu fiżikament tajbin.

Fil-aħħarnett il-Kummissarju tkellem dwar l-għajjnuna li l-Pulizija għandu jagħti lil kull ċittadin kif ukoll lit-turisti li qed iżuru pajjiżna. Huwa wis-sa' lir-rekluti biex ma jaqtgħux l-affarijiet bl-addoċċ sakemm jidraw l-affarijiet tal-Korp. Huwa qal ukoll li fil-bidu dawn ir-rekluti se jagħmlu l-għases tagħhom ma' pulizija anzjani.

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Barra minn dan il-Bord li semmejna kien jivverifika dak kollu li kellu x'jaqsam mal-finanzi ta' dan il-Fund kull tlett xhur.

Illum l-amministrazzjoni ta' dan il-Fund hija f'idejn il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.

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Kull membru tal-Korp jaf x'inhi l-armlet u għal dawk li ma jafux nġhidu xi haġa dwarha.

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L-armlet kienet tisser li min jilbisha jkun fuq ix-xogħol u kienet tintlibes mill-Kuntistabblijiet, Kapuralli u Surġenti meta kienu jibdeu ix-xogħol u titneħħa meta jizmuntaw. Illum il-pulizija huwa meqjus li huwa fuq ix-xogħol il-hinijiet kollha u l-armlet tintlibes dejjem u titneħħa, ma nafx għala, waqt xi parata. Tajjeb wieħed jikkonsidra t-tneħħija ta' d'n l-armlet għaliex illum ma għandha l-ebda skop.



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# REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE POLICE DEPT.

(Period covered:

1st April, 1977 to 31st March, 1978)

## GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY

1. On the 9th September, 1977, Mr John N. Cachia assumed command of the Malta Police Force.

2. During the year under review the Police Force was reorganised and streamlined in order to enhance its effectiveness in the performance of its duties in the maintenance of the public good order and peace and the enforcement of all the laws of the Republic with which the Force is charged. Apart from the general task of preserving law and order, the prevention of crime and investigation of criminal offences in these Islands, the Force was kept fully occupied with a great number of religious festivals and processions, public political meetings and conferences and other events necessitating vehicular and crowd control.

3. Casualties. During the year under review, 116 personnel ceased to serve in the Malta Police Force due to medical unfitness, retirement on pension, attainment of age limit, resignations, etc.

4. Revenue. The Revenue collected by the Police was motor-vehicle licences as distinct from other police licences.

5. Expenditure. The expenditure of the Force during the period under review, was as follows:— Personal Emoluments £M2,059,614; Recurrent Expenditure £M276,458; Special Expenditure £M32,896.

6. Crime Prevention and Investigation. The fight against crime was intensified. The plainclothes section of the Criminal Investigation Department, including the Mobile Squad, continued to give the desired results. Mobile night patrols were increased in order to cover more places where crime is likely to occur. I am satisfied that the Island

is adequately covered by mobile Patrols round the clock and roadblocks. Each vehicle can easily be contacted on the radio network from central base installed at Police General Headquarters. In turn, these mobile cars can equally get in touch with the various Police District Headquarters. The number of solved cases of thefts during the year under review was 588.

Besides the detection of criminal offences in general, another drive was initiated in respect of the cost of living. All efforts were made by the Price Control Police to bring to book all those traders and other businessmen who were committing breaches of the Price Control Regulations.

This same Section, apart from its routine Court prosecutions, has also prosecuted several persons charged with evasion of duty in contravention of the provisions of the Customs Ordinance, besides other offences connected with drugs and the Exchange Control Regulations. Various surprise inspections of business premises have also been carried out at different times by personnel of this Section to prevent the hoarding of essential commodities. The measures taken to prevent crime

are bearing the desired fruit.

Appendix A shows comparative tables of offences.

Discipline these last months was satisfactory. 169 defaulters appeared before the Commissioner of Police on disciplinary offences during the period under review, besides other cases which were referred to the Public Service Commission.

7. The Criminal Records Office. This uniformed Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department is responsible for issuing, against payment, Certificates of Conduct to members of the public. 18007 Certificates were issued from which £M4645,80,6 were collected during the period under review. Criminal Offences: 8349 criminal offences were prosecuted by the Police. There were 1234 persons released in terms of Sec. 5 of Act XII/57. 90 persons were committed to prison. During the same period, 10 persons committed a breach of recognizance under the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Probation of Offenders Act 1957; while 41 persons under sixteen years were convicted. Fines were inflicted upon 6364 persons while 978 were admonished and reprimanded. 31 persons under 16 years of

<i>Nature of offence</i>	1975	1976	1977	1978
Breach of public order and peace	1604	1182	1048	1159
Pretended rights	3	2	—	—
Threats to public Officer, injuries etc.	109	86	27	156
Perjury, false swearing, calumnious accusations	2	—	4	3
Carnal knowledge, rape, indecent assault etc.	39	15	15	12
Wilful homicide	4	5	—	—
Bodily harm, grievous or slight injuries	148	144	23	76
Involuntary homicide or bodily harm	5	6	10	8
Theft	514	161	167	211
Fraud	11	11	20	6
Wilful damage to property	37	29	10	72
Received stolen property	7	14	13	20
Attempts to use force or used force against persons	276	271	88	141
Violation of property	44	63	27	22

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age were referred to the Department of Social Services for investigation of family background. 9 persons over 16 years of age were also referred to this Department.

8. The Immigration Branch. This Branch, which consists of the Central Executive Immigration Office at General Police Headquarters, the Seaport Immigration Office and the Airport Immigration Office, is responsible for the recording of arrivals and departures of persons coming in and going out of Malta, besides dealing with all correspondence with the Immigration Division of the Office of the Prime Minister. 32,095 persons arrived by sea in Malta; while 413,912 persons arrived by air. 33,564 persons left Malta by sea while 409,993 persons left Malta by air, and 96,645 transitted from 1st April to 31st March, 1978.

9. Traffic. 82,717 vehicles of different make and type, including motor omnibuses, motorcycles and invalid chairs were licensed by the Police during the period under review. This included 59,958 private cars. The question of public transport is being actively studied.

During the period under review, 27,217 Traffic Offence Tickets were issued by the Department.

10. General Licences. 217,320 licences, permits certificates, etc., were issued by the Police.

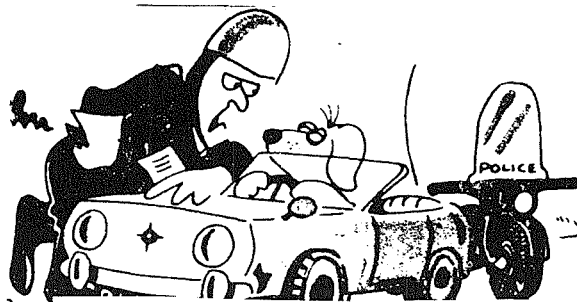
11. Fire Brigade. 444 fire calls were attended to by the Malta Police Fire Brigade.

12. Property Found. Lost property found is delivered to the Police. 2,316 articles were reported lost. 487 articles were reported found and delivered to the Police and 118 articles were restored to owners.

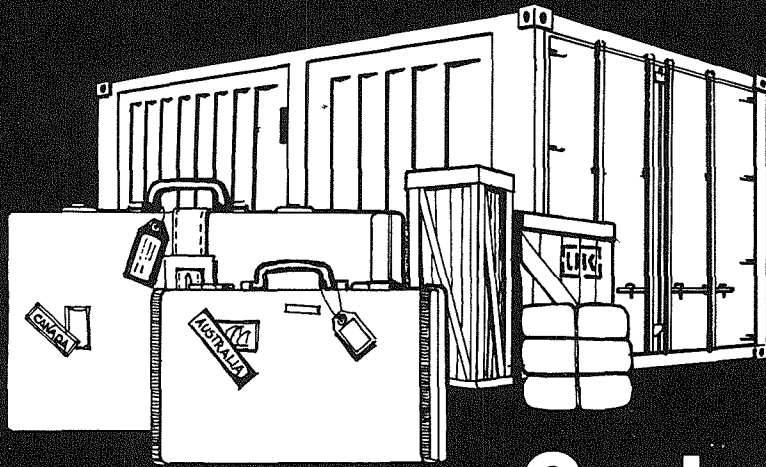
13. From 1st April, 1977 to 31st March, 1978, 264 prisoners were released from Civil Prisons after serving a term of imprisonment for different convictions.

JOHN N. CACHIA,  
Commissioner of Police.  
6th June, 1978.

Contraventions connected with streets (repairs, obstructions, etc.)	231	135	120	85
Worked without mason's licence and contraventions affecting houses (Building)	192	253	7	14
Shopkeepers and/or traders without licence, etc.	271	290	59	43
Sportsmen without licence etc.	—	—	—	3
Shepherds and/or goatherds without licence, etc.	3	2	—	1
Cruelty to animals	10	13	—	14
Offences against the Food, Drugs and Drinking Water Ordinance	71	410	39	31
Breaches of the Explosives Ordinance	11	5	6	16
Evasion of duty, Customs Ordinance	25	13	54	51
Kept dog/s without licence, etc.	52	43	48	25
Wireless Telegraphy	21	16	10	14
Compulsory School Attendance offences	1677	1756	1326	810
White Slave Traffic (lived wholly or in part on the earning of prostitution, etc.)	6	2	2	1
Of Vehicles (registrations, tests and other contraventions affected by cars, carts or other vehicles)	63	18	2	17
Forgery of public or private writing	6	3	2	5
Traffic Regulation Offences	110	3933	3197	3266
Kept arms proper without licence	94	89	45	119
Press Ordinance Offences (libel cases)	—	—	1	3
Building specifications not to Aesthetic Board standard	51	62	71	51
Closing hours of shops	12	17	39	27
Electoral Polling	—	—	1	—
Corruption of Players (Soccer), betting, public order in Sports Ground	9	—	4	20
Aliens (landed in Malta without permission)	11	3	5	3
Litter Act offences	117	211	150	79
Barmaids, artists, W. & S. shops regulations	98	28	19	43
Protection of birds	—	2	—	2
Theatres, Cinemas and places of entertainment	6	3	10	153
Trespassing on War Department lands	3	—	—	—
Sale of Commodities (Control) Regs.	964	717	1059	1093
Police Licensing Regulations breaches of conditions of Police licences issued	27	36	20	138
Drug offences	1	3	7	4



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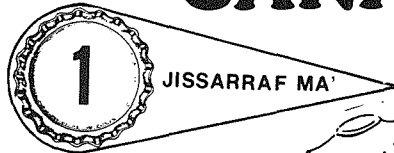
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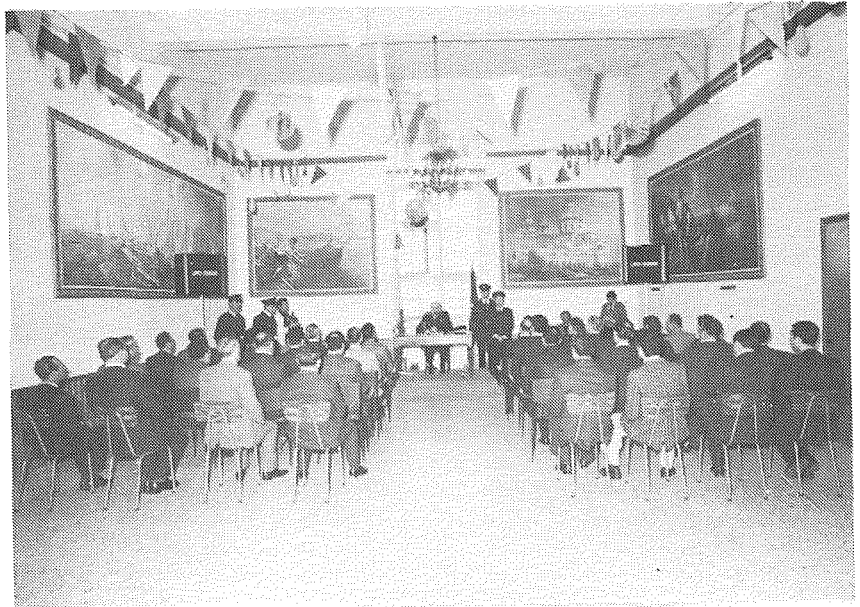
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## **Ex-membri tal-Pulizija tal-Ammiraljat jidhlu fil-Korp tal-Pulizija**

Fit-23 ta' Frar 32 ex-membri tal-Pulizija tal-Ammiraljat hadu l-gurament ta' Lealta' u daflu fil-Korp tal-Pulizija. Tnejn minn dawn il-membri zammew l-istess rank li kellhom, jigifieri dak ta' surgent.

F'diskors qabel il-gurament il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, is-Sur John Cachia qal lil dawn il-membri godda li għall-ewwel ix-xogħol tagħhom se jkun dak ta' sigurta' fl-Ajruport iżda dawn jistgħu jiġu msejha jaħdmu f'diversi distretti u sezzjonijiet tal-Korp.

Il-Kummissarju qal ukoll lil dawn il-Pulizija godda li għandhom għax ikunu grati lejn il-Gvern għaliex dan provdielhom ix-xogħol hekk kif spiċċaw minn mas-servizzi Ingliżi.



**Il-Pulizija waqt il-gurament.**



**Pulizija isajru waqt ir-rinfors tal- istrajk tal-karozzi tal-linja**

# THE ROLE OF THE POLICE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY — PREVENTIVE FUNCTION PART III

by

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The police, as leaders of society, must ensure as much as possible that they exert a good influence upon all citizens. It is of paramount importance that everyone plays a part in maintaining the essential rules of good behaviour in society and therefore more effort must be made to ensure a 100% contact between police and public. There must be a ready appreciation of the tasks, aims and objectives of the police service and a proper confidence by the public that the police service is looking after the interests of the community. The easiest way is by early contact with young people and this can best be achieved by working in close co-operation with schools.

Most police forces in the country have had some sort of contact with schools. This has usually been in the infant sector and mainly in the narrow field of accident prevention. The work by the police service in seeing that juniors appreciate the dangers of road accidents has been tremendous. The competency of the police to carry out this work has never been challenged because their knowledge and experience of dealing with tragic accidents makes them totally qualified.

The question of the police service being equally qualified to speak to children on the wider issues of conduct has, in the past, raised doubts in the minds of school teachers as to their competency to actually teach. It is appreciated that policemen are not normally taught such arts and, therefore, deeper involvement with schools has needed careful handling.

In the last few years there has been a remarkable change in the attitude of teachers in both wanting and welcoming the police into schools. This has probably been because of the greater difficulties the teachers were experiencing in dealing with an increasing number of disruptive pupils and at the same time an improvement in the training of policemen for this particular

task. Most forces now have comprehensive involvement programmes with schools which, in the first place, should ensure that no adult of the future will go through life without speaking to a policeman.

They should also stress the responsibility of all citizens to play a part in the prevention of crime, and the solution of law and order problems. The question as to whether the police are ethically correct in such involvement has raised its head but the service cannot afford to waste-time on deep academic discussions on the principles. It has a duty to society in general to establish what is needed, what is useful to society and to get on with it.

The impact in schools has been noticeable. Each police force sets its own objectives but it would be fair to say that broadly they are aimed at teaching children that if law and order is to survive, then society must have rules to prevent one person's idea of liberty impinging on another's freedom.

At the same time, the police have been able to establish that the service represents the good in society and not the evil. Police officers are like them, responsible members of society, doing a job of work on their behalf.

The increasing confidence from the teaching profession in particular, has strengthened the liaison. The power and influence for good from the joint enterprises has been remarkable. A great amount of the influence in the older child bracket has been achieved by open discussions between the pupils and the police officer.

The children have not hesitated to question many police methods and attitudes. Whilst

this has given the police service the opportunity to explain why certain courses of action are taken, it has likewise caused many a police officer to question the method of enforcing certain aspects of the law. One thing is certain and that is the increased understanding can only be for our mutual good. It is interesting to note that time after time in discussions, children feel that greater punishments should be imposed on wrongdoers than are at present imposed by the courts.

## **Absence from School — Truancy**

The truancy level has always been difficult to establish because, except in small rural schools, the only means of properly assessing the situation is from the school register which is used daily in every school in the country to show the attendance level. Frequently, children who go absent from school for whatever reason, do so after first having secured their "mark" in the register.

The chances of their absence being noted by the school authorities then remain slim. It would be wrong to suppose that absence from school automatically brings a child into the area of involvement with crime. However, there is no doubt that it frequently puts them more at risk if only for the simple reason that they often steal from shops in order to get something to eat. Sometimes the children merely go home but because their parents are away, their absence from school goes unnoticed.

In forces where anti-truancy patrols have been established on a need basis, the objective has merely been to remove the child from the danger area and to take him back to school. It has been the responsibility of the school authorities to bring to the notice of the parents the problems of non-attendance.

These activities have been worthwhile and have signifi-

cantly reduced juvenile crime in areas of operation. One of the problems has been coming to terms with the philosophy of, on the one hand, teaching children in school to trust the police and then, on the other, going out to catch them when they are absent.

The service need not really concern itself with this point, for children are much more discerning than we have given them credit for. It could be said that they would have been disappointed in the police service had it failed to take such elementary action.

### **Crime Prevention Support Unit**

When discussing the juvenile crime problem it must be remembered that the major part of juvenile crime is committed outside of school hours and, therefore, the school authorities cannot bear any responsibility.

For a decade or more, constant mention has been made by governments and local authorities about creating facilities for young people to divert their attention away from crime and disruption, and allow them to spend their leisure hours usefully in either cost in monetary terms to the community and yet crime still abounds.

The cry is frequently, therefore, for even better conditions. A temporary sporting craze like skate boards can cause local authorities to spend thousands of pounds on providing giant concrete skateboards to enable young people to test their skills. Those authorities who, either through lack of finance or because they feel they have things of greater priority that need doing do not readily acquiesce and provide such facilities are often criticised by young interested people who are strongly supported by the press and television. Manufacturing companies quickly join in the criticism in the hope of increasing sales. Whilst the sport in question is well worthwhile, the fact remains that within a year of the start of the craze it has

almost disappeared in England and will probably leave those who provided expensive skate bowls with almost useless concrete monuments and expensive bills to settle.

In Great Britain there has never been a time when more parks, open spaces, swimming pools and the like are available for use by young people. The majority of these can be used almost at will and without any cost. Despite this situation, if you walk around many of the towns of the country you will find unused parks and open spaces, whilst building sites and valuable property seem plagued with young people busily destroying and committing vandalism. Local representatives and adults bemoan the position and lament on the expense of unused facilities and the cost of repairs from criminal damage. The answer is that it is not enough merely to provide facilities. It is much more important to provide adult assistance and for an interest to be taken in young people.

A little over two years ago in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary a small group of officers of various ranks were brought together to form what was named a Crime Prevention Support Unit, whilst the team had wide terms of reference, the message to them was simple in that it called on them to seek new initiatives to combat the ever increasing crime rate. Many things have been tried and a good number succeeded, but notable among the successes was the action to stimulate young people to make use of the parks and open spaces in healthy outdoor active pursuits. This was achieved by the team clothing themselves in track suits and nightly going into the parks to organise games. The results were almost magic because young people quickly gathered and enjoyed the organised games. They responded magnificently to adult involvement, became fitter, more contented and above all used spare time away from areas of criminality. Within a

few weeks parents began to attend out of interest and the police officers quickly got them involved. It was significant that although the parents lived in the same area they did not know each other. The action of bringing them together re-established the community spirit which is so often lacking.

The experiment was so successful that the local constables eventually took over the task of keeping the parents involved. This allowed the team to pass on to other initiatives. The message that rings out loud and clear is that young people still need parental and adult involvement to take an interest and organise activities. Many adults of whatever nationality will remember their early days when the game of football broke down because there was no one in authority to adjudicate whether a goal was a goal or a foul was foul, with the result that the ensuing arguments stopped the game and fighting and bitterness followed.

An area where the team made a notable success was in persuading a local school and the education authorities to allow the police to supervise the use of the school swimming pool during the long summer school holidays. Previously there had never been any possibility of the pool being utilised because of the fear of drowning and the possibility of damage. The team organised parents on a rota system to supervise the pool. The result was that the parents enjoyed the involvement and the fresh air and the children enjoyed the excellent swimming facilities. The most rewarding aspect was that for the first time for many years the pool and the adjoining school did not suffer any vandalism or crime. Above all, the children did not have the opportunity to become involved in crime and because they enjoyed their activities free from boredom, they had seemingly no desire to be involved in criminality.

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Nixtieq ninqeda b'din l-okkażjoni biex inhegġeg lill-oħrajn ikomplu miegħi u/jew jikkoreġuni jekk ikun il-każ. Wara kolloxx nikteb mhux b'ton ta' awtorita' imma b'ton ta' habib li verament jixtieq jagħti milli għandu. Naċċetta għalhekk kull korrezzjoni bil-qalb. B'hekk aħna lkoll flimkien, inkabbru l-interess tagħna lejn il-korp tal-pulizija tagħna. Hawn nixtieq ngħid li fost suġġetti oħra, sibt aktar xi ngħid dwar l-armi u hwejjeġ oħra, u dan bis-saħħa ta' xi whud minnkom. Fuq hekk nerġgħu niltaqgħu.

Intant, tkellimna fl-imġhod-dj fuq it-twelid, l-armi, l-ewwel għajnuna tal-pulizija eċċ. Illum sejrjn niltaqgħu u ngħidu xi haġa dwar "Il-Kwartjieri tal-Pulizija", mill-bidu sa llum. Din hi wkoll foħqa oħra fl-istorja tal-korp tal-pulizija.

Qabel ma nkompri bis-suġġett nixtieq nagħmel osservazzjoni li naħseb tkun f'waqtha u s-servi ta' għajnuna għal ġejjieni. Il-korp tal-pulizija ta' Malta, kif għad naraw aktar "il quddiem, ġie allokat lilu, fiż-żgu, erba' postijiet matul iż-żmien, biex f'dawn jistabbilixxi l-amministrazzjoni tal-korp.

Erba' postijiet li qdew jew qeghdin jaqdu d-dmir ta' dak li aħna llum insejħulu "Il-Police Headquarters" jew kif qiegħed jiġi stabbilit fi żmien-na "Il-kuwartieri generali tal-pulizija". Nosservaw illi fl-ebda żmien jew okkażjoni, il-pulizija qatt ma ngħatalha jew inbnielha post apposta bħala tali. Kull trasferiment ta' bini jew allokazzjoni li saret f'dan is-sens, dejjem saret minħabba xi ċirkostanza li nqalet.

Bħal fatta rrid ngħid li, minħabba xi tilwima bejn tnejn bata flok gawda t-tielet. U hekk ġara. Għajb għall-pulizija



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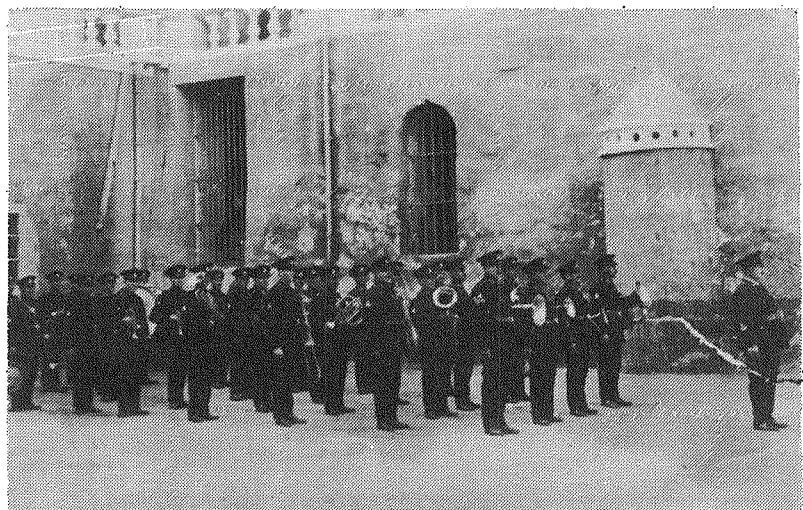
ta' Malta li raqqet u ġaritet kemm felhet fil-bini li tawha u li ma kienx xieraq jew addattat għaliha. Nistħajjilna tal-istorja. Iddubbajna libsa li ma tigi niex u rranġajniha kif stajna. L-aowa li oħandna xi sura ta' libsa. Imma jekk hi miaqta jew imġebbda u mhux addattata, dak ma jgħodd xejn. Fuq hekk daqshekk u nkompri bis-suġġett.

Jidher s'issa li l-ewwel xorta ta' P.H.Q. li kellha l-pulizija kien iġib l-istess isem tal-uffiċċju tal-mexxej tal-korp. Jidher li s-sura ta' kwartjieri generali f'dak iż-żmien, kienet inkorporata u fl-istess hin stabbilita bħala "L'UFFICCIO dell Ispettore Generale di Polizia Valletta". Dan jidher li kien l-ewwel isem għall-P.H.Q. fl-imġhod-dj. Dan jirriżulta minn

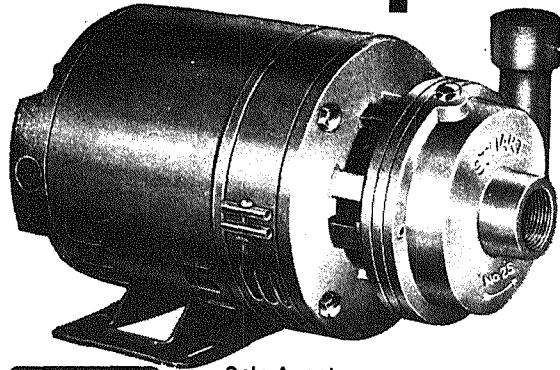
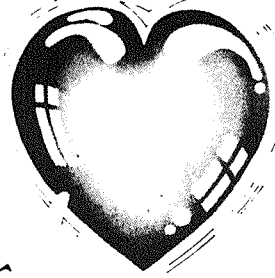
dokument/regolamenti tal-1/1/1818 (bla firma) li aktarx ġew magħmula minn Rivalora, l-ewwel mexxej tal-korp.

Dan, kif għidna, jirriżulta minn dokument ta' wieħed u erbghin faċċata li Frederick Sedley (1844/58) iffirma bħala "Vera Kopja", wara li dan lahaq mexxej tal-korp bit-titlu (rank) ta' "Spettur tal-Pulizija". (It-titlu ta' mexxej tal-korp minn Maġistrat tal-Pulizija Esekuttiva" inbidel u sar "Spettur tal-Pulizija" fit-12 ta' April 1839).

L-hekk imsejjah "Ufficcio dell Ispettore generale di Polizia — Valletta" kien fil-Belt Valletta u preċiżament fil-bini tal-qorti f'dik li kienet il-berġa ta' Auvergne, li nbriet fis-snin 1570/74, u li waqgħet fil-gwerra 1939/45. Fl-istess lok



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Meta u kif dan l-"Ufficcio" mar fil-qorti ma nistax ngħid għalissa, biss spiċċa minni hemm fl-1919. Anqas ma nista' ngħid jekk kienx f'xi post ieħor. Jidher s'issa li mill-qorti mar fis-Sacra Infermeria u dan b'konsegwenza tal-irvellijiet tal-1919 (is-sette giugno). F'dan l-ambjent iswed, l-uffiċċju tal-mexxej tal-korp u ferġat oħra, ġew trasferiti u ċċentralizzati fl-infermeria tal-ordni ta' San Gwann k'f jixhed dan il-messaġġ:

#### HEADQUARTERS

"Headquarters of the Malta Police have been brought into being at the Valletta Military Hospital, Strada Mercanti, from 1st December 1919.

The Commissioner wishes it to be known that, as constituted at present, the Headquarters are of a temporary nature and that better accommodation will be available in the near future.

All ranks are notified that they are at liberty to use the present Headquarters at any time, but must make themselves acquainted with the standing orders in force at Headquarters.

Superintendents will explain to all concerned the facilities at Headquarters, and if any Sergeants or Constables wish to avail themselves of the messing accommodation, due notice must be given to O.C. Headquarters."

Kif d'ga' għidna, kienu l-irvellijiet tal-1919 u s-sitwazzjoni prekarja li minnha Malta kienet għaddejja, li wassu biex l-awtoritajiet jiċċentralizzaw, jistabbilixxu u jorganizzaw l-amministrazzjoni tal-korp tal-pulizija għal aktar effiċjenza.

F'dan il-post tpoġġa kulnadd, mill-mexxej tal-korp sal-kavallerija. Kulnadd kellu rokna għalih, għax il-post kien aħjar u akbar minn ta' qablu fil-qorti. Hawn nixtieq ngħid illi, dan it-trasferiment sar bil-hila ta' Lt. Col. H.W. Bamford (1919/22), meqjus bħala riformatur u benefattur kbir tal-korp, li fost hafna riformi, fit-tex qabel kolloz li jibni u jossoda l-amministrazzjoni tal-korp fl-interess tas-servizz u tal-ordni pubbliku.

Kien f'dan iż-żmien li ċ-ċirkostanzi laqgħu lil Bamford mal-irvellijiet u ċirkostanzi politici oħra biex il-korp akkwista mkien li għalkemm kien sdingat u mitluq, kien aħjar minn ta' qablu. Immaġinaw sptar kollu swali kbar jiġi okkupat mill-pulizija biex jibdlu għalihom bħala Casa Madre.

Tajjeb li ngħidu wkoll li fiż-żmien 1916/22, dak li aħna illum ngħidulu P.H.Q., kienu jgħidulu "Commissioner's Office-Valletta" imma dan l-isem ma tantx dam, għax Bamford, għaraf jiċċentralizza u jorganizza bosta sezzjonijiet u saħħaħ ir-reklutaġġ fil-korp. (dwar il-hidma ta' Bamford nitkellmu aktar tard). Bil-mod il-mod il-Commissioner's Office-Valletta beda jiddajjef, inbidel u sar il-"Police Depot-Valletta", fejn aktar tard beda jissejjaħ l-"Old Police Depot".

U hawn nixtieq nagħmel osservazzjoni oħra. Jiena tal-fehma li l-P.H.Q. kellu ismu kif rajna marbut mal-uffiċċju tal-mexxej tal-korp. Il-Commissioner's office għad hawn min jiftakru. Barra dan, id-dokument tal-1/1/1818 isemmi l-Ufficcio dell Ispettore Generale di Polizia-Valletta. L-osservazzjoni tiegħi hi din. La darba kellna l-Commissioner's office sal-1916/22, ifisser li seta' ma' kull rank tal-mexxej, inbidel ukoll l-isem tal-uffiċċju u konsegwentement il-head office.

Jiena tal-fehma li per eżempju, fi żmien Charles Godfrey (1832/44) ix-xorta ta' P.H.Q. li kien hemm f'dak iż-żmien kien jissejjaħ "Magistrate of Executive Police Office-Valletta" u aktar tard is-"Superintendent of Police Office-Valletta". U ngħid jiena, għax fiż-

żmien 1916/22 ma kienux jgħidu "Inspector's Office". U r-risposta tohroġ wahedha. Għax dak iż-żmien kien hemm Kummissarju bħala mexxej u mhux Inspector of Police. U r-rabta bejn ir-rank tal-mexxej u dak li ngħidulu P.H.Q. baqgħet tirrifletti wiehed fuq l-ieħor, sakemm stabbilixxa ruħu l-Police Depot-Valletta.

U la darba semmejna aktar 'il fuq is-Sacra Infermeria tajjeb li ngħidu xi haġa zghira dwarha. Wara li l-Ordni ta' San Gwann trasferixxa l-amministrazzjoni tiegħu mill-Birgu għall-Belt kapitali Valletta, f'din il-belt għida ttejjera bini akbar u isbaħ minn tal-Birgu. Fost il-bini li tela' nsibu l-isptar ta' l-Ordni, imsemmi s-Sacra Infermeria, li beda tiela' fl-1574 fi żmien il-G.M. La assiere li bena wkoll il-Kattedral ta' San Gwann. L-isptar oriġinali tal-fondazzjoni tal-Ordni kien wiehed filantropiku u l-isptar kien meħtieġ bil-kif. Kien il-waħdieni sptar modern f'Malta u minn ta' quddiem nett fl-Ewropa, attrezza bi swali kbar hafna u kapaċi jifilhu numru sewwa ta' pazjenti.

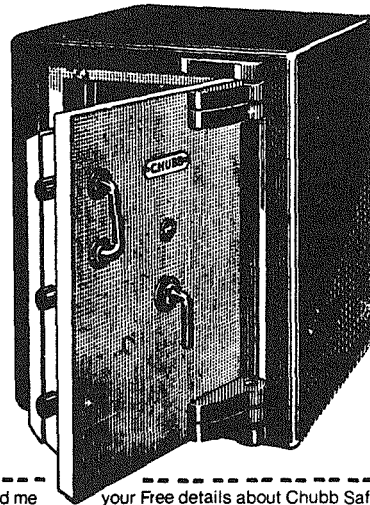
Il-faċċata ta' dan l-isptar li thares lejn Triq Merkanti, inbniet fl-1712 fi żmien il-G.M. Perellos. Minn żmien għal żmien dan l-isptar issebbah u attrezza ruħu tajjeb għas-servizz tal-morda saktmm il-Franċizi fi żmien l-inblokk għamlu herba minnu u selhu minn ġewwa fih dak li setgħu. Fl-1919 il-pulizija dahlet f'parti minnu kollha zdingata u l-isptar bħala sptar ittrasferixxa ruħu lejn l-isptar ta' l-Imtarfa.

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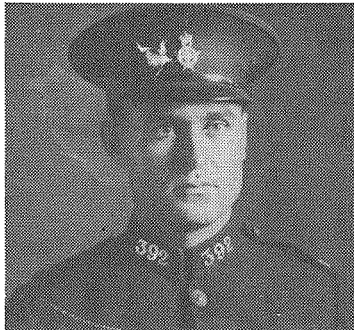
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## THE POLICE and the JAMAHIRIJA MAIL COMPETITION

One of the competition winners who featured prominently in the November, 1978 issue of the "Jamahirija Mail" a weekly newspaper published in English for readers in Malta and overseas was Sergeant H. Harrison.

The Grand Jamahirija Mail competition started in December, 1977. The quiz consisted of various questions regarding the Libyan Jamahirija since its revolution in 1969 and the questions were put to readers in several issues on a weekly basis. The competition was open to all Maltese and foreign readers. Among the fabulous prizes were a trip to Tokyo another to Pakistan, a television set, paintings by Libyan artists and trips to Malta or Libya.

The final results of the Grand "Jamahirija Mail" competition were due to appear on the 2nd March, 1978, but because of the great number of entrants and as most of the entries were extremely good, and choosing between them was tough, the winners were not announced until the 6th May, 1978.

Sergeant Harrison was placed 7th together with another Maltese lady and three Libyans and his prize was a free return air ticket to Libya. This prize enabled him to visit the Jamahirija during the early part of September, 1978 which visit lasted 10 days. His impression was that great changes had taken place since the revolution and that he had noted many improvements having lived in Libya from 1949 to 1954 while his father was in the Army, and also again in 1960 and 1961 when he himself was serving with the Royal Malta Artillery before joining the Police Force.

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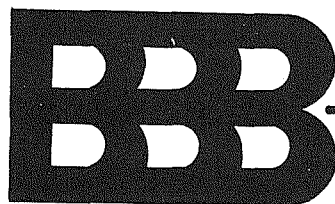
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IX-XAHAR ta' Frar 1979 ma tantx kien pjaċevoli għall-isportivi tagħna. Dan minnha bba l-istrakj tal-Karozzi tal-Linja li minhabba l-ħinijiet twal li l-membri tagħna kellihom jaħdmu l, naturalment ma ħall'ew l-ebda ħin liberu għall-attivitajiet sportivi. Din hija l-ħajja ta' l-isportivi tagħna u jkollna naċċettaw dak li jġi, għax kif dajjem ngħidu, ix-xogħol l-ewwel. Ta' min hawn niringrazzja lill-Kumitat Organizzattiv tal-Ministeru ta' l-Sports taħli ġentilment akkomodawna billi pposponew il-fixtures tal-football li t-team tagħna kellu f'dawn il-ġimgħat ta' Strike. L-istess jingħad għall-Basketball Association li għamlet l-istess fil-każ tal-fixtures tal-Basketball t-team tagħna. Intant, n'ġu għal xi kummenti dwar sport li sar minn l-aħħar li tkelminna fil-ħarġa l-oħra.

## FOOTBALL

Fit-tlettax ta' Frar, 1979, fil-qa'ba ta' l-istrike tal-Karozz tal-Linja, it-team tagħna kellu jonora fixture kontra t-team ta' E.M.W.D. Karkop li d'ġa' kienet posposta drabi oħra. Għalhekk ġie magħżul team ta' malajr, naturalment kulhadd kien wieqaf, u dawn il-players magħżula rnextielhom jgħelbu lill-E.M.W.D. bl-iskor konv'ncenti ta' 4—0. Il-goals ġew skurjati minn Pace, (2), Fabri u Sammut.



IT-TEAM TAL-PULIZIJA

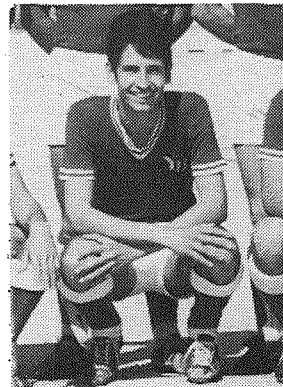
Meta l-istrakj spiċċa, ke'lna loġġba oħra deċiżiva kontra t-team ta' Engineer Instrument li ke'lna tiddeċiedi min jgħaddi għat-tieni fażi tal-League għat-teams tal-Gvern u Korpi Parastatali. Din il-loġġba saret fil-ground tal-Furjana nhar it-Tlieta 6 ta' Marzu 1979 u t-team tagħna rnextielu jirbaħ din il-loġġba wkoll bl-iskor ta' 2—0, il-goals j'ġu skurjati minn C. Grech u L. Mallia. B'din ir-rebħa t-team tagħna kkwalifika biex flimkien mat-team ta' Spinning and Weaving, minn Grupp C, jgħaddi għat-tieni fażi tal-Kampjonat.

Meta kont nkteb dan l-artiklu t-team tagħna kellu jilgħab l-aħħar loġġba tal-Grupp kontra l-Mid-Med Bank. Riżultat ta' draw jkun biżżejjed biex it-team tagħna jirbaħ il-Grupp. Nittama li mmorru aħjar minn hekk u nriħu din il-loġġba wkoll. Ta' min jgħid li s'issa t-team tagħna għadu ma sofra l-ebda goal.

## BASKETBALL

Kif għidt fil-każ tal-Football, fi żmien l-istrike, it-team tal-Basketball tagħna ftit kien attiv. Pero' qabel beda l-istrike, it-team tagħna kien lahaq lagħab loġġba oħra fil-Promotion League u rebħ konv'ncentement kontra SABRAS biex baqa' jzomm il-pass mat-team tal-Blue Bell li qiegħed

# Profil



EDWIN PISANI (P.C. 1237) (FOOTBALLER)

Fis-sensjela ta' profili, illum imiss li nitkelim u dwar wiehed mill-aktar players dedikati u eżemplari li għandna bħalissa fit-team magħżul tagħna. Dan huwa EDWIN PISANI (PC 1237) stazzjonat fil-Personnel Section) Edwin beda jilgħab il-football fil-iskola tal-Gvern tas-Sliema u aktar tard fil-Kulleġġ St. Albert fil-Belt. Barra li l-ħafna staġuni li ke'lnu ma' l-Athleta Juvenis u mal-Young Boys fi hdan is-Sliema Sports Association, Edwin kellu żmien ieħor qabel dan, fit-teams tal-Minors, Reserves u Under 21 tas-Sliema W. Difatt, Edwin jiftakar bi pjaċir loġġba decider tar-Reserves league bejn Sliema u Floriana li fiha ke'lnu l-unur li jiskorja l-uniku goal li ta l-league lis-Sliema.

Meta daħal fil-Pulizija fil-1969 huwa kien jiffirma parti mit-team ta' l-ewwel Distrett u wara kien regolari fit-teamijiet tal-H.Q. u CID/SII. Barra minn xi okkażjonijiet izolati, Edwin kien dejjem magħżul fit-teamijiet tal-Pulizija u kien ukoll jiffirma parti mit-team magħżul li żar il-Libja xi snin ilu u rbaħna 2—1. Edwin bħal-issa jiffirma parti importanti mit-team magħżul tagħna li qed jieħu sehem fil-kompetizzjoni Football Għal Kulhadd.

Huw pjaċir għaliha li nahdem f'dan il-qasam ma' players tat-tip ta' Edwin u minn dawn il-kolonna nixtiequ aktar suċċess għall-futur.

fl-ewwel post. Jekk nibqgħu sejrin kif inhu mistenni, it-team tagħna għandu jkun wieħed miż-żewġ teamjiet li staġun iehor ikun fit-Tielet Diviżjoni tal-Basketball league nazzjonali.

Meta kont nipprepara dan l-artiklu, it-team tagħna lagħab friendly kontra t-team tal-Hilton Hotel u hareġ reb-bieħ.

L-inpenn li jmiss għat-team tagħna jkun il-Hadd 11 ta' Marzu 1979 kontra Valetta B.C.

## SNOOKER

Innaxxielna nibdew kompetizzjoni tas-Snooker fuq il-mejda tal-Canteen fid-Depot tagħna. Is-Snooker hi ja waħda mill-logħbiet ta' ġewwa l-

## MILL-IMGHODDI

Illum qed nirriproduċu ritratt meħud madwar 70 sena ilu u jekk nifluh sewwa għandna hafna x'nitgħallmu minnu dwar l-istorja tal-Pulizija b'mod speċjali dwar l-uniformijiet.

N'bdew mill-fizzjal li qiegħed bil-qiegħda fin-nofs. Dan li x'aktarx kien spettur ma għandu l-ebda insignia fuq l-ispalletti tal-uniformi. Ninnotaw ukoll li l-beritta tal-għamla kepi għandha l-pizz bil-fidda. Dak iż-żmien dan il-pizz kien jintlibes ukoll mill-ispetturi tal-

aktar popolari u fost il-membri tagħna hemm bosta players ta' livell ferm tajjeb.

Ighal din l-ewwel kompetizzjoni, li l-iskop tagħha huwa l-aktar biex jitqanqal interess għal kompetizzjoni ferm akbar, daħlu 32 player u din il-kompetizzjoni sejra tkun fuq sistema ta' Knock-Out.

Nispera li din il-kompetizzjoni thajjar dilettanti fi Sport iehor ta' ġewwa, bħal Darts, Table Tennis, Draughts u Chess, biex jibdew ukoill kompetizzjoni f'dan l-isports sabiħ.

Fil-Canteen tagħna hemm faċilitajiet biżżejjed u dawn l-isports ma jinvolvux wisq xogħol. Ikun interessanti li naraw kompetizzjonijiet għaddejjin biex ma nibqgħux aktar nisimgħu biss bil-Football u Basketball.

Korp. Jekk inkomplu niflu l-uniformi ta' dan l-ispettur insibu li kienet tintlibes il-katina mill-fizzjali.

Jekk inħarsu lejn il-Pulizija ta' madwar il-fizzjal u li fosthom hemm missier is-Sur Kaldidon Agius (li Speaker tal-Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti), bil-wieqfa fuq il-lemin, ninnotaw l-uniformi tal-Pulizija filbidu tas-seklu għoxrin. Il-gakketta kienet mingħajr bwiet u għaldaqstant il-katina kienet tiddendel minn ma' l-ewwel fost it-tmien buttuni.

## APPRECIATION



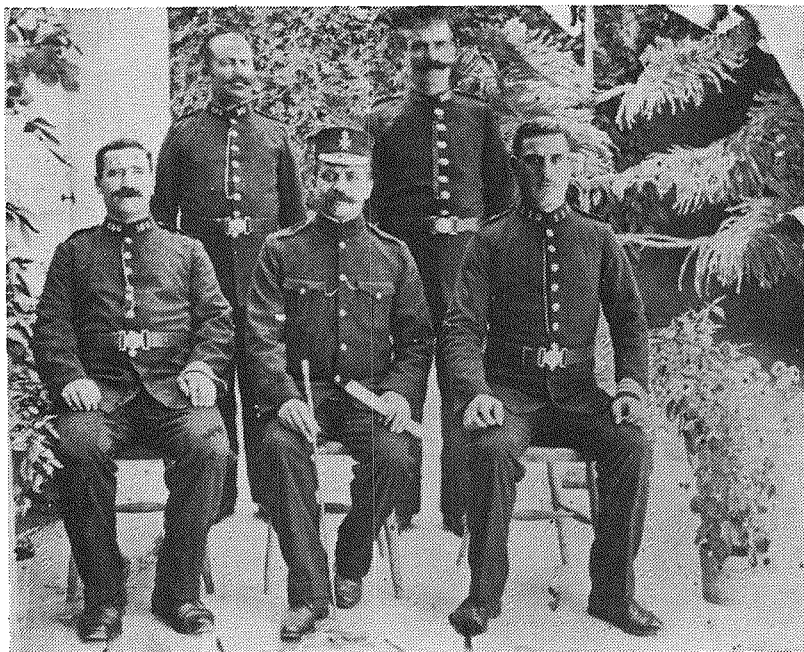
Supt. P. Grech

The criminal proceedings in the BICAL case came to an end on the 20th January 1979 when the court of Criminal Appeal affirmed the judgement which had been given by the Criminal Court on the 31st October, 1977 after a five-month trial by jury.

The thorough investigations of the BICAL case were lead by Senior Superintendent Paul S. Grech who examined over three hundred persons in order to be able to amass information on the working of the bank in all its branches. This investigation implied delving into an enormous quantity of documents selecting those which could be of any relevance to the issues involved. This exercise in itself postulated knowledge of the law of banking, commercial partnership and Commercial Law in general, banking procedure, accountancy and book-keeping and mercantile practice; it was required in him an eye ready to detect faults, omissions or fraud carefully camouflaged with success over a number of years.

It can also be said that had it not been for the efforts of Superintendent Paul Grech the evidence amassed would not have reached the volume of relevant information which was available for the Court. This required working under strain, without rest, and within time limits.

It is therefore felt that Superintendent Paul Grech is one of those who have given their best and expected nothing in return.





# Kull meta tmur il-bank?

Il-Bank għandu parti importanti ħafna fil-ħajja ta' kull familja.

Għaliex huwa iżjed minn post fejn sempliciment tpoġġi l-flus ħalli jkollok moħħok mistrieħ.

Il-Mid Med Bank għandu ufficċjali mħarrġin biex jgħinuk f'kull xorta ta' parir fejn jidhlu l-flus. L-ebda problema m'hi kbira wisq għalihom.

Huwa fl-interess tiegħek li tagħraf tuża s-servizzi li joffrilek il-Mid-Med Bank. Kull meta jkollok bżonn parir dwar flus u dak kollu li għandu x'jaqsam mal-flus kellem lill-Manager fl-eqreb fergħa tal-Mid-Med Bank.

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