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IL-BALLU TAL-PULIZIJA

BKRAS-SNIN ta’ qabel li Ballu tal-Pulizija sar fil-Ball Room tal-Hotel Phoenicia fis-26 ta’ Diċembru, 1978. Il-Ballu nistgħu nghidu li bhal dejjem kien success iżda l-attendenza naqset minkejja li din id-darba l-Kumitat id-deċċeda li jħalli jid-ħlu t-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp ta’ eta’ mhux inqas minn 16-il sena. Tfal ta’ din l-eta’ ma kienx hemm aktar minn 20 u għalhekk għal-darb oħra wieħed jista’ jistudja li jħalli jid-ħlu mhux biss it-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp iżda anke guests kif kien isir qabel. Iżda dan niġu għalih aktar tard fis-sena.

Fil-ballu kien hemm ukoll ik-kantant Renato li għalkemm bi ftit ‘numbers’ tiegħu, qaiiem allegria mill-isbaħ u ta-gost il-min kien hemm. Mistedin, oħra fil-ballu kienu grupp ta’ sitt żeffiena li rajnihom kemm il-darba fuq it-televisioni Malti.

Wara kult ballu jkun hemm il-kummenti u għalhekk huwa xieraq li niċċaraw xi punti li hafna ma jafux.

Irridu l-ewwelnett inneñnu minn ġerti mħuñ li f’dan il-ballu jsir xi qliegħ ta’ flus. Għall-kuntrarju kemm il-ballu sar dejjem kien hemm it-telf u dan it-telf huwa kbir. Biżżejjed nghidu li fil-Ballu tal-1977 kien hemm madwar £M200 telf, lie-ma telf jagħmlu tajjeb għalih iż-żewġ Funds, jiġifieri dak ta’ l-Association u l-General Fund. Sakemm morna għall-istampe kien għadu ma ġiex ikkalkula it-telf ta’ l-ahħar ballu iżda wieħed jista’ jara rendikont tiegħu. I quddiem fil-uffiċċju tagħna.

Dwar min ilmenta dwar il-ħlas għad-dħul fil-ballu, nixtiequ nghidu li l-flus miġbura mill-biljetti serva biss għar-rigali ta’ l-ispot dance u mhux kif hasbu xi whud.

Kif għidna qabel, nistgħu nistgħidu li l-ballu kien success u nieħdu l-okkażjoni biex nirrin-grazzjaw li dawk li hadmu u għenu sabiex dan il-ballu jirnexxi.

Waqt il-ballu tas- 26 ta’ Diċembru.



EDITORJAL

Htiega ta’ POLICE CLUB

QATT daqs dawn l-ahħar xhur ma hassejna l-htiega ta’ Police Club u l-hsieb tagħha ingħaqad ma’ dawk tal-ex membri tal-Korp fil-laqqha li kellna fit-28 ta’ Diċembru 1978. Dak in-nhar meta ssemmu’ l-hsieb ta’ dan il-Police Club kien hemm entużjażmu kbir fost il-penżjonanti u offrew l-ghajjnuna tagħhom sabiex jinkiseb dan il-post li ilu fi hsieb-na kif ukoll hsiebhom għal aktar minn għoxrin sena.

Li nixtiequ nagħmlu ċar huwa li l-iskop ta’ dan il-post mhux biss wieħed għall-attivitajiet soċċali iżda għall-ghani-jiet ohra wkoll. Harġiet minn fomm il-penżjonanti li hemm bżonn ta’ laqqhat bejn il-Pulizija u l-ex Pulizija. Għalina l-ex membru tal-Korp mhux citta-din ordinarju bħal haddieħor. Dan jista’ jgħina hafna fix-xogħol tagħna għalixek dak li jara u jisma’ u jħoss li huwa ta’ ghajjnuna għall-Pulizija nin-sabu ġerti li nieħdu l-akbar koparazzjoni minn għandu. Dan, kif għidna qabel, ħareġ minn fomm il-penżjonanti u mhux t-labnieh aħna.

Skop ieħor ta’ dan il-Police Club huwa naturalment wieħed ta’ divertiment permezz ta’ laqqhat soċċali bejnietna. Illum minkejja l-hafna postijiet ta’ divertiment qed tinhass il-htiega li jkollna l-post tagħna, fejn wieħed jista’ jieħu pjaċir mingħajr ma jkun suġġett għal-ċerti kontrari. Ma aħniex Angli u biex ma ninħarqux għandna naħħarbu n-nar.

L-ahħar u l-ikbar skop ta’ dan il-post huwa biex tikber l-ghaqda bejnietna. Jinħtieg li n-tilaqgħu aktar bejnietna flim-kien mal-familji tagħna iżda dan ma jistax iseħħi jekk ma jkollniex post, POLICE CLUB.

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L-Elezzjonijiet

Fil-15 ta' Jannar 1979 hareg ir-Writ ghall-elezzjonijiet tal-Association fejn għat-tieni se-na s-Supintendent J.M. Borg ġie maħtur bhala Returning Officer biex jieħu ħsieb dawn l-elezzjonijiet. L-ghaxar Units tal-Kumitat tal-Association huma dawn:

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Unit Nru 4 No. 1 Police District.

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Unit Nru 6 No. 3 Police District.

Unit Nru 7 No. 4 Police District.

Unit Nru 8 No. 5 Police Dis-

trict.

Unit Nru 9 Price Control Section.

Unit Nru 10 Civil Prisons.

Kull membru tal-Korp taħt ir-rank ta' Superintendent jista' jifforma parti mill-Kumitat tal-Association.

L-ewwel faži ta' dawn l-elezzjonijiet issir billi jintlaqgħu n-nominazzjonijiet ta' dawk li jixtiequ jkunu fil-Branch Board. Jekk in-numru ta' nominazzjonijiet ikun akbar minn dak meħtieġ għal kull Unit issir l-elezzjoni għal dak il-Unit.

Wara li jinhattru l-Branċċ Boards tas-Surġenti u tal-Kunċċistabblijet, jinhattru l-membri tas-Central Conference. Innumru ta' delegati fis-Central Conference ikun ta' tliet delegati għal kull sitta fil-Branch Board fil-każ tas-Surġenti u fil-każ tal-Kunċċistabblijet ikun ta' tliet delegati għal kull erba'.

Id-delegati tal-Branch Boards jaħtru wkoll il-Kumitat Centrali. Dawn il-Kumitat huma l-qofol ta' kollo. Il-Branch Boards ftit li xejn il-taqgħu f'dawn l-ahħar sentejn mit-twaqqif tal-Association. Is-Central Conference iltaqgħet darba biss u għaldaqstant it-tmexxija tal-Association taqa' fuq il-Kumitat Centrali.

Il-Kumitat ta' l-ispetturi u s-Surġenti Maġġuri ma jinħattru bl-istess mod kif jinħattru dawk tas-Surġenti u l-Kunċċistabblijet. L-Ispetturi u s-Surġenti Maġġuri huma kollha delegati tas-Central Conference u ssir elezzjoni biex jinħattru oħra minn kull rank għas-Central Committee.

Meta jinħattru s-Central Committees kollha u kull wieħed minnhom jaħtar Chairman u Segretarju jiľtaq a' l-ewwel kumitat ta' l-erba' ranki jiet flimkien u jinħatar Chairman u Segretarju tal-Joint Central Committee.

Fond ta' Beneficċju

Għal darb'oħra l-Association matul il-ġranet tal-Milied harġet madwar £M1,300 mill-Fondi tagħha, biex jiġu organizzati l-parties tat-tal u l-Ballu. B'dawn il-flus wieħed seta jwaaqqaf jew ta' l-anqas jaġħi bidu biex jitwaqqaf Fond ta' beneficċju għal dawk il-membri tal-Korp li jiġu fil-bzonn. Ta' spiss jiġu membri tal-Korp li jitkolbu xi għajnejna minħabba xi mard u aħna bla-akbar mod irrisponsabbli nagħqlulhom il-bieb f'wiċċhom għaliex nħidulhom li m'hemmx flus. Jiena nsostni li l-flus fil-parties huma ġela meta bl-istess flus nistgħu ngħinu lil-dawk żvinturati.

Ta', dan jien u xi ftit min-shabi ma aħniex responsabbli u se nghid l-ghaliex. F'Novembru li ghadda waqt laqgħa tal-Kumitat tresqet mozzjoni mis-Segretarju li tgħid li għal festi tal-Milied għandhom isiru parties għat-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp għal liema parties jaġħi mu tajjeb l-Association Fund u l-General Fund. Dan ifisser li n-nefqa tkun in-

nofs u jista jingħata bidu għall-ghajnejiet kif semmejna. Din il-mozzjoni jiddispjaċċini nghid li ma għaddietx.

Min-naha tieghi jiena mhux se neqqaf hawn u għal darb'oħra ninsisti bl-istess argumenti li għamilt qabel bl-iskop li darb'oħra ma joħorġux dawn il-flus fil-helha meta hemm hafna x>tagħmel bihom.

Dan il-Fund nistgħu nwaq-qfu billi mill-15 cents tal-kontribuzzjoni nghaddu parti minnhom - għal dan il-Fund. Barra minn dan inżidu b'xi qiegħi ta' xi entertainment li jiġi organizzat matul is-sena.

Meta jkollna l-flus nistgħu nagħtu l-ghajnejiet li jiġu diskussi minn Kumitat tal-Association u meta l-każ iż-ikun konness ma mard nistgħu wkoll nitkolbu l-ghajnejna tat-tabib tal-Pulizija.

Jiena nispera li l-Kumitat il-ġdid li jkollna din is-sena jit-rattra din il-kwistjoni bl-akbar serjeta u juža l-Fondi tal-Association b'mod responsabbli.

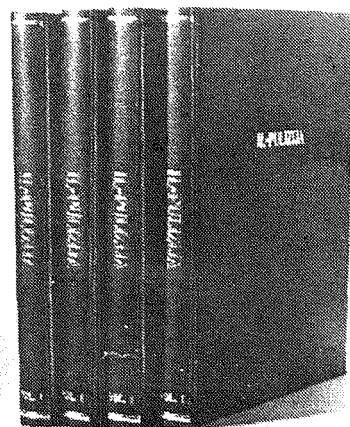
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L-EWWEL ELMU ABJAD

L-ewwel elmu li nafu bih kien dak abjad ta' għamlu differenti minn dak tal-lum kif se naraw 'il quddiem. Kif jixhud ritratti antiki dan l-elmu kien jintlibes anke mill-fizzjali xi mitt sena ilu u x'aktarx li dam sal-1917 meta daħal l-elmu ieħor.

L-ewwel elmu abjad kellew żewġ faxxi suwed madwaru kif jidher fir-ritratt u kien daqsxejn iżgħar minn dak li għandna llum. Fl-opinjoni tiegħi u ta' hafna oħra jañ dan l-elmu kien isbaħ minn tal-lum. Fuq dan l-elmu kienet titpoġġa lis-'spike' kif għadna nagħmlu sal-lum.

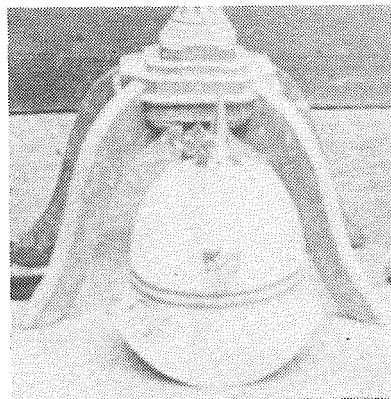
L-ELMU ISWED

Fl-ghoxrinijiet daħal l-elmu iswed li ta' lil Pulizija Maltin xejra Ingliza. Infatti dan l-elmu għadu jintlibes sal-lum mill-Pulizija Ingliza. F'Malta dan l-elmu kien jinlibes mal-'great coat' u minn tagħrif li akkwistat s-sert s-sabu s-sal. L-iss-tess elmu kien jintlibes mill-membru tal-kavallerija tal-Pulizija fċerti skorti, parati u ċeremonji simili. Fuq dan l-elmu iswed kienet tintlibes lis-ħażżeha, jiġifieri dik l-arma wżata llum fuq il-faldrappa taž-żwiemel tal-kavallerija.

IT-TIENI ELMU ABJAD

It-tieni elmu abjad huwa dak li għandna l'um u li nilbsu f'parati, ċeremonji eċċ. Dan l-elmu beda jintlibes mill-membri tal-Korp għal ġabta tal-1917 meta anke hárja ordni-jiet dwaru. F'dawn l-ordni-jiet insibu' kif kellha titwaħħal l-arma u meta kellha titwaħħal lis-spike. Din ta' l-ahħar kienet titwaħħal fuq l-elmu fil-Hdud u l-festi u fxi okkażjonijiet speċiali.

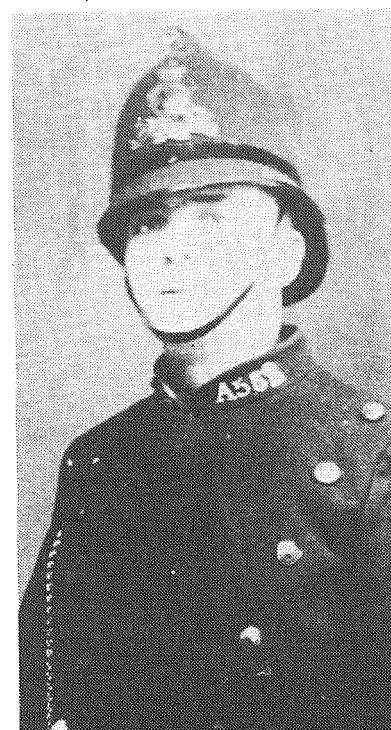
Irrid ngħid ukoll li fuq dan l-elmu titwaħħal l-arma l-kbira u mhux dik użata "l-beritta. Għad fadla haċċa membri tal-Korp li jiftakru meta dan l-



L-ewwel elmu abjad



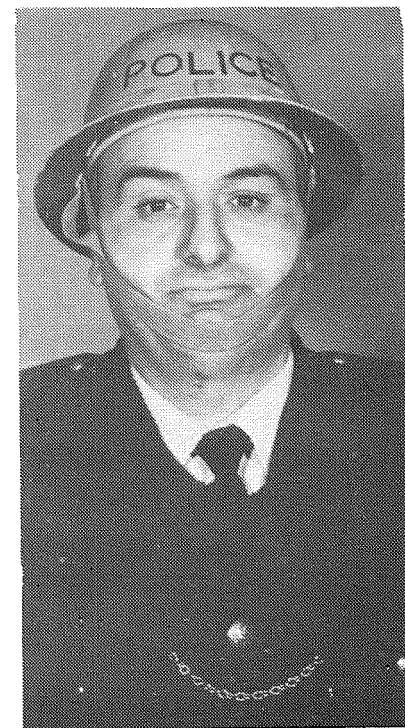
L-elmu ta' żmien il-gwerra



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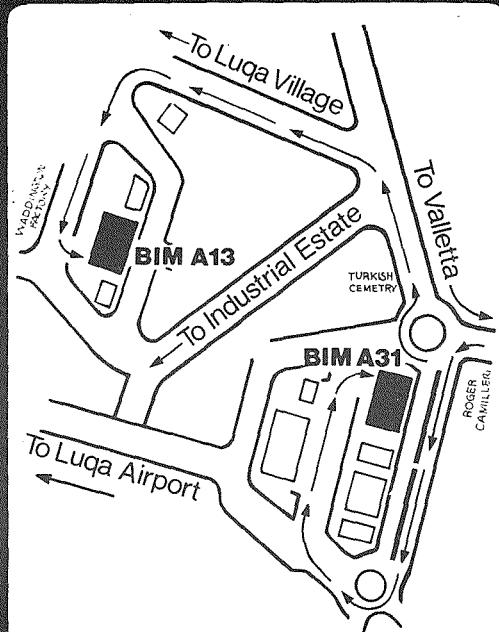
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Elmu iehor tar-riots huwa dak milbus riċentement ukoll waqt il-logħob tal-ballun fl-istadium. Dan l-elmu huwa tal-hadid u tajjeb ħafna għar-riots peress jiġi għandu l-visor, iżda daqsxejn tqiż u jgħajjik.

ELMIJET TAL-PULIZIJA TAT-TRAFFIKU

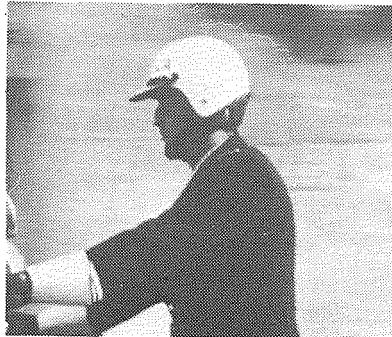
Kif rajna fl-artiklu l-ieħor il-Pulizija tat-traffiku mhux minn dejjem kieni jilbsu l-elmu meta jsuqu l-mutur. Fl-ewwel żmenijiet tal-muturi tat-traffiku kienet tintlibes beritta b'cover abjad. Skond tagħrif li akkwistat minn ġingħand ex-membri tal-Korp li kieni fost l-ewwel pulizija tat-traffiku fuq il-mutur dan l-elmu gie milbus fi żmien meta s-Sur Coppola kien inkarigat mill-Pulizija tat-traffiku.

Matul dawn l-ahħar żmenijiet il-Pulizija tat-traffiku libsu diversi elmijiet differenti u rajna wkoll il-kelma "PULIZIJA" fuq dan l-elmu flok il-kelma "POLICE". Elmu iehor milbus minn dawn il-Pulizija huwa dak li jilbes l-'over-rider' f'xi skorta tal-muturi. Dan l-elmu huwa ta' kulur ikħal.

Dan kien tagħrif dwar parti

mill-uniformi tal-Pulizija — il-beritta u l-elmu. F'hargiet oħra nitkellmu dwar il-buttni u partijiet oħra tal-uniformi. Has-ra li ma nstabux brieret antiki bħal ma huma l-kepe' u l-forage cap. Lanqas elmijiet ma għandna u nafu biss kif kieni mir-riċ-ċatti.

Nieħu din l-okkażjoni biex nagħmel appell l'il dawk li aħħandhom xi partiijiet tal-uniformijiet antiki tal-Pulizija biex jgħaddu homna.



L-elmu tar-riots

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Il-preparamenti għal din il-laqgħa ma kienux kbar min-habba l-ftit hin li kellna biex inhejju ghaliha u kolloks sar ta' malajr għalkemm irnexxa.

Ix-xogħol għal din il-laqgħa beda billi ntbagħtu madwar 800 ittra lill-ex-membri tal-Korp. Hawnhekk nixtiequ nagħmluha ċara li ndirizzi akkwistajna biss ta' dawk l-ex-membri li għadhom jikkontribwi xixxu għall-Mutual Help Association għaldaqstant jista' jkun il-fatt li kien hemm xi ex-membri li ma ġewx mistiedna. Dan sar l-ghaliex ma kellniex l-indirizz.

Mit-800 penzjonant kien hemm ħafna minnhom Ghawdexin li ma setgħux jattendu. Dan bassarnieh minn qabel iż-żda xorta waħda bagħtna l-iste-

dina. Minn 800 ittra ġew madwar 180 tweġiba li kien bi-ħsiebhom jattendu għal dan il-'get-together'. Fost l-ittri li rċevejna kien hemm xi wħud li qalulna li għalkemm xtaqu jattendu għal din il-laqgħa min-habba xi ċirkostanzi ma set-ġħux iż-żda xtaqu li din tibqa' ssir kull sena bl-iskop. Li fil-fejjiġjeni jkunu jistgħu jattendu.

Dak in-nhar ta' din il-laqgħa kien hemm xena sabiha fil-Canteen tal-Pulizija. Biżżejjed nghidu li kien hemm anke min-qabżitlu xi demgħa bil-ferħ. Barra I-Jazz Band tal-Pulizija kien hemm ukoll grupp ta' għannejja u żewġ gitarristi. L-ex-Surġent Manwel Mifsud (Iċ-Ċoċċa) u shabu għannew għana għall-okkażjoni u taw pjaċir lil kull min kien preżenti.

Il-Kummissarju tagħna f'kelmejnej lil dawn il-penzjonanti fakkahom fi żmenijiet tal-imġħoddi b'mod speċjali ta' żmien il-gwerra meta l-Pulizija ġadmet bis-sħiħ u batiet. Il-Kummissarju qal ukoll li llum, fejn dak iż-żmien, il-Pulizija kienet sinjura.

Dak in-nhar tal-laqgħa ġie

preżentat rigal żgħir lil dak il-penzjonant li ilu l-aktar bil-penzjoni u li kien preżenti. Aħna na fu li forsi mhux pos-sibbi li ikoll fis-sala l-ixxah penzionant u għalhekk iddeċi-dejnej li r-rigal nagħtu hħil ix-xaqqa wieħed li jattendi għal din il-laqgħa. Xtaqna wkoll li r-rigal ikun xi haġa ta' aktar valur iż-żda dan ma stajniex nagħmlu minħabba l-finanzi limitati li kellna. L-iktar penzionant anjan kien ġanni Borg li telaq mill-Korp tal-Pulizija fl-1948 wara li serva għal madwar 26 sena. ġanni Borg ġie preżentat b'arma tal-Pulizija mwaħħla fuq biċċa rħam ta' Malta.

Wara diñ il-laqgħa kien bosta li sabuna u qalulna biex din il-laqgħa tibqa' ssir kull sena u li kienu lesti anke jħall-su għaliha. Smajna bosta kumenti sħbi li nkora għgewna biex nerġgħu nagħmlu laqgħa simili sena oħra, iżda dwar dan nit-kellmu aktar 'il quddiem.

Waqt il-'Get-Together' tal-Penzjonanti



THE ROLE OF THE POLICE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY —

PREVENTIVE FUNCTION PART 11

by

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If you examine the situation in the population today you will find that, to a large degree, the class structure that I have just mentioned has practically disappeared and in its place has developed the philosophy that those that have the most material things are higher in the structure of society. In other words the family with the biggest car and the best house, the biggest deep freeze, the nicest refrigerator, the most sophisticated automatic washing machine or washing up machine has established itself, through material benefits, as being better than the neighbours who might not have such sophisticated equipment.

This principle applies irrespective of the profession or occupation of individuals. The importance that people now place on acquiring material benefits, has produced an overwhelming desire for both the husband and the wife to go out to work to earn as much money as they can. Principally there is nothing wrong in husband and wife striving hard to better the family circumstances but the absence of both parents, at the crucial times of the day, has frequently meant that a child has been left to its own devices and has consequently not had the right degree of supervision and care at the time when it is most needed. This has frequently resulted in children, either through devilement or boredom, drifting into areas of crime.

Often when things at school have not been going too well they have been able to go absent from school without anyone seeming to care. When they are absent from school they automatically fall into the areas where they are most vulnerable to crime. Truancy, as absence from school is called, is so frequently an ingredient of criminality in young people.

Many changes in the educational system in Great Britain have not helped the schools or the education

authorities to discharge their responsibilities to young people. Due to the advance in educational standards, it has been thought right and proper to increase the curriculum available for pupils. Whilst the reasons for changing the educational system may be sound, in order to introduce it there have been some disadvantages, particularly the fact that the schools in question may not be purpose built. In order to take part in different subjects, children may have to travel from one building to another, often quite considerable distances apart.

This means that the opportunities for them to go absent from school have increased. At the same time, the difficulties that face teachers in constantly having to take a roll call of those present have proved impracticable.

In looking at the juvenile crime picture, one has at the same time to examine the attitudes of the adult population. Many adult people in Great Britain hold the view that young people today are not as well behaved as they were 30 or more years ago.

Children are often openly condemned by adults because of their lack of standards. What the adult people seem to fail to recognise is that if their conduct when they were young was better it was certainly not due to their own particular attributes but was largely because their parents ensured that their conduct was acceptable at all times.

The fact that the conduct of children today leaves so much to be desired is a greater reflection on the parents today than it is on the children themselves. When a crime rate is rising (and I would suspect that the same picture applies in many other countries) then the people who are at fault

are the parents, the teachers the church, society in general and the police service.

It is worth mentioning for a few moments, outside of the religious context, the part that the church played in society some years ago. At a time when entertainment in the form of television and cinemas was not so prevalent, the church played an important role, not only in a religious context, but also as the centre of a community and the provider of entertainment in the wider sense. I realise that the various denominations are conscious of the fact that they have not kept pace with the changes in society.

The availability of television in practically every household in the country has brought many benefits. People are generally better informed about a considerable number of topics of interest. However, television has, by the same token, brought many evils into the minds of young people.

Producers of television programmes have frequently used the media to bring to the notice of the public aspects of crime from the criminals' point of view. It is not unknown for them to show the details of a skilled burglar's activities and it necessarily follows that from time to time they must have stimulated the interests of some people to take part in crime because it has all the ingredients of excitement and challenge. It can also be so rewarding. Years ago, it was said that crime did not pay because the chances of detection were high. Today, even in the very good places, the detection rate runs at only about 50%, so right from the beginning there is more than an even chance that any crime will go undetected. Society has failed to recognise that young people need challenges, they need excitement and they need to feel the sense of achievement.

Quite recently, in the North East England, celebrations have been marking the 250 years since Captain Cook set

sail to discover Australia. The fact that an Englishman should be so enterprising in going out into the world to discover other places is a characteristic that most people admire. The challenges that Captain Cook and many other people faced are the challenges needed by the young people of today. There are no new countries to discover, just about everything that can be achieved has been achieved. Young people, nevertheless, still feel the same desire to do something that is difficult and dangerous, every bit as much as Captain Cook did 250 years ago.

I feel that many young people who feel frustrated in this way turn to crime as an activity that produces challenge, excitement and a sense of achievement. It is the responsibility of society to ensure that it provides activities to create challenge, excitement and a sense of achievement outside the field of crime in order to relieve young people of frustration. It is significant that when the British Army faces times of difficulty and danger, the recruiting level runs at its highest.

This tends to support the fact that young people recognise the dangers but so desperately need the challenge. In the North East of England, there are a considerable number of "Potholes". These are underground caves where young people spend their leisure hours discovering new caverns and passage ways underneath the Earth's surface.

From time to time people get themselves in difficult and dangerous situations and this demands that the authorities set up rescue teams. It costs money to provide the rescue activities. Some responsible members of society object to providing money to rescue people who put themselves in danger.

Whilst I understand that point of view, nevertheless, I feel that it is far more sensible to provide money to get people out of dangers and encourage them to take part in such activities than to allow

children to drift into criminal acts as an alternative. It costs society much more in pain and suffering as well as financial terms when young people resort to crime.

In recent years a scheme called "The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme" has provided young people with many challenges. To obtain the highest award in that particular scheme young people must be exposed to dangers and survive. It teaches them self discipline to face the difficulties of life whilst providing challenge and achievement.

We must ask who is responsible for ensuring that young people are properly trained? Whose responsibility is it to teach young people that society, if it is going to exist peacefully, must have rules? I believe that the police of today are the leaders in society and should do every thing in their power to try to teach and guide young people in particular, so that they avoid criminality.

It is not enough for the police service to be responsible only for the detection of offences once they have been committed. In many areas of Great Britain new activities are taking place aimed at producing better behaviour in the young. I firmly believe that these are so worth while and I shall outline some of the areas where work has been successfully carried out. The new initiatives could be the key to many of the problems that we have faced in recent years. Whether it is ethically correct for the police to take on those responsibilities really matters not.

What is important is that by failing to take up the leadership we have not helped society as much as we can do. In order to achieve these things it will take time to change the entrenched attitudes of some police officers. How very much we have become indoctrinated with our detection role could easily be illustrated by a visit to any detective office in any British police station.

If you asked the detectives

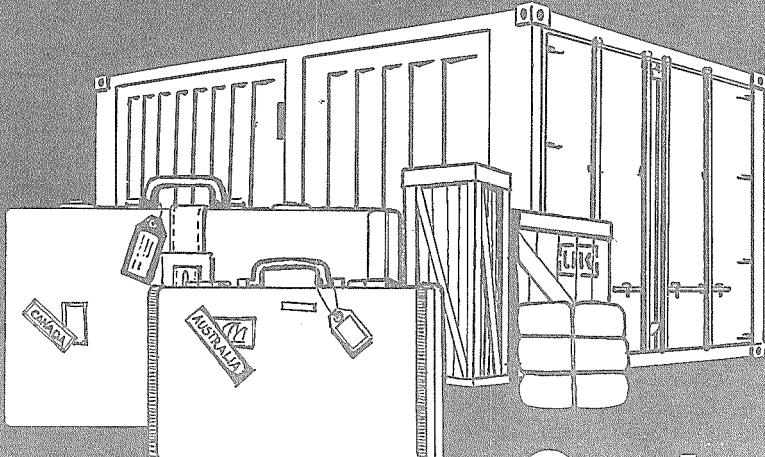
assembled there if they had a successful year and, assuming they had, you then asked them why it had been successful, they would probably say it was because the detection rate was better than before, that the number of people arrested was greater; and that the number of times they had been required to attend court had increased. They would constantly be "spelling out" a defensive detective element and rarely, if ever, would they say anything that would illustrate that they have done any work to prevent the crimes happening in the first place.

Involvement with Schools

I mentioned earlier the need for the police and the public to work in close harmony and the importance of the patrolling police officer to meet and speak with members of the public. Although, in recent times, the contact with the police and the public has diminished, it would be foolish to think that at one time it was ideal. Two years ago, a survey was carried out in part of a city in the South West of England which established that over 80% of the adult population had never personally spoken to a police officer in the previous year and many had never ever spoken to a policeman.

It clearly served to illustrate that adults tended to speak to policemen only if they were in some sort of trouble or their position in society led them to meet from time to time (e.g. friends, relatives, elected representatives, magistrates, teachers, leaders of industrial or private firms). It is fortunate that the city in question is a relatively good place to live and does not have a high crime rate by comparison to many other towns or cities of a similar population. It is not unreasonable to believe that about 80% of most urban populations have had no contact with the police in recent times.

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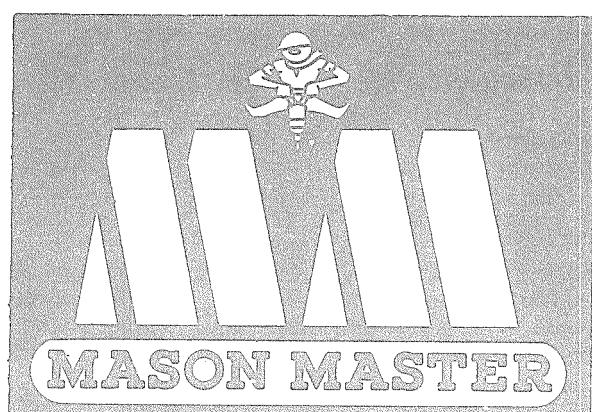
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Fid-19 ta' Jannar, 1979 il-Pulizija tat l-ahħar tislima lill-aktar Kuntistabbbi anzjan tal-Korp, Carmelo Pace, li ħallu din id-dinja fit-18 ta' Jannar.

Il-Kuntistabbbi Pace li għal-dawn l-ahħar snin kien xufer ta' l-Assistent Kummissarju, kien raġel bi kwalitajiet sbieħ ta' pulizija. L-indafa, l-ubbidjenza u l-ismarreżza li kellu kien juruk bniedem idejali għall-Korp.

Il-funeral ta' Pace beda ftit qabel id-9 ta' fil-ghodu tad-19 ta' Jannar mid-dar tiegħu għall-Knisja ta' San Gejtanu l-Hamrun fejn għiet concélébrata quddiesa minn ghaxar membri tal-kleru. Dan is-servizzi lit-turġiku ġie mmexxi mill-kleru ta' San Gejtanu l-Hamrun, il-Kappillan tal-Pulizija, xi ġiżwi u Saċerdoti oħra ħbieb tal-familja Pace.

Wara l-quddiesa l-kadavru tieħed għaċ-Ċimiterju ta' l-Ad-dolorata akkumpanjat minn bosta qraba, ħbieb, membri tal-Korp fosthom il-Kummissarju, l-Assistent Kummissarju A.M. Tommasi, fizzjali oħra tal-Korp u rappreżentanti ta' l-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija.

Kif rajna fil-funeral ta' preċiżiament sitt xħur ilu, jiġifieri dak ta' Long, il-kadavru ta' Pace ġie skortat mid-dar sal-Knisja u mill-Knisja saċ-Ċimiterju minn skwadra ta' muturi tat-traffiku.

Fiċ-ċimiterju kien mistenni li l-kadavru jittieħed safejn il-Kappella minn fejn jittieħed fuq il-qabar skortat minn kontingent ta' Pulizija, iżda minn habba l-maltemp, il-kadavru kellu jittieħed mill-ewwel safejn l-oqbra tal-Pulizija li kien mdawra bil-pulizija kif isir fiċ-ċeremonja tat-tberik ta' l-oqbra f'Novembru.



Waqt il-Quddiesa fil-Knisja ta' San Gejtanu, Hamrun

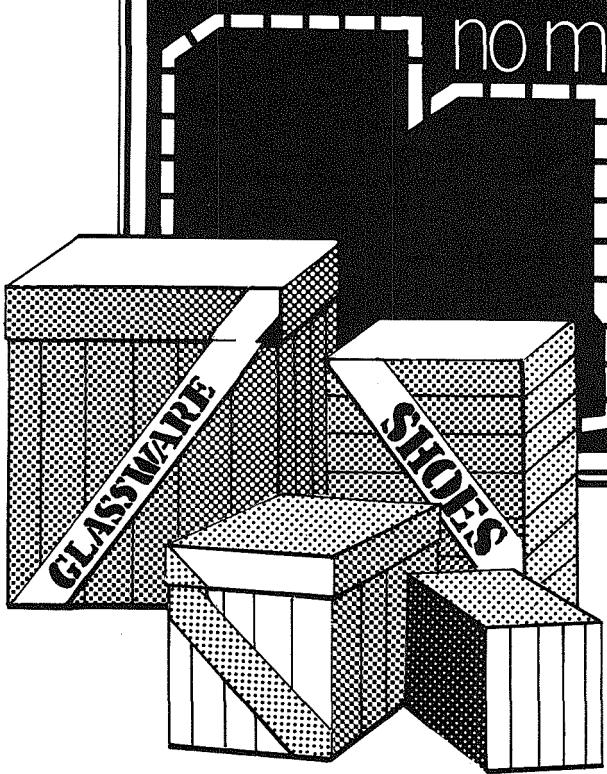
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Il-kuntistabbli Portelli huwa miżżevvweġ u joqgħod l-Għarb, Ghawdex. Huwa daħal fil-Korp tal-Pulizija f'Ottubru tal-1969. X'aktarx li Portelli huwa l-ewwel membru tal-Korp li messitu x-xorti li jirba l-ewwel premju ta' din il-lotterija. Minn dan il-magażin aħna nawguraw lis-Sinjur u s-Sinjura Portelli.

Ta' min isemmi wkoll li għat-tluġi ta' din il-lotterija kien hemm ukoll għall-ewwel darba l-Jazz Band tal-Pulizija u forsi kienet din il-Jazz Band li ġabet -ir-risq il-Kuntistabbli Portelli.

Ritratti: Il-Kuntistabbli Portelli mal-mara tiegħu.



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party daqqet il-Jazz Band tal-Pulizija.

Dak in-nhar tal-Party tat-tfal, fl-istess post jiġifieri fl-Oratorju Dun Bosco, il-Kunċ-ċtabbli Portelli jew aħjar is-Sur Portelli għaliex sakemm jaslulkom dawn il-keltemjn is-Sur Portelli jkun irtira mill-Korp, ta riċeviment għall-Pulizija ta' Ghawdex. Is-Sur Portelli, li kif taraw f'paġna oħra f'dan il-magażin, reba l-ewwel premju tal-lotterija nazzjonali ta dan ir-riċeviment lil shabu qabel irtira mill-Korp.

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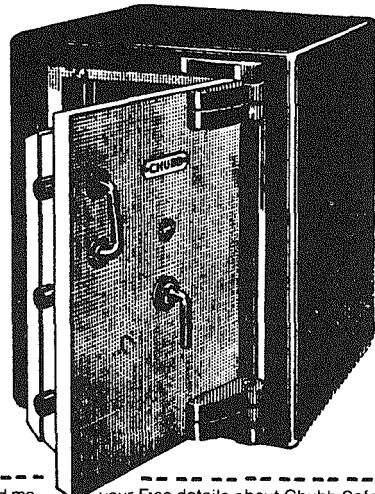
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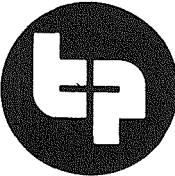
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juni ta' galaxies li jiffurmaw l-UNIVERS. Dan biex ikollkom ideja ta' kemm huwa immens l-UNIVERS.

Il-QAMAR huwa l-eqreb ġar tagħna. Jinsab 348,291 kilometri 'i bogħod mid-Dinja. Komparat ma' l-immensita' ta' l-ispazju, dan 'iļ bogħod huwa biss (kif jiġid il-Malti) daqs tefha ta' ġebla 'i bogħod. Il-QAMAR idur mad-Dinja mhux fċirku, iżda f'forma ovali msejha "ELLIPSE" li tfisser li d-distanza bejn u bejn id-dinja tvarja skond il-potizzjoni li jkun fiha l-QAMAR. Peress li l-QAMAR idur fuq l- "AXIS" tiegħi bejn wieħed u ieħor fl-istess hin li tieħu d-Dinja, aħna kważi dejjem naraw l-istess parti tiegħi. Fil-QAMAR m'hemm ATMOSFERA, hoss jew ħajja u l-GRAVITA' hija ferm anqas minn tad-Dinja.

Iċ-Čentru ta' kollox, fis-sistema SOLARI tagħna, hija x-XEMX. Id-dawl u s-shana tagħha jagħtu l-ħajja lil kult ma hemm fid-Dinja. Mingħajra kien hawn biss lejl fid-Dinja u lkoll konna mmutu mill-kesha. Ghalkemm hija tant importanti għalina, ix-XEMX ukoll hija sempliċiement Stilla oħra bhal miljuni oħra. Kieku x-XEMX u s-sistema SOLARI tagħha kelhom jisparixxu l-effett fuq l-UNIVERS ikun daqs kieku naqset still oħra. Bħal ma qed jiġi lill-istil l-oħra, ix-XEMX qeqħda bil-mod il-mod tiksaħ, u biljuni ta' biljuni ta' snin oħra għad ukoll tispicċa għal kollox.

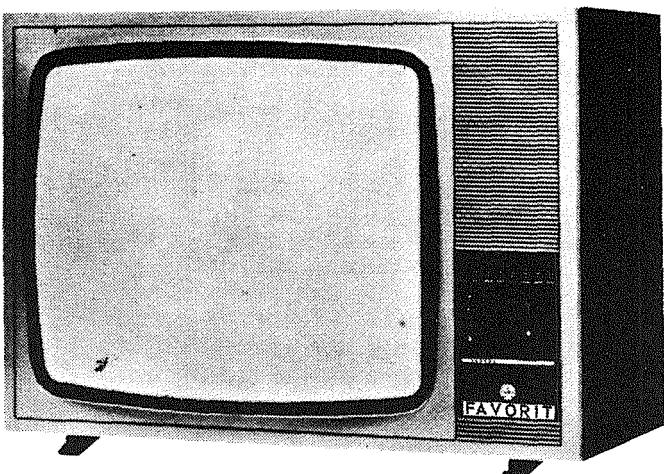
(Nispera li dan it-tagħrif ukoll issibuh interessanti. Min ikollu xi diffikulta' f'din il-materja, nieħu gost li nirrispondihi.



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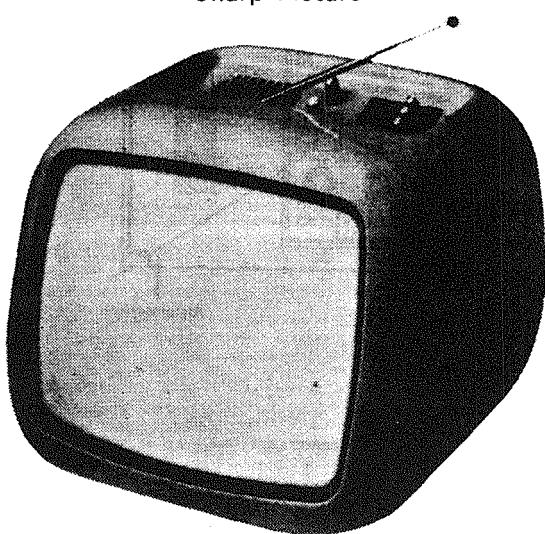


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WARA waqfien temporanju fl-ahhar ta' Novembru u fl-ewwel hmistax ta' Diċembru 1978, minħabba rehearsals konnessi mal-Parata ta' Jum ir-Repubblika, l-isportivi tagħna komplew bil-participazzjoni fil-leagues tal-Football u Basketball. S'issa huwa biss f'dawn iż-żewġ sports li l-isportivi tagħna huma attiv regolament. Nittama li fil-gejjjeni qarib, dejjem sakemm l-esigenzi tas-Servizz jippermettu, ikollna partiċipazzjoni mill-membri tagħna fi sport ieħor bhal Bodybuilding, Billiards/ Snooker, Darts, Table Tennis u oħrajin.

Pereżmpju, fil-każ tal-Bodybuilding, naf li għandna membri biżżejjed biex niffurmaw team verament qawwi li bih inkunu nistgħu nipparteċipaw f'Contests lokali li jsiru fi ħdan I-I.F.B.B. Dan jista' jkun possibbli jekk aktar membri, mhux biss George Abela, jithajjru jer-ġġu jibdew it-training bis-serjeta'. Dawk il-membri li huma interessaati huma mħeġġa jikkomunikaw mieghi jew ma George Abela, fil-Belt.

L-istess jista' jingħad għal sport ieħor ta' ġewwa, bħal dak li semmejt fuq, li ma jitlobbu wiśq sforz. Nittama li ma ndumux ma nibdew kompetizzjoni "open" tas-Snooker fuq il-mejda tal-Canteen biex b'hekk jingħata bidu għal partecipazzjoni tagħna anke f'dan l-isport sabiħ. Ta' bilfors ikollu nirritorna għal Football u Basketball biex intikom tagħrif dwar il-partecipazzjoni tat-teams tagħna.

FOOTBALL

Fi grupp "C" tal-League għad-Dipartimenti tal-Gvern u Korpi Para-Statali, it-team tagħna lagħab l-ewwel żewġ logħbiet li minnhom akkwista tlett punti, b'rebha u draw. L-ewwel logħba kienet kontra KNIGHTSHALL (PWD) li saret fil-Ground tal-Marsa u spiċċat b'rebha għat-team tagħna bl-iskor ta' 1—0. Kif jiġi f'l-ogħbiet li nilagħbu ma' teamijiet inferjur, il-players tagħna, fl-eċċitament li jkollhom biex jiksbu goal kmieni,

meta dan idum ma jasal, jef-fettwa ferm il-livell tal-logħob ta' ħom. U hekk ġara f'din il-logħba, ghaliex għalkemm konna suojerjuri għall-avversari, kien biss goal li ġie tard fit-tieni taqsima li tana ż-żewġ punti.

Fit-tieni logħba li saret fil-ground ta' Manoel Island nhar l-Erbgħa, 3.1.79, kontra t-team tas-Spinning and Weaving, li huwa wieħed mill-ahjar teams fil-grupp, għalkemm ma rba-hni, il-players tagħna lagħbu ferm ahjar mill-ewwel logħba biex finalment, rizultat ta' draw (0—0) kien wieħed gust u għalina kien punt mirbuh meta l-avversari riedu bilfors rebħa biex iżommu fl-ewwel post tal-klassifika.

Il-logħob li kien immissna nil-ħabu meta kont nipprepara dan l-artiklu kienu kontra l-Engineer Instrument, nhar is-16 ta' Jannar u kontra l-Mid-Med Bank u l-logħba li tagħlaq l-ewwel round kontra EMW Kirkop. Ta' min isemmi wkoll il-logħba tajba li t-team tagħna lagħab kontra Selezzjoni tal-Lukandi fl-Istadium nhar id-19 ta' Diċembru 1978 li spiċċat fi draw ta' 1—1.

TKOMPLI P.20



Profil

Dan ix-xahar, il-Profil Sportiv huwa riservat għall-ahwa Mallia. Fit-team tagħna bħali issa hemm tlett aħwa li huma Joe, Lawrence u Mario, it-tlieta li huma players prominenti fl-għażla tagħna. L-ahwa Mallia ġejjin minn familja verament sportiva u f'din il-familja hemm aktar players ta' ġċertu livell. Joe u Lorry ilhom żmien twil jiffurmaw parti mit-team tagħna waqt li għal Mario dan huwa l-ewwel stagħġun fit-team tal-Pużiżja. Il-preferenza ta' dawn it-tlekk aħwa toħloq rekord fl-istorja sportiva tagħna u dan ir-rekord mhux faċċi li jiġi mtejjeb. Barra milli jiffurmaw parti mit-team magħżul, Joe għamel żmien jilgħab għat-team tas-CID/SII filwaqt li Lorry għamel l-istess fit-team tas-Sliema Dist. Mardha fil-Korp ftit xhur ilu u huwa eliġibbli li jilgħab għat-team tan-No. 1 Dist. meta l-league tad-Distretti jkun organizzat.

Fir-ritratt, l-ahwa Mallia jid-hru mal-korrispondent tagħkom qabel l-ewwel logħba li t-team magħżul tagħna kelleu kontra t-team tan-KNIGHTSHALL (PWD).

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□ Fil-lejl tal-14/15 ta' Diċembru, 1978 il-Pulizija kellha tuża l-arma tan-nar fil-bżonn att-wali ta' difiżza leġittima meta halliel armat hebb għal Kuntistabbi 1131 Alfred Attard.

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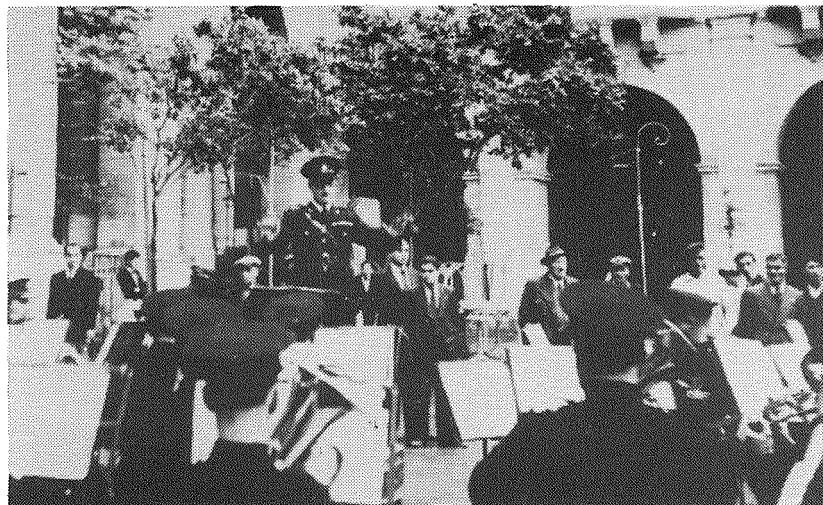
Logħba oħra ta' min isemmi, fuq nota differenti kienet dik li saret bejn I-Uffiċjali u I-Other Ranks (Veterani) fix-Xagħra tal-Furjana fil-21 ta' Diċembru, 1978 li spicċat 1—0 favur I-Other Ranks. Din kienet logħba organizzata fil-ġraġ net ta' festi bil-hsieb li sservi biex tinżamm armorija bejn ir-rankijiet u fil-fatt ir-nexxiet hafna tant li għandha tinżamm logħba bħala annwa.

BASKETBALL

It-team tagħna tal-Basketball kompla bit-thejjija u partecipazzjoni fil-kamp lokali u kellu dawn il-logħbiet.

Nhar it-2 ta' Jannar 1979, logħba ta' hbiberija kontra Paola Wolves li t-team tagħna tilef 64—96. Naturalment dan it-team li jinsab fit-Tieni Diviżjoni għandu livell aqwa minn tagħna. Logħbiet ma' teams bħal dawn iservuna biex nit-hejjew aktar għall-impenji kompetitivi li jkunu gejjin. Nhar is-6 ta' Jannar 1979 kella mbagħad il-ħogħba mɔr-tanti tal-league kontra Blue Bell li tlifna 35—46. Kif juri l-iskor, il-logħba kienet ferm kumbattuta u kienet logħba li bi ftit aktar attenzjoni stajna rbaħna. Nistennew issa l-ahħar logħba ta' l-ewwel round kontra Sabras li nittamaw li nir-bhu biex inżommu postna fl-ewwel postijiet tal-klassifika. Infakkar li dan il—"Promotion League" fih żewġ rounds u l-ewwel tnejn li jispicċċaw fil-klassifika, sena oħra jidħlu fil-League Nazzjonali tat-Tielet Diviżjoni.

MILL-IMGHODDI



BIEX inkomplu aktar fuq il-lotterija nazzjonali, għal dan ix-xahar għażiż ritratt tal-Banda tal-Pulizija waqt it-tluu ħażi. Dan ir-ritratt ġie meħud fl-1 ta' Jannar, 1950 f'Misraħ ir-Reġina I-Belt Valletta. Dak inħar il-banda kienet taħt it-treġija tas-Surmast Carmelo Brincat.