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IL-PULIZIJA

PREZENTAZZJONI TA STANDARDI LILL-PULIZIJA

It-13 ta' Diċembru, 1977 għandu jibqa' jum ta' tifkira għall-Korp tal-Pulizija, għaliex f'din il-ġurnata ġie ppreżentat b'żewġ standardi mill-President tar-Repubblika.

Iċ-ċerimonja tal-preżentazzjoni saret f'Misraħ San Ġorġ, il-Belt Valletta għall-ħabta tal-11 a.m. fejn attendew bosta persuni distinti kif ukoll membri tal-Korp. Hija verament ħasra li għal okkażjoni unika bħal din ma kienx possibbli li jattendi kull membru tal-Korp.

Iċ-ċerimonja bdiet billi Kontinġent tal-Pulizija, li kien jikkonsisti f'żewġ skwadri u l-Banda tal-Pulizija, daħlu f'Misraħ San Ġorġ wara li mmarċjaw minn Triq ir-Repubblika. Mal-wasla tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, dan ġie mogħti 'General Salute' u ftit tal-ħin wara, wasal l-Eċċellenza Tiegħu Mons. Arċisqof E. Mercieca. Mal-wasla tal-President tar-Repubblika, dan ġie mogħti 'General Salute' u ndaqq l-Innu Malti. Wara li l-President spezzjona l-Kontinġent, tmien 'drummers' poġġew it-tnabar tagħhom f'nofs il-Pjazza. Żewġ Surġenti Maġġuri ħargu mill-Palazz bl-Istandardi mgħottija u wara li ġew mikxufa, tpoġġew mifruxin isserħu fuq it-tnabar f'nofs il-misraħ.

Il-Kummissarju mbagħad talab lill-Eċċellenza Tiegħu Mons. Arċisqof, li kien akkumpanjat mill-Kappillan tal-Pulizija, Dun Fortunat Cachia, biex jitlob il-barka t'Alla tinżel fuq l-istandardi. Wara li dawn ġew imbierka, il-Kummissarju talab lill-President tar-Repubblika biex jippreżenta l-Istandardi. Il-President qabel ippreżenta l-Istandardi qal: "Hija x-xewqa tiegħi li l-Pulizija żżomm il-ġieħ taż-żewġ standardi, il-ġieħ tas-servizz tagħhom u l-ġieħ tan-Nazzjon."

Il-President imbagħad ippreżenta ż-żewġ Standardi lil żewġ Spetturi. L-Ispettur D. Balzan ġie ppreżentat bl-Istandard li fih l-arma tal-Pulizija fuq il-kuluri ta' Malta. L-Ispettur A. Abela ġie ppreżentat bl-istandard l-ieħor, jiġifieri, dak tal-Pulizija. Iż-żewġ Spetturi wara ħadu posthom fin-nofs tal-Kontinġent billi mmarċjaw bi 'slow march' fil-waqt li ndaqq l-Innu Malti. Il-President imbagħad ingħata 'Three Cheers' mill-Kontinġent. Fl-aħħarnett il-Kontinġent, bl-Istandardi fin-nofs flimkien ma' l-iskorta ta' l-Istandardi, immarċjaw minn Triq ir-Repubblika.

Tifkira għażiża għall-Korp meta wieħed jiftakar li dawn iż-żewġ Standardi kellhom jiġu ppreżentati minn President ta' Nazzjon li darba serva fil-Korp tal-Pulizija.

L-E.T. Mons. Arcisqof E. Mercieca jbierek l-istandardi. (aktar ritratti f'p 19 u 20)

EDITORJAL

IL-KODIĊI KRIMINALI — XEWQA MAQTUGHA

Sabiex tinqata' x-xewqa tal-membri tal-Pulizija u ħafna oħrajn fost il-pubbliku, l-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Pulizija ħadet ħsieb li tippubblika l-Kodiċi Kriminali. Dan il-ktieb huwa ta' ħtieġa kbira għall-Pulizija, għall-Avukati u anke ta' interess għal ħafna oħrajn.

L-istampar u l-preżentazzjoni ta' dan il-ktieb huwa ta' livel tajjeb ħafna u l-qoxra tal-ktieb hija reżistibbli. Dan il-ktieb li huwa stampat bl-Ingliż u bil-Malti huwa emendat sa l-aħħar ta' Novembru, 1976.

Kienet ix-xewqa tagħna li nżommu l-prezz baxx kemm jista' jkun u meta tqis il-kwalita' tal-ktieb kif diġa' ssemma' u l-benefiċċju tiegħu tara li l-prezz hu raġonevoli ħafna.

Hija x-xewqa tagħna li l-membri kollha tal-Korp jkollhom f'idejhom dan il-ktieb għaliex dan mhux qiegħed kif jaħsbu xi wħud għall-ispetturi biss. Dan jgħina fix-xogħol tagħna u jpoġġilna quddiem għajnejna l-passi ta' kif għandna nimxu waqt il-qadi ta' dmirijietna. Dan il-ktieb għandu jżid is-sodisfazzjon li jkun fost il-kotba li wieħed jgħożż.

Għall-pubbliku, dan għandu jservi bħala gwida ta' kif il-Pulizija taqdi d-dmirijiet tagħha u kif jiġi pproteġut iċ-ċittadin. Minn dan il-ktieb, il-pubbliku jsir jaf ħafna reati u l-pieni tagħhom.

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MILL-ASSOCIATION

Entertainment

Din is-sena l-Association ħadet ħsieb biex l-entertainment li kien isir matul iż-żmien tal-Milied, jiġifieri l-parties għat-tfal tal-membri tal-Korp u l-Ballu, jsiru bħal ma kien qed isir fl-imgħoddi. Is-sena l-oħra dawn ma sarux minħabba xi ċirkostanzi, iżda din is-sena ġie approvat mill-Kummissarju li dawn isiru.

Kull diviżjoni jew sezzjoni ġiet mitluba taħtar rappreżentanti biex jorganizzaw il-parties għat-tfal u l-Association minn naħa tagħha ħatret Entertainment Committee li barra milli ħa ħsieb il-Ballu, ħa ħsieb ukoll li jlaqqa' r-rappreżentanti li għażlu d-diviżjonijiet bl-iskop li l-parties isiru f'dati separati.

Fil-bidu kien hemm il-ħsieb li dawk li ma jixtiequx jattendu għal dawn il-parties, jieħdu sehem f'lotterija li tiġi organizzata mill-Entertainment Committee ta' l-Association. Iżda dan ma sarx u fil-laqgħa tal-Kumitat li saret fis-26 ta' Novembru, 1977 ġie deċiż li dawk li ma jattendux għall-parties jiġu mogħtija flixkun Whisky u jieħdu sehem ukoll f'lotterija. Dan seta jsir għaliex ġie appruvat kemm mill-Kummissarju kif ukoll mill-Association li mill-General Fund tingħata lira għal kull membru tal-Korp u mill-Association Fund jingħata l-istess ammont, għaldaqstant kull membru tal-Korp ġie mogħti jew żewġ liri (dawk li jippreferew party) jew flixkun whisky u peress li dan ma swiex żewġ liri, bid-differenza saret din il-lotterija.

Dwar il-Ballu, din is-sena kien il-ħsieb li jsir mingħajr telf bl-iskop li ma joħorġux flus mill-Association Fund. Għaldaqstant minħabba l-ispejjeż li jinvolvi dan il-Ballu, din is-sena l-prezzijiet tax-xorb kellhom jgħolew għalkemm sar kull sforz biex dawn ma jgħolewx iż-żejjed.

L-EXTRA

Kif intqal fil-ħarġa tal-magazine ta' Diċembru, waqt l-ewwel laqgħa tal-Kumitat ta' l-Association, il-Kummissarju, fost affarijiet oħra qal li r-roster a' l-Extra għandha tinżamm f'post fejn kull membru tal-Korp ikun jista' jarha.

Kien hemm postijiet fejn dan diġa' beda jsir, iżda peress li dan ma sarx minn kulħadd, l-Association kitbet lill-Kummissarju fejn talbitu sabiex dan jiġi applikat mid-diviżjonijiet u sezzjonijiet kollha. Il-Kummissarju laqgħa din it-talba u ftit ġranet wara ħarġet iċ-ċirkolari dwar l-extra. Hawnhekk nixtiequ nuru l-apprezzament tagħna għaliex qabel ma ħarġet din iċ-ċirkolari, ġew mitluba l-veduti tagħna. Nittamaw li dan jibqa' jsir fil-futur. Fost affarijiet oħra, aħna tlabna sabiex il-Pulizija jitħallsu fl-iqsar żmien possibbli u dan bi pjaċir ninnotaw li ġie milqugħ.

VACATION LEAVE

Sakemm kien qed jitħejja dan l-artiklu, ma kien għadu ħareġ xejn rigward il-Vacation Leave, iżda huwa ttamat li toħroġ ċirkulari fejn jiġi spjegat kif għandhom japplikaw l-4 ġimgħat leave kif intqal fiċ-ċirkulari OMP 37/77.

PRESS RELEASE maħruġa mid-Dipartiment tal-Informazzjoni nhar il-Ġimgħa, 25 ta' Novembru, 1977 rigward l-Extra fl-Istadium.

ŻIEDA FIL-PREZZ TAD-DĦUL FL-ISTADIUM

Fi stqarrija maħruġa għall-istampa l-Malta Football Association iddikjarat li kellhom jogħlew il-prezzijiet tad-dħul fl-Istadium għal-logħob tal-football minħabba żieda fil-ħlas tal-'extra' tal-Pulizija. Intqal ukoll li fl-istaġun 1976/77 l-ammont ta' ħlas għall-'extra' lill-Pulizija kien ta' £M4,000 u li ż-żieda se ttella' l-figura għall-£M11,000.

Il-fatti huma dawn: L-ispiża li ħallset l-MFA is-sena l-oħra kienet ta' £M3,150 u mhux £M4,000. L-ispiża bir-rati l-ġodda titla' madwar £M6,500 u mhux £M11,000 kif qalet l-MFA.

Wieħed irid jifhem li l-MFA ma tħallasx għall-pulizija kollha li jmorru l-ground, imma tħallas għal mhux aktar minn 40 fil-mija. Jiġifieri jekk il-ground ikun hemm 30 pulizija, l-MFA għal 12 biss tħallas 'extra'. It-18 l-oħra jħallashom il-Gvern. Dan il-Gvern jagħmlu biex jgħin il-football f'Malta. Ħafna drabi jkun hemm iżjed Pulizija maħruġin mill-Gvern u għalhekk il-proporzjon imħallas mill-MFA jonqos. Għeli l-MFA ma ħallsitx aktar minn 25 fil-mija.

Bħalma ġara drabi oħra l-prezz tad-dħul fil-ground għola bla ma ġie mogħti permess mill-Gvern.

Li ma ntqalx fl-istqarrija ta l-MFA huwa illi l-aħħar li ġew riveduti r-rati tal-ħlas tal-pulizija kien fl-1968, meta għollew il-prezz tad-dħul.

Iżda minn dak inhar 'il hawn il-prezz tad-dħul għola aktar minn darba waqt li r-rati tal-ħlas tal-Pulizija m'għolew qatt.

MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION

Il-kontribuzzjonijiet tal-Mutual Help Association tax-xahar ta' Jannar, 1978, kienu għall-familji ta' l-imsemmija ex-membri tal-Korp:—

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Drug Abuse by Alan Jackson, RAF Drug Squad

In today's society, where drugs are becoming more and more acepted as a part of the social way of life, it is important for the Police Officer to be able to recognise both the drug abuser and the drugs themselves. In previous articles we have discussed the various drugs of abuse, the signs and symptons of their abuse, and the associated withdrawal symptoms; however, the search for, and recognitoin of the drugs themselves is probably the most difficult problem that he is faced with.

There are many ways in which a drug abuser may come into contact with the Police. The Police Oficer may well find drugs, or evidence of their use, during a routine check or in the course of an arrest for a totally unconnected offence. He may actually see a person taking drugs or find evidence of unusual behaviour, indicative of the use. In each of these cases it is necessary for him to establish a number of points:—

a. Does the suspect have drugs in his possession?

b. What are the drugs and where did they come from?

c. Is the possession of the drugs legal or not?

d. Has the suspect taken doses of the drug(s)?

METHODS OF HIDING OR DISGUISING DRUGS

Very often — from the criminals point of view — the best hiding place proves to be the simplest. Instead of hollowing out the heel of his shoe he will carry the drugs in the toe of his shoe. One popular way to carry drugs is to keep them in an old prescription bottle, in consequence, bottles with worn or dirty labels should be treated with caution. Amongst the many hiding places commonly used are the bottom of cigarette packets, the cigarettes are cut short and to the casual glance the packet apears normal. Drugs may also be found in fountain pens, cigarette lighters, torches, toothpaste and lipstick tubes from which the original contents have been completely or partially removed. Tables and capsules may be folded into letters, handkerchiefs, personal papers, books or newspapers. Occasionally drugs may be dissolved in innocent looking liquids.

There are literally thousands of drugs on the market. Some require a prescription, but many do not. Prescription drugs can normally only be obtained from a Pharmacy, however some doctors, especially those in isolated areas, often dispense drugs direct to their patients, rather than issue prescriptions.

If a person who is found in possession of drugs states that he has them legally, for the treatment of a medical condition, questions similar to the following will quickly confirm or invalidate his story.

a. Doctors name. This should appear on the prescription label and can be verified by contacting the doctor concerned.

b. Name of Pharmacy.

c. Prescription date. Record of issue will be held by the Pharmacist.

d. Dosage. Check the number of tablets/capsules, or amount of liquid in the bottle against the amount and dosage issued.

e. Is the medicine/tablets the same as the one prescribed, or is the bottle merely being used to transport another drug. Check with the Pharmacist or have analysed.

In Malta, all Controlled Drugs prescribed by a Doctor are entered daily in a Register, showing the doctors name, the drug prescribed and the amount issued. The container itself is labelled, showing the name of the drug, the date issued. The amount issued and the Pharmacists name and address.

It is of the greatest importance that a Police Officer be sure of himself before taking a drug from a suspect. This is particularly true if the suspect is to be detained in cells. It is possible that the drug could be vital to the suspects health and possibly his life, i.e. Insulin for the diabetic, nitroglycerine tablets for a person suffering with heart trouble. If there is any doubt in the Police Officers mind, the suspect should be medically examined at the earliest opportunity.

THE DRUG ABUSER IN CONFINEMENT

Special precautions are necessary for jailed drug abusers. To the drug abuser, (particularly the Narcotic abuser or addict) the most important thing in the world is his need for the drug and he will go to extraordinary lengths to satisfy his craving. Anything sent to him from 'outside' must be examined and contact with visitors must be supervised. Once a drug abuser establishes a source of supply, he may spread drugs through the confinement area.

Following the arrest of a person, known to be, or suspected of abusing or carrying drugs a 'skin-search' is necessary. The drug abuser is generally very skilful in concealing his supplies. Two officers should be present for the search. The suspect's clothing should be carefully searched and his entire body surface examined, including the soles of the feet, hair, ampits and inside the prisoners mouth. A doctor will be required to search all body openings and any surgical dressings which the prisoner or suspect may have.

Drug abusers often conceal their supplies within body opening, including the sinus passages of the nose and one of the commonest methods is to swallow the drugs whilst they are contained within a balloon for later recovery. To date the record for the amount of drugs carried at one time in this way stands at 55 balloons containing a total of 3½ lbs of Heroin.

A WORD OF WARNING

If a person arrested for possession of drugs needs them, (for medical reasons) — make sure he gets them.

If he doesn't — make sure he **can't** get them.

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minn Alex Bonnici OFM Conv.

Waqt li bosta fostna m'għaqnomx marbutin mad-drawwiet reliġjużi ta' missirijietna, ilkoll għadna u nibqgħu nħossu sens ta' ħniena u mħabba lejn dawk li huma batuta. M'għandniex għax nistgħaġbu meta naraw bnedmin li ma jridux jafu b'reliġjon u l-istess ħin jittaħru li jkunu lesti biex jagħtu għajnuna 'l min ikollu bżonn. L-esperjenza tgħallimna li dak li jgħidu ma jkunx kliem fieragħ Hu minnu li l-imħabba lejn għajrna tiġbidna anki mingħajr ma naħsbu f'Alla. Meta nara li xi bniedem jintrefa' mill-miżerja minħabba dak li jien għamilt miegħu, inħoss qalbi mfarrġa.

Madankollu, xi opri tajba baqgħu ma ftehmux tajjeb mill-bnedmin; innuqqas ta' xi dmirijiet gravi għadu ma bediex jinqeż il-kuxjenza ta' ħafna minna. Fost l-oħrajn, kull min tgħallem isuq għadu ma fehemx li hu responsabbli tal-ħajja ta' dawk li magħhom jiltaqa'. Jekk bi ħtija tiegħek, minħabba s-sewqan żejjed u traskurat tiegħek, int ġibt il-mewt fuq xi bniedem, aktarx li l-fantasma tal-bniedem maqtul tibqa' dejjem tidher quddiem għajnejk. Għal żmien twil u forsi għal ħajtek kollha tibqa' tħoss qalbek magħfusa għal dak li għamilt.

Matul ix-xahar ta' Novembru, meta int ma' niesek tmur iżżur xi ċimiterju, agħti daqqa ta' għajn lejn l-oqbra; minqux fuqhom, int ta' sikwit taqra li dan u dak il-bniedem miet b'disgrazzja fit-triq; mietu f'waqt li ma kienux jistennewh; mietu forsi fl-aqwa ta' ħajjithom; mietu tant drabi meta ħafna bnedmin oħra kien għad għandhom bżonnhom! Trid int terfa' fuq spallejk responsabbilta' għal din? Aħna l-bnedmin, ħafna drabi, ma nitgħallmux mill-iżbalji ta' ħaddieħor lgħidu li l-istorja hi l-għalliema tal-ħajja. Imma ma nafx kemm hawn li tgħallmu mill-iżbalji ta' ħaddieħor. Ħa'na bnedmin ma jitgħallmux ħlief bl-iżbalji tagħhom infushom. Ħafna sewwieqa ma jitgħa'lmux ħlief meta jagħmlu xi żball li ma jistax jissewwa iżjed. Il-qtil li qiegħed isir bla waqfien fit-toroq tagħna, sakemm ma jsirx minna stess, jibqa' ma jimpressjonaniex ħlief għal ftit sigħat.

Is-soċjeta' nfisha ma ħarsitx biżżejjed id-drittijiet tal-ħajja tal-bniedem Meta pulizija tat-traf'iku ma jeħodhiex bl-aħrax ma' dawk li jsuqu żżejjed, ifisser li huma jkunu qegħdin jittraskuraw il-ħajja ta' tant bnedmin li s-soċjeta' riedet tafda f'idejhom; dan ifisser ukoll li huma ikunu qegħdin jitħallsu minn fuq dahar il-poplu mingħajr ma jfittxu l-interessi tiegħu. Meta stat isawwar liġijiet li ftit jew xejn ibeżżgħu 'l min jsuq iżżejjed, ifisser li l-ħajja ma hix imħarsa biżżejjed. Meta mħallef 'il-Qorti ma jwaħħalx il-ħatjin ħlief ftit xelini jew xi artiklu 23, jkun qiegħed indirettament igħid lis-sewwieq; "Suq Suq kemm tifla̅ħ għaliex, sakemm ma toqtolx għax trid int, ħadd ma jista' jitfgħek il-ħabs"! Imma jekk int bniedem ta' kuxjenza u taf tirrif.etti ftit, ma taħsibx li tkun qtilt għax ridt, meta tkun taf tajjeb li stajt ma qtiltx?

Id-dmir tiegħek lejn ħaddieħor mhux biss meta int tarah batut. Int trid tifhem li għandek ħares lill-ħaddieħor anki meta hu għadu b'saħħtu. Ħtija ta' bnedmin li m'għandhomx sens ta' responsabbilta', il-bniedem maqtul għandu mnejn jintbagħat quddiem Alla bittoqol ta' dnubietu mingħajr ma jkollu ċans jindem minnhom.

Tiġix tgħidli li ..ħajtek qatt ma kienet sejra ttajrek xi karozza! Jekk tgħidli hekk, jien inwieġbek li int ftit jew xejn taqbeż l għatba ta' darek! Jekk int ilek żmien twil issuq, ma nafx kemm tista' tgħidli li qatt ma l-qajt ma' xi inċident tat-traffiku! Il-ħbit tal-karozzi tant nisimgħu bih illi m'għadux jimpressjonana iżjed. Meta naqraw fil-gurnali li ħabtu xi karozzi u korrew in-nies, inħossu li dak il-qari ideijaqna u aktarx ngħidu: "Iva dawn il-gurnali dejjem listess idejbu?" Ir-ripetizzjoni ta' l-istess affarijiet fil-gurnali suppost li trabbi fina kuxjenza biex nevitaw disgrazzji bħal dawn; imma lanqas igħaddielna minn moħħna!

Nagħtu daqqa ta' għajn lejn ġnus oħrajn Fi Franza, hemm ħabta f'kull minuta, 307 midruba fis-sigħa, u 39 mejtin kull jum. Fl-Italja, l-aċċidenti tat-toroq jaqbżu t-300,000 fis-sena: fihom madwar 12,000 jisfaw mejta u 250,000 midruba.

Għandna f'idejna statistiċi dwar l-Amerika. Fl-1968, 55,000 sfaw maqtulin fl-aċċidenti tat-traffiku. Minn mindu daħal is-sewqan tal-karozzi fl-Amerka, iktar minn miljun u seba' mitt elf temmew ħajjithom maqtulin fit-toroq. Dan in-numru jfisser li l-inġenji tas-sewqan ikkaġunaw imwiet iktar milli ġara fil-gwerer kollha li minnhom għaddiet l-Amerika!

Dan ta' l-Amerika għall-Ġappun m'huwa xejn! L-aċċidenti li jiġru f'dan il-pajjiż huma relattivament erba' darbiet daqs ta' l-Amerika! Li kieku l-Ġappuniżi kellhom isuqu tant inġenji daqs l-Amerikani, huma kien ikollhom 200,000 mejjet fis-sena!

Għadd kbir ta' disgrazzji anki fl-Olanda u fil-Finlandja. L-aċċidenti ta' dawn il-ġnus huma relattivament tliet darbiet daqs dawk ta' l-Amerika Il-Ġermanja u Franza għandhom id-doppju ta' l-Amerika.

Kullimkien it-traffiku żejjed sar il-kaġun ta' ħafna mwiet.

XI NGĦIDU MIS-SEWQAN ŻEJJED TAL-MALTIN?

Lis-sewwieqa tagħna m'aħniex sejrin neħqulnom b'idejhom għaliex jekk f'Malta ma jsirux tant disgrazzji daqs postijiet oħra, il-mertu mhux tagħhom. L-esperti tat-traffiku f'Malta qegħdin jilmentaw li l-liċenzji qegħdin jingħataw 'il-ħafna li m'humiex imħejjija biżżejjed.

F'Malta, sewwieq ma jistax isuq ħafna lanqas jekk irid. L-għadd tal-karozzi kiber bla tarf. Waqt li fis-sena 1966, il-liċenzji kienu jaslu san-numru 46381, u fis-sena 1967 san-numru 53477, fis-sena 1968 huma kienu 58488 Naturalment dan ma jikkorrispondix man-numru tal-karozzi li jinsabu fil-gżira għaliex in-numri l-qodma ħafna drabi ma jiġux ripetuti. Fis-sena 1961, kellna f'Malta 26,8?0 mezzi tas-sewqan li għandhom bżonn tal-liċenzja. Sas-sena 1967, in-numru kien tela' sa 40,?09.

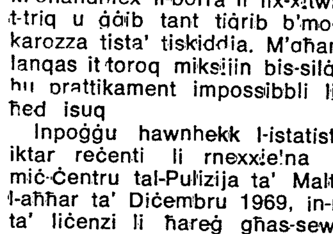
Il-qatgħiela tat-toroq, anki fostna, ħafna drabi jeħilsuha ħafif. Xi drabi l-ħtija tkun kompletament tagħhom għaliex, minbarra s-sewqan żżejjed, huma ġie li jkunu anki fis-sakra. F'każi bħal dawn, anki s-sentenza ta' ħabs, hi ħafifa żżejjed.

L-aċċidenti tas-sena 1961 kienu 587; imma fis-sena 1967 huma waslu sa 781 Minn dawn is-781 — 241 passiġġier ta' fuq il-karozzi, 291 sewwieqa, u 249 nies tat-toroq.

Matul is-sena 1967, dawk li f'Malta ltaqgħu mal-mewt fit-triq min ħabba l-inġenji tas-sewqan kienu 24. Dan in-numru hu żgħir jekk aħna nxebbħuh ma' dak ta' ġnus oħra. Id-diffikultajiet li magħhom niltaqgħu fit-toroq huma ta' vantaġġ għall-istess sewwieq. Barra minn dawk li semmejna aktar 'il fuq, aħna ma niltaqgħux mal-problemi ta' artijiet oħrajn, It-toroq tagħna jibqgħu ftit jew xejn tajbin matul is-sena kollha. M'għandniex il-borra li fix-xitwa tiksi t-triq u ġġib tant tiġrib b'mod li l-karozza tista' tiskiddja. M'għandniex lanqas it-toroq miksijin bis-silġ li fih hu prattikament impossibbli li wieħed isuq

Inpoġġu hawnhekk l-istatistika l-iktar reċenti li rnexxielna nġibu miċ-Ċentru tal-Pulizija ta' Malta. Sa l-aħħar ta' Diċembru 1969, in-numru ta' liċenzi li ħareġ għas-sewwieqa laħaq 59,326. In-numru ta' liċenzi għall-inġenji tas-sewqan laħaq 58.724. Sal-aħħar ta' Settembru 1969, l-aċċidenti tat-traf'iku kienu 3?60. Minnhom 12 ġiebu l-mewt, 53 ikkaġunaw ferimenti gravi u 645 ħe'suha ħafif.

Fin-nazzjon ċkejken tagħna, għalkemm inħossu l-problema taċ-ċokon, għandna għax nifirħu għaliex m'għandniex il-problemi kbar li jiltaqgħu magħhom ġnus oħra li forsi f'għajnejna jidhru tant agħar minna. Dwar l-aċċidenti tat-traffiku, hawn Malta għandna disgrazzji inqas minn ħaddieħor anki relattivament Madanakollu s-sens ta' responsabilta' għadu ma daħalx lanqas fostna. Is-sewwieqa tagħna għad għandhom ħafna x'jitgħallmu.



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IL HABS TA MALTA minn E. A.

Il-Ħabs ta' Malta qiegħed f'Raħal Ġdid u ġie mibni fl-1850 fuq sistema msejħa Panoptika, jiġifieri b'forma ta' ċirku biċ-ċelel ikkontrollati minn sala ċentrali. Din is-sistema ġiet introdotta fl-Ingilterra mill-magħruf kriminoloġista Jeremy Bentham.

Il-Ħabs jesa' 200 priġunier imqassmin f'erba' diviżjonijiet. Barra minn dawn l-erba' diviżjonijiet hemm diviżjoni oħra għan-nisa, diviżjoni għal dawk il-priġunieri taħt it-tmintax-il sena u diviżjoni għad-debituri. Hemm ukoll diviżjoni żgħira ta' tmien ċellel għal dawk il-priġunieri li kulltant ikun meħtieġ li jiġu kkastigati billi jiġu mwarrbin mill-priġunieri l-oħra. Fil-Ħabs hemm ukoll diviżjoni li tiġi wżata għal kura medika meta ma jkunx hemm il-bżonn li l-priġunieri jittieħdu fi Sptar. Ta' min isemmi li dan l-aħħar, ħafna mill-priġunieri li kien jeħtieġilhom kura medika, baqgħu f'din il-parti tal-Ħabs, b'hekk naqas dak inkonvenjent li l-priġunieri jittieħdu l-isptar.

F'waħda mill-btieħi tal-Ħabs hemm Kappella fejn il-priġunieri jattendu għall-funzjonijiet Reliġjużi. F'bitħa oħra hemm il-Forka li qegħda f'kamra għaliha. Il-piena kapitali ġiet abolita mill-Kodiċi Kriminali bl-Att Nru. XXI ta' l-1971, mentri dik il-piena tinsab fl-Att tal-Forzi Armati ta' Malta, 1970 u dan jipprovdi li l-eżekuzzjoni tas-Sentenza tal-mewt bil-mod u fil-post kif kienet issir taħt il-Kodiċi Kriminali.

Bejn 1876, meta tlestiet din l-Forka, u 1971, meta is-sentenza tal-mewt ġiet abolita mill-Kodiċi Kriminali, kien hemm tmintax il ezekuzzjoni u dawn kollha, minbarra wieħed li kien Tork, ġew midfuna fiċ-Ċimiterju tal-Ħabs.

F'l-entratura tal-Ħabs hemm l-uffiċini minn fejn titmexxa l-amministrazzjoni tal-Ħabs u hemm ukoll kamra apposta fejn il-priġunieri jistgħu jiltaqgħu ma' membri tal-familja tagħhom meta dawn iżuruhom. Fis-sular ta' fuq, fejn qabel kien iservi bħala Quarters għad-Direttur tal-Ħabs, illum hemm kċina moderna u Mess għall-Uffiċjali tal-Ħabs. It-twaqqif ta' kċina moderna kienet waħda mir-riformi li saru dan l-aħħar fil-Ħabs kif jingħad aktar 'il quddiem. Il-post fejn kien iservi ta' kċina, llum qed jintuża bħala 'workshop' tal-mastrudaxxi. Għadt riforma, għaliex barra mill-apparat modern li hemm f'din l-kċina, l-post fejn tinsab huwa aktar addattat mill-post fejn kienet qabel, speċjalment f'dik li hija sigurta fil-Ħabs, dan għaliex il-priġunieri ma jista' jkollhom qatt aċċess bla bżonn għaliha.

SKOP EWLIENI TAL-ĦABS

Meta persuna tiġi mibgħuta l-Ħabs għar-raġunijiet imsemmija 'l quddiem, din tiġi ntervistata mid-Direttur fejn tiġi mfakkra li din ġiet mibgħuta l-Ħabs għaliex għamlet xi reat. Jiġi wkoll spjegat lilha li l-Ħabs jista' jiġi meqjus bħala post ta' kastig jew post ta' riforma. Għalkemm l-iskop ewlieni tal-Ħabs huwa ta' riforma, madanakollu l-għażla tkun f'idejn il-priġunier innifsu. Jekk jagħżel li jirriforma ruħu għandu l-faċilitajiet kollha kif jingħad aktar 'il quddiem. Jekk minn naħa l-oħra jipprova jfixkel, ma jibqagħlux u ma jistħoqqlux ħlief il-kastig. Għal dan il-għan il-priġunieri kollha jiġu trattati l-istess.

NIES MIŻMUMA FIL-ĦABS

Il-persuni li jinżammu l-Ħabs huma:

a) Kull persuna li tkun ġiet ikkundannata min Qorti ta' Ġurisdizzjoni Kriminali f'Malta għall-piena ta' priġunerija jew detenzjoni;

b) Kull persuna li, wara li tkun ġiet ikkundannata barra minn Malta minn Qorti barranija, kun ntbagħtet f'Malta minn dik il-Qorti sabiex tiġi skuntata dik il-piena;

c) Kull persuna kkundannata għall-arrest personali għal dejn;

d) Kull persuna li tkun ġiet arrestata jew mixlija b'reat jew li tkun qed tiġi proċessata kemm l darba dik il-persuna ma toħroġx bi pleġġ;

e) Kull persuna li tonqos li tagħti garanzija li ġġib ruħha ewwa;

f) Kull persuna li skond xi estradizzjoni tkun suġġetta li tingħata f'idejn il-barrani

L-għadd ta' priġunieri fil-Ħabs ivarja minn ġurnata għall-oħra. Meta kien qed jitħejja dan l-artiklu, l-għadd ta' priġunieri kien 'l fuq minn mija. Minn dawn kien hemm mad war tmenin ikkundannati, u 'l fuq minn għoxrin jistennew il-proċess, jiġifieri li jkunu jistennew sakemm il-każ tagħhom ikun qed jiġi kkunsidrat jekk għandhomx jgħaddu ġuri jew jitressqu quddiem il-Qorti tal-Maġistrati.

L-UFFIĊJALI TAL-ĦABS

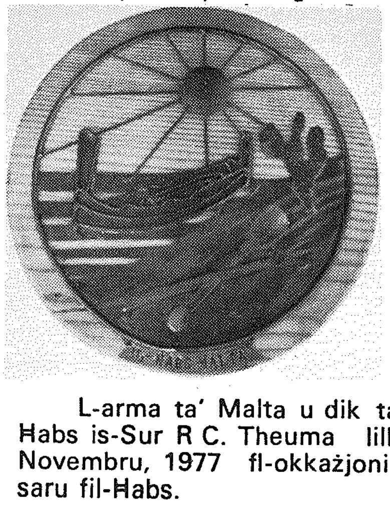
L-iskop ewlieni ta' l-uffiċjali tal-Ħabs huwa li jieħdu ħsieb dawk kollha li jkunu qegħdin jiskontaw sentenza u oħrajn arrestati. Dawn l-uffiċjali jippruvaw jgħallmu lill-priġunieri biex ikunu ċittadini aħjar meta joħorġu mill-Ħabs. Isir kull sforz possibli mill-amministrazzjoni tal-Ħabs biex jintlaħaq dan il-għan u dan l-isforz isir minn dawn l-uffiċjali b'intelliġenza u onesta' kbira. Fost dawn l-uffiċjali hemm xi wħud minnhom li huma tas-sengħa u dawn jgħallmu lill-priġunieri jaħdmu f'workshops apposta mgħammra b'magni u apparat ieħor. Ta' min isemmi wkoll li fil-Ħabs hemm membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija li qegħdin jagħmlu xogħol ta' uffiċjali tal-Ħabs flimkien ma' sħabhom l-oħra li konnha nsibuhom bħala gwardjani tal-Ħabs. Id-Direttur tal-Ħabs huwa wkoll membru tal-Pulizija u din il-karigа ġiet mogħtija lilu f'Ġunju 1976 wara r-rewwixti li kien hemm mill-priġunieri ftit qabel. Dan mhux l-ewwel Direttur tal-Ħabs li kien fil-Pulizija għaliex sa mill-Imgħoddi kien hemm diversi Diretturi oħra. Verament wieħed għandu japprezza x-xogħol li qed jagħmlu dawn in-nies ġol-Ħabs, liema xogħol huwa ta' ġid kbir għas-soċjeta'.

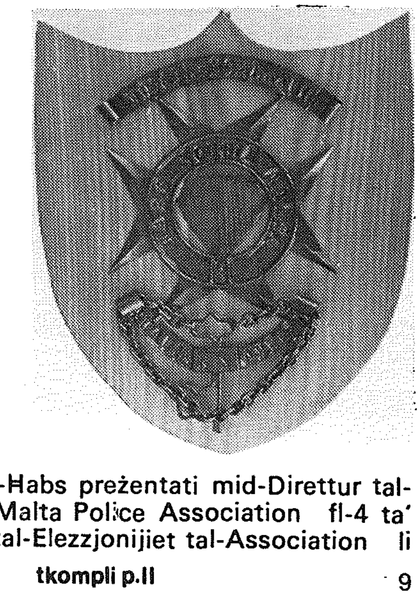
XOGĦOL LI JSIR MILL-PRIĠUNIERI

Kif issemma, l-għan ewlieni tal-Ħabs huwa dak ta' riforma, għaldaqstant fil-Ħabs isir dak kollu possibli biex tingħata għajnuna lill-priġunieri li jagħżlu din it-triq ta' riforma u jieħdu parti attiva u ta' interess fil-ħajja ta' kuljum fil-Ħabs. Insibu numru kbir ta' priġunieri jaħdmu f'xogħolijiet ta' tiswija u manutenzjoni u xogħol ieħor bħal ma hu xogħol ta' legatura ta' kotba, ħjata, xogħol fil-ġebel, tibjid, xogħol ta' mastrudaxxi u ħaddieda, xogħol ta' tapiti tal-ħabel, xogħol fl-agrikoltura u xogħol ieħor utili.

Il-priġunieri jiġu mogħtija x-xogħol skond saħħithom u jiġi kkunsidrat ukoll il-ħajra li jkollhom għax-xogħol kif ukoll ix-xogħol li kienu jagħmlu qabel ma daħlu l-Ħabs.

Dan l-aħħar fost ix-xogħolijiet li saru fil-Ħabs saret 'visiting room' u kċina kif diġa' ssemma', kif ukoll xogħol f'kull ċella li jikkonsisti fi twaħħil ta' W.C. u 'wash hand basin'. Dan naturalment serva għal aktar iġjene u kumdita' għall-priġunieri. Ix-xogħol kollu meħtieġ sar mill-uffiċjali tal-Ħabs u mill-priġunieri taħt sorveljanza stretta ta' l-uffiċjali.





L-arma ta' Malta u dik tal-Ħabs preżentati mid-Direttur tal-Ħabs is-Sur R C. Theuma lill-Malta Police Association fl-4 ta' Novembru, 1977 fl-okkażjoni tal-Elezzjonijiet tal-Association li saru fil-Ħabs.

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Report on the working of the Police Dept. (1.4.76 to 13.8.77)

GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY

1. 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 the 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. On the 17th and 18th September, 1976, the General Elections were held.

2. *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.

3. Forty-eight (48) Constables were attested into the Malta Police Force after the usual medical and written examinations.

4. *Revenue.* The Revenue collected by the Pollice was £M1,993,746 mainly due to 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 £M1,883,038; Recurrent Expenditure £M257,686; Special Expenditure £M39,807.

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 coverel by mobile Patrols round the clock. Each vehicle can easily be contacted on the radio network from central base installed at General Police 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 292.

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 on offences.

Discipline these last months was satisfactory. 216 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. 17,031 Certificates were issued from which £M4,393,998 were collected during the period under review. Criminal Offences:— 8,533 criminal offences were prosecuted by the Police. There were 1,105 released in terms of Sec. 9 of Act XII/57. 18 persons were released in terms of Sec. 5 of Act XII/57. 117 persons were committed to prison and I male Juvenile was committed to the St. Philip Neri School. During the same period, 22 persons committed a breach of recognizance under the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Probation of Offenders Act 1957; while 22 persons under sixteen years of age were convicted. Fines were inflicted upon 6,234 persons while 902 were admonished and reprimanded. 63 persons under 16 years of age were referred to the Department of Social Services for investigation of family background. 10 persons over 16 years of age were also referred to this Departmen.t

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 comnig in and going out of Malta, besides dealing with all correspondence with the Immigration Division of the Office of the Prime Minister. 25,982 persons arrived by sea in Mata; while 366,121 persons arrived by air; 26,270 persons lefs Malta by sea while 372,450 persons left Malta by air, and 91,097 transitted from 1st April, 1976 to 31st March, 1977.

9. *Traffic* 80,336 vehicles of different make and type, including motor omnibuses, motor-cycles and invalid chairs were licensed by the Police during the period under review. This included 57,508 private cars. The question of public transport is being actively studied.

During the period under review, 18,660 Traffic Offence Tickets were issued by the Department.

10. *General Licence.* 238,045 licences, permits certificates, etc., were issued by the Police.

11. *Fire Brigade.* 366 fire calls were attended to by the Malta Police Fire Brigade.

12. *Property found.* Lost property found is delivered to the Police. 2,596 articles were reported lost. 625 articles were reported found and delivered to the Police and 106 articles were restored to owners.

13. From 1st April, 1976 to 31st March 1977, 260 prisoners were released from Civil Prisons after serving a term of imprisonment ranging from 15 days to 2 years, for different convictions.

APPENDIX A

NATURE OF OFFENCE	1974	1975	1976	1977
Breach of public order and peace	1255	1601	1182	1048
Pretended rights	5	3	2	—
Threats to public Officer, injuries etc.	95	109	86	27
Perjury, false swearing columnious accusations	4	2	—	4
Carnal knowledge, rape, indecent assault etc.	11	39	15	15
Wilful homicide	3	4	5	—
Bodily harm, grevious or slight injuries	126	148	144	23
Involuntary homicide or bodily harm	2	5	6	10
Theft	99	514	161	167
Fraud	7	11	11	20
Wilful damage to property	28	37	29	10
Received stolen property	8	7	14	13
Attempts to use force or used force against persons	254	276	172	88
Violations of property	38	44	63	27
Contraventions connected with streets (repairs, obstructions etc.)	224	224	135	120
Worked without mason's licence and contraventions effecting houses (Building)	300	192	253	7
Shopkeepers and/or traders without licence etc.	236	271	290	59
Sportmen without licence etc.	4	—	—	—
Shephers and/or goatherds without licence etc.	7	3	2	—
Cruelty to animals	21	10	13	—
Offences against the Food, Drugs and Drinking water Ordinance	298	71	410	39
Breaches of the Explosive Ordinance	5	11	5	6
Evasion of duty Customs Ordinace	28	25	13	54
Kept dog's without licence, etc.	52	52	43	48
Wireless Telegraphy	46	21	16	10
Compulsory School Attendance Offences	1180	1677	1756	1326
White Slave Traffic (lived wholly or in part on the earning of prostitution etc.)	2	6	2	2
Of Vehicles (registrations, test and other contraventions affected by cars, carts or other vehicles)	18	63	18	2
Forgery of public or private writing	5	6	3	2
Traffic Regulations Offences	975	1210	3933	3197
Kept arms proper without licence	69	94	89	45
Press Ordinance Offence (libel cases)	4	—	—	1
Buildings specifications not to Aesthetic Board standard	45	51	62	71
Closing hours of shops	2	12	17	39
Electoral Polling	—	—	—	1
Corruption of Players (Soccer) betting, public order in Sport-Ground	9	9	—	4
Aliens (landed in Malta without permission)	13	11	3	5
Litter Act Offences	38	117	211	150
Barmaids, artists, W. & S. shops regulations	52	98	28	19
Protection of birds	1	—	2	—
Theatres, Cinemas and places of entainment	—	6	3	10
Trespassing on War Department lands	—	3	—	—
Sale of Commodities (Control) Regulations	298	964	717	1059
Police licensing Regulations breaches of conditions of Police licences issued	17	27	36	20
Drug offences	9	1	3	7

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Il-priġunieri għandhom ukoll il-ħin liberu tagħhom u waqt dan il-ħin jiġu nkoraġġiti f'xi hobbies. Dan ċertament iservi l-ewwelnett bħala passatemp u jservi wkoll bħala tagħlim. Niftakar tajjeb li sa ftit żmien ilu kien hemm priġunier wieħed biss li jagħmel xogħol ta' skultura fil-ġebel (franka), illum tgħallmu aktar u jsir xogħol verament artistiku. Barra minn dan ix-xogħol, isir xogħol ieħor ta' Model Building bħal ngħidu aħna Dgħajjes ta' Malta, Kavallieri, Armi tar-Repubblika ta' Malta u l-'Crest' tal-Ħabs Kordin li jidhru fir-ritratt. Dawn huma magħmula mill-landa u njam. Waqt dan il-ħin liberu, jiġi organizzat wkoll sports bħal football u logħob ieħor.

Il-priġunieri għandhom ukoll il-faċilitajiet edukattivi. Il-parti l-kbira tal-priġunieri huma lliterati, iżda peress li xi wħud minnhom juru x-xewqa li jitgħallmu, inħasset il-ħtieġa li jsir programm edukattiv għall-benefiċċju ta' dawn il-priġunieri. Hemm ukoll librerija mnejn il-priġunieri jistgħu jissellfu kotba biex iqattgħu l-ħin liberu tagħhom.

RIFORMI FIL-ĦABS

Kif jafu ħafna, f'April u Mejju 1976 kien hemm rewwixti fil-Ħabs u għalhekk kellhom jittieħdu miżuri ħorox ħafna biex jinqatgħu l-abbużi darba għal dejjem. Dawn il-miżuri kienu temporanji għaliex il-Gvern minn dejjem kellu f'moħħu jerġa' jagħti bidu għar-riformi ġodda fil-Ħabs. Dawn ir-riformi ma jistgħux iseħħu jekk ma jkunx hemm rieda tajba u għajnuna anke minn naħa tal-ħabsin stess.

Barra mir-riformi li diġa' ssemmew, ġew introdotti diversi riformi oħra fosthom li l-priġunieri jingħalqu fiċ-ċellel tagħhom fl-10 ta' bil-lejl u jistgħu wkoll joqgħodu jaraw it-television sa dan il-ħin. Il-priġunieri ħarġu 'picnics' u passiġġati u anke marru jgħumu f'bajjiet differenti. Dan dejjem sar taħt superviżjoni. Hu l-ħsieb li dawn il-passi jibqgħu jittieħdu kif ukoll jitjiebu sakemm il-priġunieri jġibu ruħhom sewwa.

Dan l-aħħar ġie ntrodott ukoll sistema ta' xandir fil-Ħabs fejn jixxandru xi aħbarijiet dwar il-Ħabs u 'requests' ta' diski li jitolbuhom il-priġunieri u/jew il-familji tagħhom. Din is-sistema ta' xandir hija magħrufa bħala Radju Kordin.

Wara r-rewwixti li ssemmew, inħasset il-ħtieġa li bħala parti mis-sigurta' fil-Ħabs jinżammu klieb magħru'a bħala 'Prisons' Security Dogs' biex isiru patrols fuq in-naħa ta' barra tal-Ħabs. Dan ċertament iservi bħala deterrent għal dawk li jippruvaw jaħarbu.

B'dan l-artiklu ingħata tagħrif dwar il-Ħabs, x'riformi saru u nistgħu ngħidu li verament sar progress. Madankollu ma nixtieqx li tittieħed l-impressjoni li dan sar xi post sabiħ għaliex minn kif tidħol għandek titkexkex. Għaldaqstant il-ħsieb tiegħi mhux dak li nagħti xi stampa sabiħa tal-Ħabs, għaliex dan ma tista tagħmlu qatt dment li jibqa' post fejn in-nies jintbagħtu minħabba xi nuqqas, iżda m'hemm xejn ħażin billi wieħed ipoġġi 'frame' sabiħ fuq kwadru ikraħ. L-enfasi huwa fuq ir-riforma.

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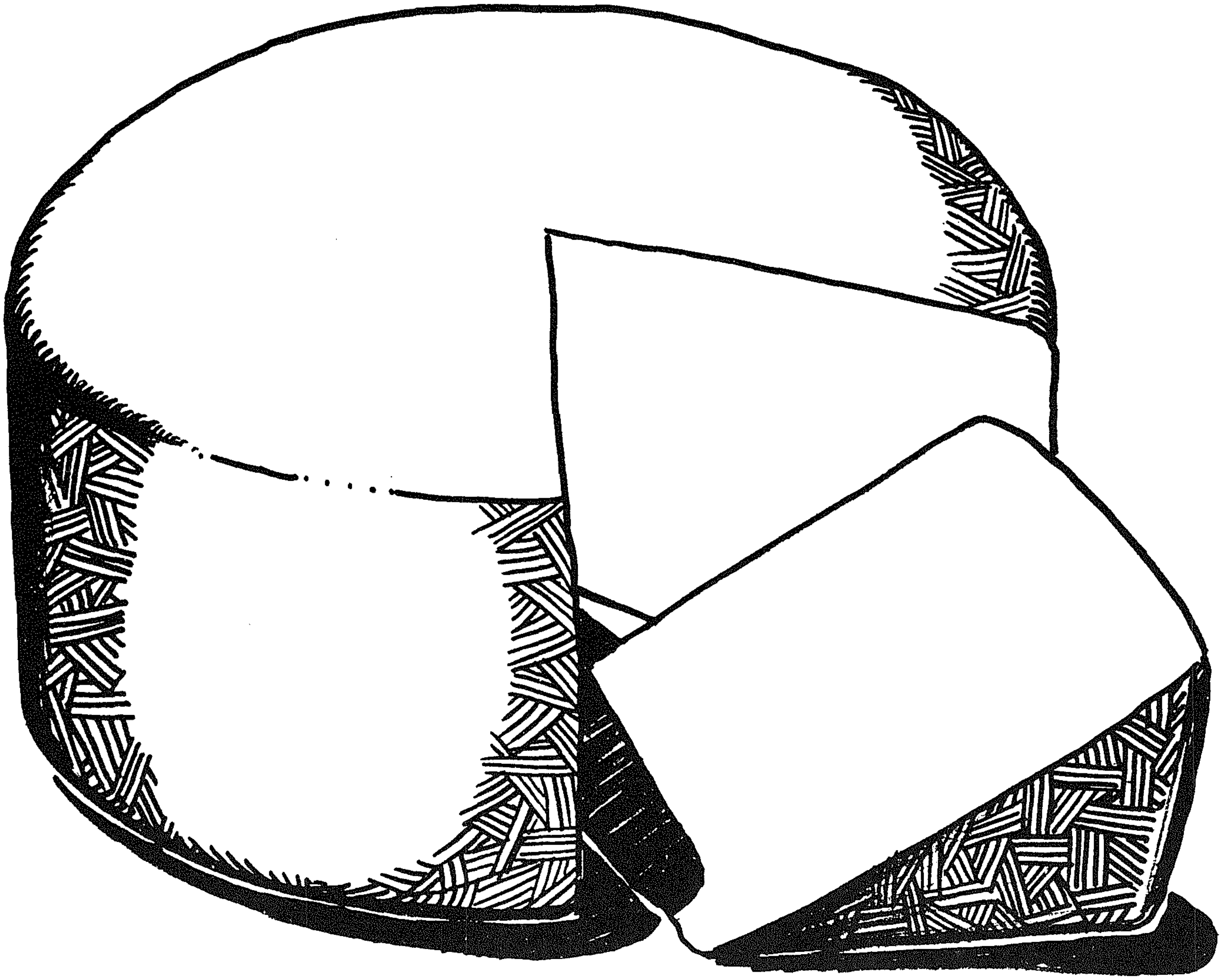

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L ARMI TAL-PULIZIJA

Minn WALTER CAMILLERI

Fil-ħarġa ta' Ottubru ta' dan il-magazine għidna li xi darba nitkellmu fuq l-armi tal-pulizija ta' Malta. Dik il-wiegħda tit-wettaq illum, permezz ta' dan it-tagħrif. Imma biex dan it-tagħrif ikollu s-saħħa li jist-ħoqqlu, inwiegħed minn issa li nerġgħu niltaqgħu, biex nitkel-lmu ftit dwar il-buttuni tal-pu-lizija. Bejn armi u buttuni na-raw medda ta' żmien li ta' l-aħħar għamlet mingħajr ta' l-ewwel.

Qabel xejn irrid ngħid illi, qabel ma kellna l-Arma tagħna, kellna diġa' l-buttuni ta' l-uni-formi. Dawn huma ferm eq-dem. L-aktar ritratti antiki jix-hdu li qabel ma kienet l-arma kienu l-buttuni. Il-buttuni ak-tarx daħlu fi żmien il-mexxej tal-korp, Ch. Godfrey (1832/ 1844).

Illum ngħid xi ħaġa dwar x'sibt s'issa dwar l-armi sbieħ li kellha l-pulizija. Skond l-ar-ma l-Konslu, jgħid il-Malti. Na-fu min hu l-Konslu (il-pulizija) u issa niflu l-armi kollha tiegħu, sa mill-bidu.

Sejrin niltaqgħu ma sett me-raviljuż ta' ritratti t'armi u ftit huma dawk li għandhom il-kol-lezzjoni kollha ta' l-armi tal-pulizija ta' Malta. Hawnhekk nixtieq ninqeda b'dan it-tagħ-rif, biex nirringrazzja lis-Sur C. Debattista (Ex. P.C. 945) li tiegħu hi din il-kollezzjoni, u li silifni għal dan it-tagħrif.

Huwa nteressanti ħafna li ninnotaw li l-uniformi tal-puli-zija ta' Malta, kif nafuha llum, ma daħlitx sħiħa, imma biċċa biċċa. Minn meta twaqqfet il-pulizija fl-1814 sa ma daħlet il-beritta, kif nafuha illum, kie-nu għaddew bosta snin. Il-be-ritta ġiet introdotta fi żmien il-mexxej tal-korp, is-supreten-dent Capt. R. Casolani (1884/ 88).

Allura wieħed jistaqsa.. "X'kienu jilbsu l-Pulizija fuq il-beritta li għandna llum?" Minn ritratti qodma jirriżulta li kienu jilbsu elmu ta' kulur is-wed. Elmu iżgħar minn dak li għandna llum, u li jixbaħ ħafna lil dak tal-pulizija Ingliża. U terġa', qabel kellna beritta ċkejkna qiesa xi ornament, bħal dik li dehret f'paġna 17 fil-ħarġa ta' Ottubru 1977. Wa-ra l-Elmu iswed, fuq l-istess qisien ġew oħrajn bojod, sa wasalna għal dak li għandna llum, abjad ukoll.

Mela, dik il-beritta ċkejkna li kienet tintlibes bla arma tal-pulizija, u li kellha biss il-kliem Malta Police, kienet l-ewwel forma ta' għata tar-ras fl-uni-formi tal-pulizija, u dan qabel is-sena 1847. Wara din ingħata kif għidna, l-elmu iswed.

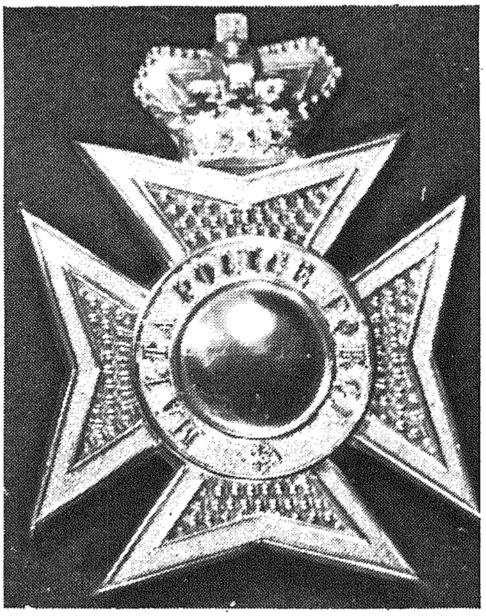
Għalhekk kien jenħtieġ li dak l-elmu jew aħjar il-Korp tal-Pulizija, bħala stituzzjoni ikollha l-arma proprja tagħha, u preċiżament kif jitlob li jkollu l-Konslu. Għalhekk saret l-ew-wel arma (badge) aktarx fi żmien Frederick Sedley li mex-xa l-korp bejn is-sena 1844/58.

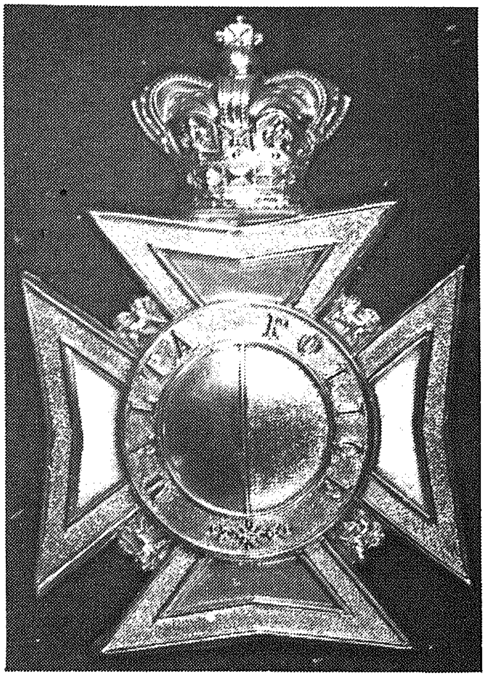
Qiegħdin nirriproduċu sett ritratti ta' l-armi kollha li kellha sal-lum il-pulizija. Tajjeb li ngħidu li l-ewwel tlett armi huma kollha ta' l-elmu, għax kif għidna aktar 'il fuq, ma kienetx teżisti l-beritta.

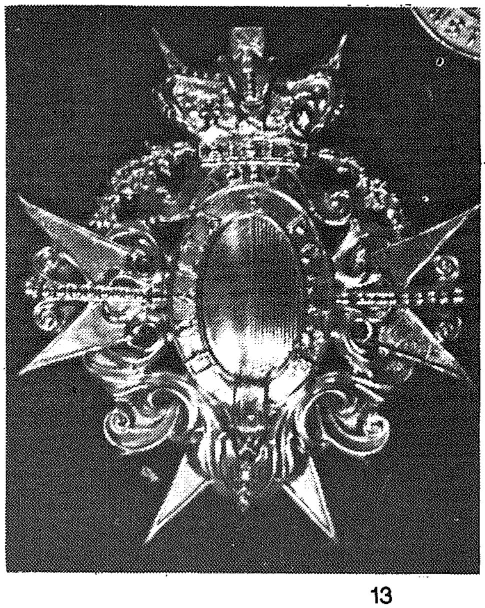
Jekk niflu tajjeb l-ewwel żewġ ritratti naraw, illi jixxieb-ħu sewwa. Imma ngħidu li mhux l-istess. L-ewwel waħda, il-fond tas-salib ta' San Ġwann huwa ikkuskjat, filwaqt li tat-tieni ma hux. F'ta' l-ewwel, l-irkejjen tal-ponot tas-salib hu-ma bla ornament, fil-waqt li tat-tieni insibu disinn orna-ment żgħir. Il-kliem huma wkoll differenti, f'ta' l-ewwel insibu l-kliem "Malta Police Force" u fl-oħra insibu "Malta Police" biss. Il-Malta Police waħidha baqgħet tintuża fil-kumplament ta' l-armi.

Il-buttun tan-nofs ta' l-istess żewġ armi wkoll ma jaqblux. L-ewwel waħda għandha but-tun lixx u l-oħra għandha but-tun li għall-ewwel darba fl-ar-mi tal-pulizija, ġiet imposta l-arma Bandiera ta' Malta. Żewġ nofsijiet indaqs, wieħed dak li hu suppost l-abjad u l-ieħor l-aħmar.

Imbagħad għandna t-tielet arma. Fl-opinjoni tiegħi, l-ak-tar arma artistikament labo-rata, b'dettalji verament sbieħ. Arma li tindika ċerta serjeta. Minn din l-arma 'l quddiem insibu li ċ-ċirku li fih jinsab il-kliem Malta Police, minn din l-arma 'l hawn, jinbidel f'forma ta' ċintorin bil-bokkla. F'din l-







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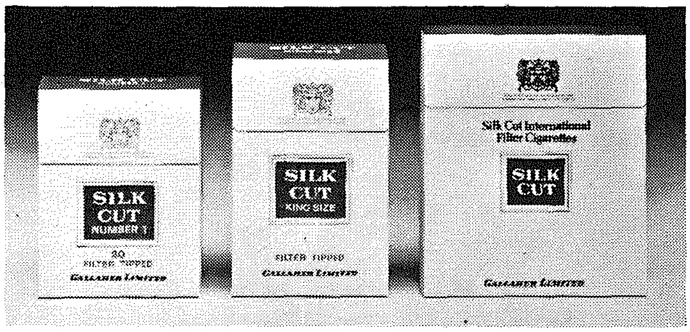

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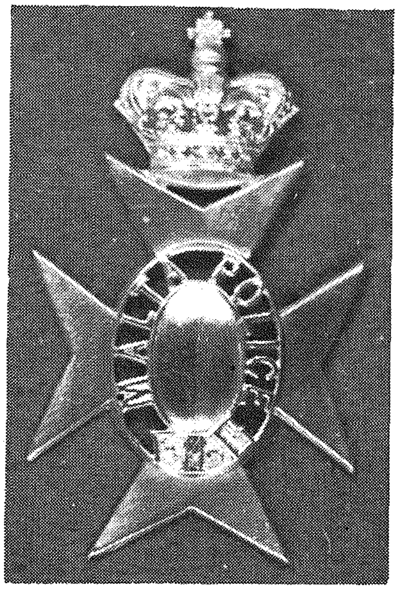
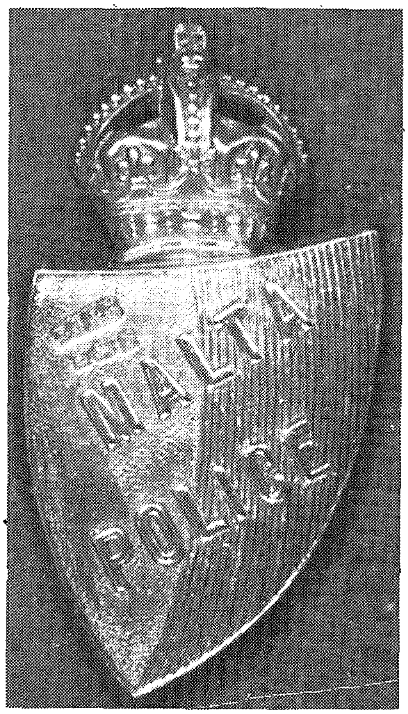




arma, bħal l-armi l-oħra kollha, jiddomina fiha b'mod sabiħ, is-salib ta' San Ġwann bi tmien ponot.

Minn issa 'l quddiem niltaqgħu ma' armi li kienu jintlibsu fil-beritta wkoll. F'dan iż-żmien li daħlet il-beritta (1884/88). Mela minn issa 'l quddiem insibu żewġ qisien ta' armi, waħda għall-elmu kbira u oħra ftit iżgħar għall-beritta.

Ir-raba' arma hi grazzjuża ħafna. Qisha xi medalja li tintlibes fuq is-sider bħala dekorazzjoni. Din kienet l-ewwel arma b'żewġ qisien.

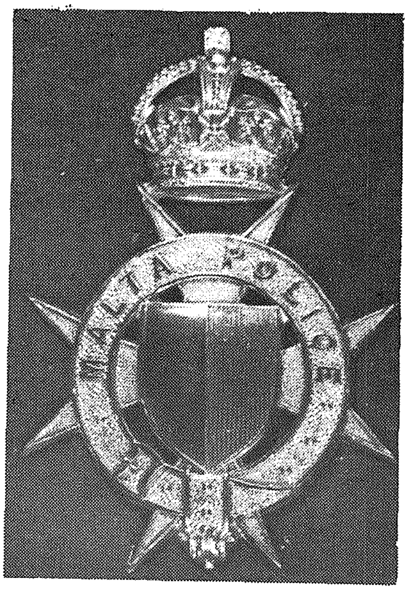
Il-ħames arma hi forma ta' scudo (shield). Assolutament ma għandha x'taqsam xejn mas-sett. Is-sett kollu, minbarra din, huwa stil vittorjan. Din l-arma daħlet fl-użu aktarx fi żmien is-Sur T. Curmi (1903/15), u dan għaliex inbidel l-istil tal-arma wara l-mewt tar-Reġina Vittorja. Ritratt ta' pulizija b'din l-arma nippubblikawh aktar 'il quddiem. Ta' min jgħid li din l-arma kienet tal-fidda, kif jidher mir-ritratt.

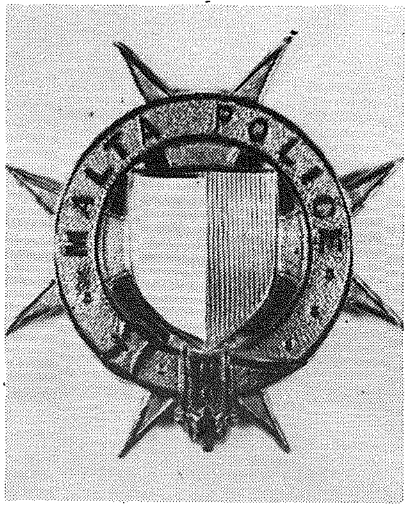
Is-sitt arma. Din kienet biss arma ta' l-elmu. Arma sabiħa ferm, li tagħmel ġieħ mhux biss lill-pulizija imma lil min għamilha. Ta' min jgħid illi din l-arma hi sewda u tintlibes fuq elmu iswed biss. Kienet din l-arma li saddet l-aktar u li aktar tard iċċekknet jew aħjar immodifikat ruħha, biex tiġi addattata għal fuq l-elmu li għandna ilium u sussegwentement għal fuq il-beritta b'qies iżgħar. Din l-arma (is-sitt waħda) intużat biss fuq elmu iswed u aktar tard intużat u għadha tintuża bħala ornament, fuq il-faldrappa ċerimonjali taż-żwiemel tal-kavallerija.

Tajjeb li wieħed jgħid li, bejn wieħed u ieħor, id-disinn sabiħ li għandha fin-naħa ta' isfel, jixbaħ xi ftit lil dak tat-tielet arma. L-istil artistiku baqa'. Ninnotaw b'interess illi, din l-arma fiha inkluż il-motto tal-pulizija ta' Malta, "Domine Dirige Nos". Għandha qisien eċċellenti u preċiżi.

Minn din l-arma ħarġet l-arma l-oħra, is-sebgħ awaħda. Insibu li fi żmien il-kummissarju s-Sur S. Galea (1928/39), l-arma tal-pulizija reġgħet inbidlet. Bejn is-sitta u s-sebgħa arma, għalkemm fis-sustanza huma l-istess, hemm l-ornament nieqes, u żdiedet il-bokkla u ċ-ċintorin. Fid-disinn tan-nofs din l-arma li tiġbor fiha dik ta' l-elmu u beritta għamlet l-itwal żmien fl-użu.

Fl-1969 fi żmien is-Sur V. de Gray, inqatgħet il-kuruna minn fuq l-arma. Ta' minn jinnota li l-armi kollha jġibu l-kuruna bil-Fleur-de-lys, li tirrappreżenta' l-Imperu Ingliż. Bil-qtugħ tal-kuruna wasalna għat-tmiem tal-kuruna wasalna għat-tmien arma. Dan il-qtugħ tal-kuruna kien konsegwenza ta' avveniment politiku li Malta kellha fl-1964 — L-Indipendenza. Wara ħafna suġġerimenti, proposti u disinji biex tinbidel l-arma tal-pulizija u tingħata xi forma oħra, ir-riżultat mixtieq ma ntlaħaqx. Ġie deċiż għalhekk, li l-arma tibqa' li hemm imma, bla kuruna. Il-kuruna kif għidna tirrappreżenta l-ħakma ta' l-Imperu Ingliż — (1800/1964).





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MALTA POLICE ORDINANCE PART I

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the organisation, discipline and duties of the Malta Police Force.

(10.2.61)

BE IT ENACTED by the Prime Minister of Malta as follows:—

PART 1

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Malta Police Ordinance, 1961.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires

"to appoint" includes to appoint on promotion;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Police;

"the Forse" means the Malta Police Force;

"gazetted police officer" or "gazetted officer" means any police officer of or above the rank of Inspector;

"imprisonment" means any punishment restrictive of personal liberty awarded by a court of law;

"Malta" means the Island of Malta and its Dependencies;

"member of the Force" means any police officer other than the Commissioner;

"police" means the Malta Police Force;

"police officer" means any person serving in the Force, and includes the Commissioner;

"Public Serving Commission" means the Public Service Commission established for Malta under section 112 of the Constitution of Malta, or under such other constitutional instrument as may be applied to Malta from time to time

PART II
CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION

3. There shall continue to be a police force known as the Malta Police Force.

4. The Force shall be employed for the maintenance of internal security, law and order, the preservation of peace, the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime, and the enforcement of all laws with which the Force is charged; and for the performance of all or any of such duties shall be entitled to carry arms.

5. The Force shall comprise a Commissioner and such other police officers of such ranks as may from time to time be approved by the Prime Minister.

6 The Commissioner shall have the command, direction and superintendence of the Force.

7. Any act or thing which may be done, ordered or performed by the Commissioner may, subject to the orders and directions of the Commissioner, be done, ordered or performed by the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner.

PART III
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

8. Deleted.

9. Deleted

10. (1) The appointment of all police officers shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by this Ordinance or by any regulations or standing orders made under section 34 or section 35 of this Ordinance.

(2) Every member of the Force shall, in the execution of his duty, promptly obey without hindrance or challenge the lawful orders of the Commissioner.

(3) Every police officer shall devote his whole time to the service of the Force, and shall not carry on or be concerned in any kind of trade or business whatsoever.

(4) Every member of the Force shall be liable to be stationed at such places as the Commissioner may from time to time appoint.

(5) Every member of the Force shall undergo such training and undertake such tests or examinations as the Commissioner may from time to time prescribe by standing orders made under section 35 of this Ordinance

(6) Every police officer shall be deemed to be on duty at all times.

11. (1) No person appointed to the Force, other than by promotion within the Force, shall enter upon the duties of his office, or act in any way in connection therewith, before he has taken the following oath:—

"I .... solemnly swear/affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the people and the Republic of Malta and its Constitution and that I will faithfully serve the said Republic during my service in the Malta Police Force; that I will subject myself to all Acts, Ordinances, orders and regulations relating to the said force now in force or which may from time to time be in force and will discharge all the duties of a police officer according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. (So help me God)."

(2) The oath prescribed in subsection (1) shall be taken and signed by all officers appointed to the Force before a person duly empowered by law to administer an oath or before the Commissioner.

12. (1) No member of the Force shall be at liberty to resign from the Force or to withdraw himself from his duties in the Force unless expressly permitted to do so in writing by the Prime Minister

(2) Any member of the Force who wishes to resign nor withdraw himself from his duties shall give to the Prime Minister such notice, not exceeding thirty days, as the Prime Minister may require, of his intention to resign or withdraw himself from his duties, as the case may be.

(3) On the expiration of the notice given under subsection (2) the Prime Minister shall grant the member of the Force to whom the notice relates permission to resign or to withdraw himself from his duties, as the case may be, unless:—

(a) he is the subject of disciplinary proceedings which have not been determined; or

(b) he is charged with an offence triable by a court of criminal jurisdiction; or

(c) he has otherwise rendered himself liable to be dismissed or removed from the Force.

(4) Any member of the Force whose period of notice expires during the occurrence or apprehended occurrence of hostilities, internal disorder, or other grave emergency of any kind, may be retained and his service prolonged for such further period, not exceeding twelve months, as the Prime MHinister may direct.

13. (1) It shall be lawfur for the Prime Minister to remove from his office at any time a police officer who:—

(i) is considered unlikely to become, or has ceased to be, an efficient police officer;

(ii) is incapable by reason of some infirmity of mind or body of discharging the duties of his office when such infirmity is likely to be permanent; and

(iii) it is considered, having regard to the conditions of the Force, the usefulness of the officer thereto, and all the circumstances of the case, should in the public interest no longer serve as a member of the Force.

(2) Deleted.

14 (1) When any police officer shall cease to hold and exercise his office he shall forthwith deliver up to such person and at such time and place as the Commissioner shall direct all arms, ammunition, accoutrements, uniforms and other clothing and equipment which have been supplied to him at the public expense and which he is directed by the Commissioner to return.

(2) The Commissioner may direct any person who has custody or possession of any of the articles mentioned in subsection (1) which were in the possession of a former police officer to deliver up such articles at such place and to such person as the Commissioner may appoint.

(3) Any person who refuses or fails to comply with a direction given by the Commissioner under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section shall be guilty of a criminal offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to a fine (multa) not exceeding £M100.

PART IV
POWERS AND DUTIES

15. The Commissioner and every member of the Force shall, without fear or favour, exercise such powers and perform such duties as are by law conferred or imposed on police officers:

Provided that Sub Inspector shall be vested with all such powers which under any law are conferred on police officers not below the rank of Inspector.

16. When any police officer shall cease to hold and exercise of his office all powers and authorities vested in him as a police officer shall cease.

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It-team tagħna lagħab f'din il-formazzjoni:—

Grima; Desira, Sammut (1199); Zammit, Bonnici, Camilleri (453); Buttigieg, Mallia, Grech, Sammut, Degabriele. Fit-t eni taqsima, Mizzi ħa post Buttigieg u Bunce ħa post Zammit.

Fil-ħarġa l-oħra kont għidt li l-ewwel logħba tagħna suppost kellha tkun nhar il-15 ta' Novembru kontra l-Malta Hotels iżda din kienet ġiet posposta għat-23 ta' Jannar minħabba żżjara ta' Coventry. Għall-informazzjoni tal-qarrejja, il-logħob kollu tat-team tagħna, fi grupp "N" huwa dan:—

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3. Il-Ħamis, 29 ta' Diċembru 1977 (Sta. Lucia) kontra Malta Shipbuilding.
4. Il-Ħamis, 17 ta' Jannar, 1978 (Sta. Lucia) kontra Pioneer Corps.
5 It-Tnein, 23 ta' Jannar, 1978 (MCAST) kontra Malta Hotels.

Sakemm taslilkom din il-ħarġa, inkunu lagħbna l-ewwel tlett logħbiet u nispera li nkunu diġa' għamilna pass 'il quddiem biex ngħaddu minn dan il-grupp.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Ħafna qed jistaqsu dwar il-league tal-Football Distrettwali. Il-fatt li għadu ma sar xejn kien dovut biss għal ħafna ħin mihud fir-rehearsals tal-parati, korsijiet u xogħol ieħor li minħabba fih ma kellniex garanzija li konna nibdew u nkomplu. Nispera li sakemm taslilkom din il-ħarġa jkunu ssejħu d-delegati tad-Distretti biex isir dak li hemm bżonn ħalli dan il-league jinbeda.

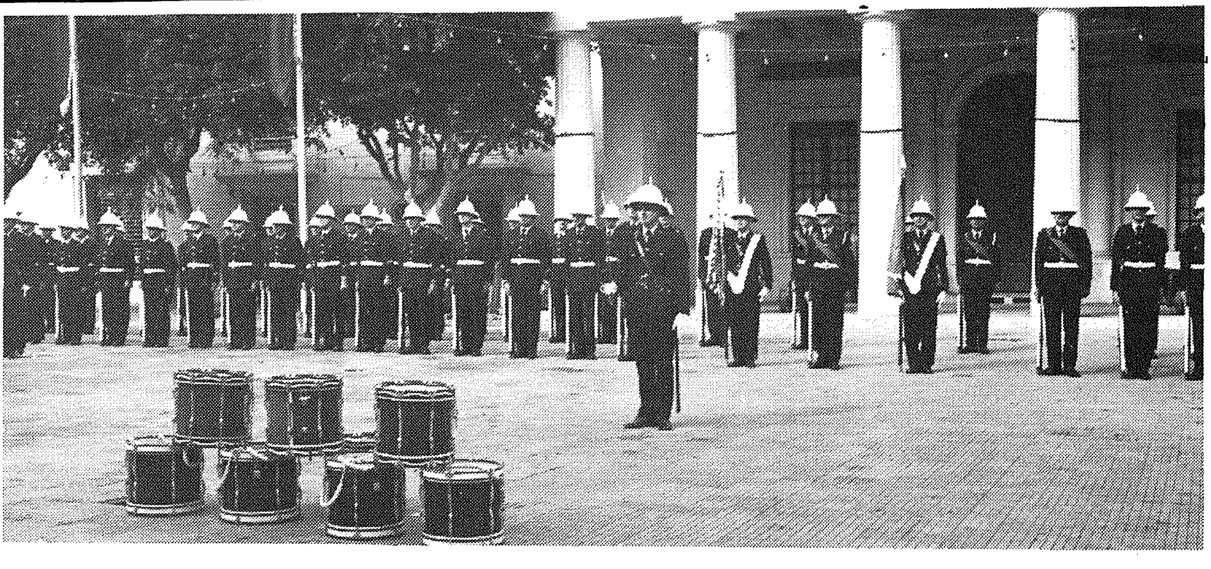
BODYBUILDING

Għalkemm ma tantx jissemma fost il-membri tagħna daqs sport ieħor, dan l-isport huwa wkoll popolari u għandna membri li jistgħu jikkompetu b'suċċess. Fost dawn hemm Anthony Camilleri, George Abela u oħrajn. L-aktar li naf mill-viċin, u li qed jittrenja huwa George Abela, stazzjonat il-Belt. Nittama li ma jdumx ma jasal il-waqt illi kemm George kif ukoll membri oħra jikkompetu f'Contests tal-BodyBuilding f'isem il-Korp. F'ħarġa oħra beħsiebni nagħti xi tagħrif dwar membri li jipprattikaw kemm dan l-isport u oħrajn, anke birritratti. Din tkun bidu ta' rubrika ta' profili sportivi. Nistieden lil min huwa dilettant sewwa ta' kull għamla ta' sport biex javviċinani bil-materjal li għandu.

BASKETBALL

Kellmuni aktar membri li jinteressaw ruħhom fil-logħba tal-Basketball. Naf li hemm ħafna membri midħla ta' dan l-isport. Nistenna li dawn jingħaqdu biex ma ndumux ma jkollna t-team tagħna. Nistgħu noffru lil dawn id-dilettanti, l-użu tal-Lecture Room għal taħriġ fiżiku u possibbli wkoll li nipprovdu l-użu ta' Court għal "practice". Jekk isir il-bidu minn dawk interessati, żgur li sa fl-aħħar it-team jingħaqad.

Dak li għidna dwar l-isport fuq imsemmi jgħodd ukoll għal kull sport ieħor. Wisq nibża' pero', li mhux dejjem ikun possibbli li jinstab ħin għal ħafna mill-isports mixtieq minħabba l-ħafna korsijiet li għaddejjin bħalissa u n-nuqqas ta' Strength. Ix-xogħol tagħna huwa vast u biex isir xi ħaġa konkreta f'dan il-qasam irid ikun hemm ħeġġa u dedikazzjoni minn ħafna membri u mhux wieħed jew tnejn tas-soltu.



A TOURIST ASKS

THE UPPER BARRACCA

The Upper Barracca dates back to 1661 when part of the garden was covered. The roof, it is said, was removed in 1775 when it was discovered that the spot had been used by conspirators involved in what has become known as the "Revolt of the Priests". This aimed at the overthrow of Grand Master Ximenes and was led by one Don Gaetano Mannarino, who was subsequently imprisoned for life but released by Napoleon in 1798.

Among the memorials at the Upper Barracca are those of Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Fremantle (1765-1819) a close associate of Nelson. The Australian port of Fremantle is named after his cousin, Admiral Sir Charles Fremantle, and his grandnephew, General Sir Arthur Fremantle, was Governor of Malta in 1893-99.

Also here is a memorial to Sir Thomas Maitland, Governor of Malta from 1813 to 1824; and Lord Strickland, Count della Catena, one-time Governor of New South Wales and Western Australia and Prime Minister of Malta from 1927 to 1933.

In the left-hand corner of the Barracca gardens is Les Gavroches, a dynamic group suggested by an incident in Victor Hugo's Les Miserables. It is one of the most important works of the distinguished Maltese sculptor Antonio Sciortino. In 1951, the sculptor's small bronze model was presented to the Queen by the Prime Minister of Malta.

The latest addition to the monuments of the Upper Barracca is a bronze bust of Winston Churchill (the work of Vincent Apap) presented to Sir Winston in 1955 by the people of Malta.

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LILL-ISPETTURI L-ĠODDA NSELMULHOM U NIXTIEQULHOM SUĊĊESS

Fix-xahar ta' Novembru, 1977 ħareġ ir-riżultat tal-eżami tal-Ispetturi fejn għaddew sitt kandidati (tlieta huma membri tal-Korp u tlieta mill-eżami li kien miftuħ għall-membri barra l-Korp ukoll).

L-Association bi pjaċir tinnota li għall-ewwel darba, l-Kuntistabbiljiet kellhom iċ-ċans jersqu għal dan l-eżami flimkien mas-Surġenti u l-Maġġuri.

Dawk li għaddew mill-Korp huma:

Joseph Psaila (P.C. 368), Anthony Borg (P.S. 908), Joseph Cachia (P.C. 210).

Minn dawn il-membri tal-Korp wieħed bi pjaċir jinnota li J. Psaila kien fil-Kumitat Ċentrali tal-Kuntistabblijiet tal-Association u s-Surġent A. Borg kien is-Segretarju tas-Surġenti s-sena l-oħra.

Dawk il-kandidati li għaddew minn barra l-Korp huma:

Mario M. Tommasi, Angelo Lino Farrugia, Joseph Said.

Lil dawn is-sinjuri aħna nselmulhom u għalkemm ftit nafuhom inwegħduhom il-koperazzjoni tagħna.

Lil dawk il-kandidati li ma rnexxilhomx jgħaddu din iddarba nixtiequlhom suċċess 'il quddiem.

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Fl-opinjoni tiegħi din l-arma, dik li għandna bħal issa, ġiet sfigurata, għax l-arma oriġinali, jiġifieri dik numru sebgħa, kienet maħduma proporzjonalment tal-qies. Issa bil-qtugħ tal-kuruna intilef il-proporzjon. Xorta waħda b'dan kollu baqgħet bħal ta' qabilha kollha, tindika l-awtonomija u l-indipendenza tal-korp.

Din hi l-familia ta' l-armi tal-pulizija ta' Malta. Armi artistikament sbieħ, li kif għidna aktar 'il fuq, żammew il-libsa proprja u indipendenti tagħhom u tal-korp.

Qabel intemm dan it-tagħrif nixtieq niskuża ruħi għal ċerti inċertezzi f'dati, bħal meta wżajt il-kelma "aktarx". Dan hu tagħrif preliminarju. Nieħu gost jekk min għandu xi tagħrif jiktbilna.