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IL-PULIZIJA

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LIL Pulizija — insellmilhom u nawguralhom li jkunu magħqudin. Kull wieħed minna għarfu jfittex biss dak li jaqgħadna u għandna lkoll naħdmu għal dan il-għan. Mhux biżżejjed li jkollok Association, b'nies li jagħmlu rappreżentanza f'ismek u minn naħa l-oħra ma jkunx hemm dik l-armonija u għaqda li kull haċċiem tant jeħtiegħ.

Il-mexxejja tal-haddiema jkunu b'saħħithom daqs kemm tkun kbira l-kotra warajhom. Meta ma jkunx hemm riżultati positivi mill-Kumitat tal-Association, hadd ma għandu johoda kontra din l-għaqda tal-Pulizija għaliex din hija dejjem tajba fil-prinċipju. Jista' ma jkunx effiċjenti l-Kumitat jew ikunu qed jiġu njarati r-rappreżentazzjonijiet li dan jagħmel.

Ahna wrejna bil-fatti li l-Association hi serja billi għall-ewwel darba qed nohroġu magazine li bih qed inpoġġu isem il-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta mhux biss fil-librerija tagħna, iżda dawk ta' barra minn Malta bl-iskop li nagħtu dehra aktar ahjar tal-Korp tagħna.

M. MARSHALL,
Chairman.

Kummenti dwar il-Magazine

Kienu hafna dawk li kitbulna u barra milli ferħulna għamlu xi kummenti li ahna hadna pjaċir nisimghu għaliex nemmnu li b'hekk jitjeb il-livell ta' dan il-Magazine.

Hafna kienu dawk li xtaqu li dan il-magazine ikun kollu bil-Malti. Fuq dan qed nikkontaw il-maġġoranza tal-qarrejja kif jidher minn din il-harġa. Iżda mhux Prattikabbli li jkun kollu bil-Malti peress li għandna korrispondenti li jixtiequ jiktbu bl-Ingliż fuq suġġetti bħal ma huma "Drugs", "Ballistics" u suġġetti oħra ta' interess għall-Pulizija.

Kien hemm min ikkummenta dwar l-artiklu li deher taht it-titlu: "A Tourist Asks" u qal għaliex dan għandu jiġi ppubblikat f'dan il-magazine. Nixtiequ nrispondu lil min ikkummenta fuq dan billi ngħidulu li hawn Malta bħal pajjiżi oħra, it-turist ta' spiss jistaqsi lil Pulizija għal xi informazzjoni fuq bini storiku, postijiet ta' interess eċċ. F'pajjiżi oħra l-Pulizija jiġu mgħallma kif għandhom jirrispondu lit-turisti. F'Nuremberg, il-Germanja, ftit taż-żmien ilu, 1,000 membru tal-Pulizija għamlu course fuq studju tal-arti. Dan sar għaliex f'dak il-post, peress li kienu se jsiru xi ċerimonji speċjali, kienu qed jistennaw numru kbir ta' turisti li dawn żgħir kienu se jistaqsu lil Pulizija xi mistoqsijiet ta' iformazzjoni anke fuq l-arti ta' dak il-post. Għalhekk tkun haġa sabiha jekk turist jistaqsi xi haġa lil xi wieħed minna u dan ikun jaf jirrispondi.

IBQGHU IKTBULNA U AGHTU L-KUMMENTI TAGHKOM
BL-ISKOP LI DAN IL-MAGAZINE IKUN DEJEM AHJAR.

EDITORJAL

L-ASSOCIATION tal-Pulizija ġiet imwaqqfa sabiex ikollna għaqda li biha nkunu jistgħu jgħinu lil xulxin, u biex il-membri tal-Korp permezz tar-rappreżentanti eletti minnhom stess ikollhom makkinarju biex jizviluppaw l-ilmenti li jkollihom.

Għaldaqstant inutli li wieħed joqgħod igerger u jdejjaq lil sħabu bl-ilmenti tiegħu. Ahjar dan jersaq quddiem l-Association u jgħaddi dak li jkun jinkwitah milli joqgħod jeqred li dan jew dak mhux sewwa.

L-Association hija magħmula mill-Pulizija għal Pulizija u għaldaqstant dawn żgur li jifhmu lil xulxin aktar. Meta r-rappreżentanti eletti jirċievu ilment ikun fid-dover tal-Kumitat Ċentrali li dan l-ilment jiġi rreferit lil 'Official Side'.

Il-membri tal-Kumitat tal-Association iħossu sodisfazzjon meta bl-interċessjoni tagħhom jirnexxielhom jisodisfaw lil min ikun għamel xi lment għaliex b'hekk l-Association tkun qed taqdi l-missjoni tagħha billi tagħmel il-membri tal-Korp hienja.

Ta' min isemmi li l-Kumitat tal-Association qed jagħmel aktar milli hu possibli biex jagħti isem dejjem ahjar lil din l-għaqda tal-Pulizija u dan qed jagħmlu għaliex il-Korp tal-Pulizija għalihom huwa għażiż.

Huwa veru li qed ikun hemm okkażjonijiet li ngħaddu xi lmenti mill-aktar gusti u jgħaddi hafna żmien biex nieħdu risposta. Iżda dan ma għandux jaqtalna qalbna.

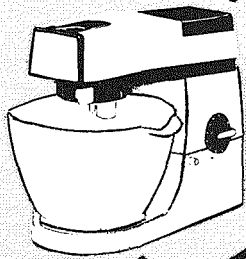
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Il-Motto tagħna hu li jkollna Pulizija hienja li tiegħu dak li hu tagħha u tagħmel ix-xogħol tagħha bil-qalb, bil-ħeġġa, bl-akbar effiċjenza b'enefiċċju għall-Korp u għan-Nazzjon.

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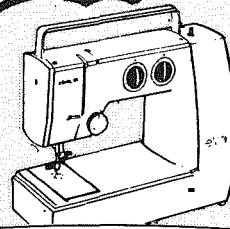
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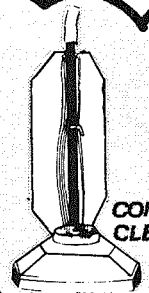
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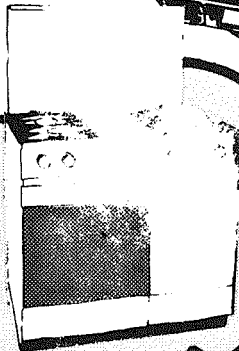
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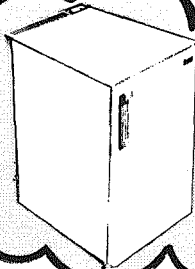
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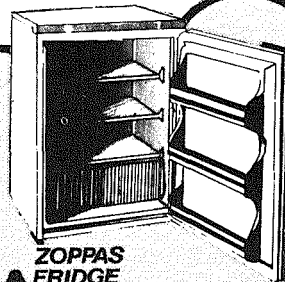
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Il-Malta Police Association Fund ġie mwaqqaf fl-1957 u dak iż-żmien kienet saret talba għall-25 cents bħala 'initial subscription' u kontribuzzjoni ta' 5 cents fix-xahar. Għal dak iż-żmien din il-kontribuzzjoni kienet haġa ta' min jamirha meta l-paga ta' kuntistabbli kienet madwar 85 ċenteżmu kuljum.

Dan il-fondi kien jiġi amministrat mill-Kumitat tal-Association u f'dawn l-aħħar snin meta ma kienx hemm kumitat il-fondi kienu qed jiġu amministrat mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija u ex-membri tal-Korp kien impjegat bħala kaxxier. Fi Frar ta' din is-sena saret talba lil Kummissarju biex dan il-fondi jerga' jiehdu f'idejha il-Kumitat u l-Kummissarju laqa' din it-talba.

Flaqgħa tal-Kumitat li saret fi Frar, 1977 saret mozzjoni sabiex il-kontribuzzjoni ta' 5 ċenteżmu toghla għall-15 ċenteżmu fix-xahar. Din l-mozzjoni għaddiet b'vot unanimu għaliex il-Kumitat hass li din għandha tghola għar-raġunijiet li se nsemu hawnhekk.

Meta nħarsu lejn il-paga tal-lum ipparagunata ma' taż-żmien li ġie mwaqqaf dan il-fondi, nsibu li llum il-paga ta' Kuntistabbli hija aktar minn erba' darbiet ta' dik ta' dak iż-żmien iżda dan mhux ir-raġuni għaliex il-kontribuzzjoni għoliet.

F'dawn l-aħħar snin matul il-Festi tal-Milied kienu qed isiru lotteriji u parties għall-membri tal-Korp u mill-Association Fund kienu qed jingħataw flus biex dawn il-parties eċċ. ikunu jistgħu jsiru. Eżempju ta' dan insemmu li f'Diċembru tal-1976 miż-żewġ liri għal kull membru tal-Korp li ngħataw, mill-Association Fund ħarġet is-somma ta' £M1450, jiġifieri, fil-waqt li membru tal-Korp ikkontribwixxa 60 ċenteżmu għall-Association Fund, dan ha' £M1.

Barra min dan, il-Fondi qiegħed biex jingħataw għaj-nuna finanzjarja għal dawk li jistgħu jiġu b'żonnha. Kien hemm diversi talbiet u dawn ġew studjati fuq il-merti tagħhom. Ahna lesti li nisimgħu t-

talbiet tagħkom li jiġi ttrattati kunfidenzjalment. Irridu ngħidu li mill-Fondi tal-Association ma ttehd u l-ebda flus biex jiġi ppubblikat il-magażin tagħna. Dan hemm fondi oħra li se jagħmlu tajjeb għal pubblikazzjonijiet li 'l quddiem se nibdew naghmlu, fosthom il-Kodiċi Kriminali li dal-waqt ikun għal bejgh. Biex jinbiegħ bil-prezz iffissat għall-membri tal-Korp, dan se jkollu sussidju mill-Fondi tal-Association għaliex hija x-xewqa tagħna li kull membru tal-Korp ikollu kopja tal-Kodiċi Kriminali. Lill-membri tal-Korp, dan se jiswilhom anqas mill-'cost price'.

Fl-aħħar ta' min isemmi x-xewqa tagħna, kif ukoll tal-Kumitati ta' qabilna, jiġifieri dak li notjenu post biex iservi bħala Police Club. Dan kien isemma fi News Letter tal-Association ta' Lulju, 1959, iżda forsi minhabba ċirkostanzi finanzjarji dan ma setax isir. Iżda llum, jekk ikollna fondi tajbin dan ma għandux ma jsehx.

DWAR IL-VACATION LEAVE

L-Association talbet laqgħa mal-Establishments Secretary rigward il-vacation leave tal-Pulizija. F'din il-laqgħa mistenni jiġi diskuss kif għandu jittiehed il-vacation leave, jiġifieri jekk huw ex working days sew meta jittiehed lokali kif ukoll meta membru tal-Korp isifer.

Bħal kull impjegat tal-Gvern, li ma jaħdimx fuq bażi ta' ġimgħa ta' hamest ijiem, l-entitlement għandu jitqies bħala 4 ġimgħat leave. Iżda dawn l-4 ġimgħat mhumiex qed japplikaw għall-Pulizija għaliex mhumiex intitolati għal frank meta dan jaħbat fil-granet tal-vacation leave. Sa ftit taż-żmien ilu, meta membru tal-Korp kien jiehu l-vacation leave biex isifer, il-leave kien jingħad bħala working days, iżda dan għal xi raġuni ma għadux isir. Diversi membri tal-Korp li kitbu l-leave sabiex isifru ġew infurmati li l-Hdud iridu jgħoddu mal-leave.



Nistgħu nirrangaw xi haġa?
Hallik mill-Qorti

L-EXTRA DUTY ON PAYMENT

Fil-waqt li nittamaw li sakemm ikun fareġ dan il-magazine ikollna risposta dwar l-extra nixtiequ ninfurmawkom li fis-17 ta' Ġunju, 1977, ġejna nfurmati li qed isiru diskussjonijiet bejn l-uffiċċju tal-Prim Ministru u l-Finanzi u huwa tmat li jsir progress f'qasir żmien. Ahna nittamaw li din it-talba ġusta tagħna tiġi ffinalizzata u f'haġa oħra ta' dan il-magazine nagħtu rapport dettaljat ta' dak li jkun sar fuq din it-talba tagħna.

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THE HISTORY OF DRUGS by Alan Jackson, RAF Drug Squad **PART 1**

In every culture in history, man has found that certain plants when eaten, smoked or boiled in water to produce a drink, have produced pleasant effects on the mind or body, either to stimulate, relieve pain or fatigue or calm anxiety. Some concoctions produce alterations in perception called hallucinations, others bring sleep. Some plants are so potent as to be poisonous; but the same plants used wisely and carefully can bring relief from pain and in some cases cure illnesses. These practices have been accepted as part of the cultural pattern in some countries whilst in others the same practices have been condemned.

Any substance, either natural or synthetic which alters the mental or physical functions of the body can be labelled 'a drug'.

The Background of Drug Dependence. Since the middle of the 19th century the chemical industry has experienced tremendous expansions in both technology and production. Almost all medicinal plants and herbs have had their active drug constituent isolated in a pure form and many of these drugs can now be made completely synthetically. The pure drug is of course much more potent than the naturally occurring substance.

In 1803, Morphine was first extracted from Opium, the resinous juice obtained from the head of the opium poppy, which had first been used as a sedative and pain killer, 7,000 years previously. In 1898, Heroin was refined from Morphine.

The leaves of the Coca bush from Bolivia, and Peru, which had been chewed by the natives to relieve pain and fatigue since the days of the Incas, yielded the pure drug Cocaine in 1859. This stimulant drug became the prototype of the local anaesthetic used in dentistry and surgery.

Cannabis Sativa, known as marijuana, hemp or hashish, was used as a sedative and hypnotic by the ancient world. It gave visions of paradise to the Assassins of the 12th cen-

ture. The extracted resin no longer has any medical use, although until comparatively recently it was used in corn plasters.

A Mexican mushroom (Teonanactl) and cactus (Peyotl) which have been used in religious rites for centuries were recently found to contain the hallucinogenic drugs, Psilocybin and Mescaline.

For centuries epidemics of ergot poisoning had occurred amongst the poorer communities of Medieval Europe after they had eaten infected rye-bread. In 1943 this ergot was found to contain a drug known as Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD), minuscule doses of which produce vivid hallucinations.

The story could be repeated for scores of different herbs and ancient remedies.

In time, the older drugs were replaced by new synthetic drugs, more powerful and often more predictable in their effects. In the 1920's a new group of sedatives known as Barbiturates were discovered. In time however, these were found to produce the signs of dependence, so that a search was directed to find an effective non-barbiturate drug. Many were produced, amongst them Thalidomide, a wonderful sedative but a drug possessing tragic and quite unexpected powers to damage the development of an unborn baby during the early months of pregnancy.

In the mid-1930's a group of drugs known as the Amphetamines and capable of stimulating some parts of the nervous system were found to be of value as a stimulant and also decongesting the nose in catarrh sufferers. It was not long however, before the mental stimulation became the most popular effect and so abuse occurred. The same drugs also reduced appetite and were prescribed in large quantities to the overweight to assist in their dieting. When used for this purpose the amphetamine was often combined with a sedative to combat the sleeplessness. This combination became known as a 'Purple Heart' after the

American war decoration (because of its pale mauve colour and rounded triangular shape). Subsequently Amphetamine has become one of the most popular means of staying awake for long periods. Dexidrine was in fact issued to pilots during the second world war to enable them to stay alert during long and arduous missions.

Why are Drugs being Abused? Drug abuse is not a new phenomenon; the use of narcotics (Heroin, Morphine etc.) in the United States began prior to the Civil War in 1861 and the first Narcotic Laws were passed there over 60 years ago. Drug dependence is really a relationship between a personality and a drug. This accounts for the wide variation in effect and experience that occurs. In practice 3 types can be recognised.

(1) **Social Dependence.** Where a person depends on a drug in order to conform to the behaviour and standards of the community or group. There is always a small proportion of any group of people who find life more difficult to live than the rest. This sort of person has often had an upset childhood, with broken family relationships and has difficulty in learning to cope with the demands of life. He finds the period of adjustment between childhood and adulthood much more difficult than it need be. He is often inhibited and self-conscious but he still feels the social pressure to conform. He finds that by resorting to drugs he is able to blanket these feelings or boost his confidence. Either way he feels he is able to cope but afterwards suffers the marked reaction of the withdrawal symptoms.

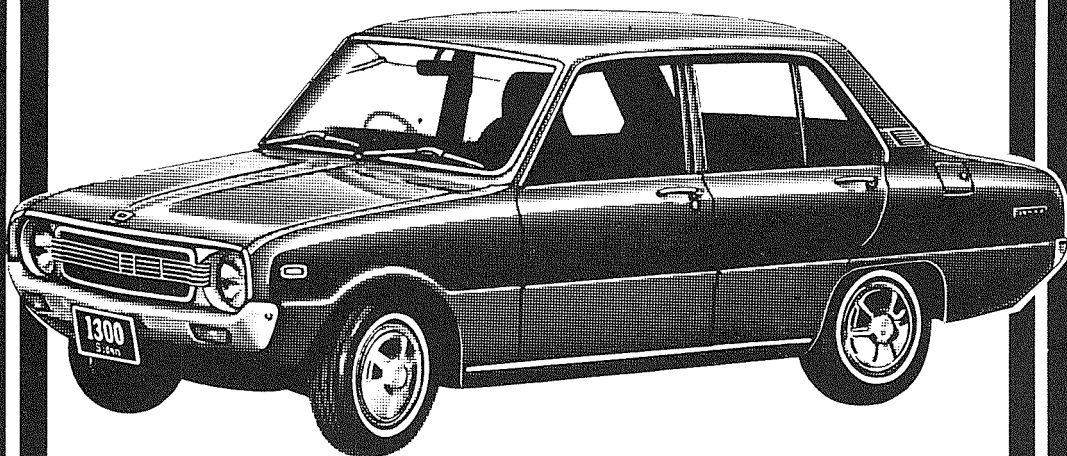
(2) **Psychic (Mental) Dependence.** Where a person depends on a drug either:

- a. To provide enjoyment, or
- b. To suppress or come to terms with his mental or emotional conflict, that is to come to terms with himself.

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F'din il-harga ta' "Il-Pulizija" imiss li nselmu lill-ex Spettur tal-Pulizija li llum jinsab jaqdi d-doveri tieghu fl-oghla post li Malta tista' toffri, jigifieri dik ta' President tar-Repubblika.

L-avukat Anton Buttigieg, li nhatar it-tieni President tar-Repubblika ta' Malta fis-27 ta' Dicembru, 1976, twieled fil-Qala, Ghawdex fid-19 ta' Frar, 1912 minn familja ghanja fis-semplificita' taghha, karatteristika purament Ghawdxija.

Fl-ahhar gwerra dinjija (1939—45), u sewwa sew fis-sena 1942, il-Maltin bdew jingabru bil-lieva. Fl-istess zmien il-korp tal-Pulizija, li dak iz-zmien kellu l-kwartieri generali fil-Fleur-de-Lys, kien qiegheed jaghmel sejha ghall-kandidati minn barra l-korp, biex jissiebhu fil-korp tal-pulizija bhala spetturi. Wiehed minn dawn il-kandidati kien Anton Buttigieg li kien ghadu fil-bidu tal-karriera professjonali tieghu ta' Avukat.

L-Avukat Buttigieg kellu jisuggetta ruhu ghall-ezami kompetittiv, liema ezami wasslu fil-korp tal-Pulizija bir-rank ta' Sotto Spettur. (Hawn nixtieq naghmel kumment zhghir, li Anton Buttigieg poqqa ghall-ezami ta' l-Ingliż, Aritmetika u Malti meta hu kellu digha' l-LL.D u l-B.A.).

Bhala Spettur tal-Pulizija serva ghall-ewwel tliet gimghat fis-C.I.D., imbaghad il-Hamrun u fl-ahhar f'tal-kontroll (FCP). B'kollox Buttigieg serva fil-korp bejn is-sena 1942 u l-1944. Ftit qabel ma halla l-kariga tieghu fil-pulizija huwa zzewwegh lis-sinjorina Bezzina u zewwighom l-lsqof Mons. Emm. Galea. Bhala xhud kellu lill-kummissarju tal-Pulizija ta' dak iz-zmien is-Sur J.E. Axisa (Ghawdxi bhalu) u bestman lis-Sur G. Cachia li kien Ajjutant u wara sar ukoll Kummissarju.

Huwa tabilhaqq ta' ghef u ta' mportanza storika ghall-



Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta li wiehed mill-ex ufficjali taghha llum jinsab jokkupa l-oghla post bhala President ta' dan in-nazzjon zhghir fid-daqs u kbir fl-istorja tieghu.

Qeghdin nipubblikaw din it-tifkira biex iz-zmien ma jnessi qatt dak li kien u dak li hu l-Avukat Anton Buttigieg. Minn dan il-Magazine nawguraw lill-ex Spettur tal-Pulizija u President tar-Repubblika ta' Malta, Ad Multos Annos.

'tolerance' will develop within the body and it will be necessary to use more and more of the stimuli to produce the initial sensation. Normal life will be quite unacceptable after such stimulation and so inevitably the person will use the drug again to regain the escape he is looking for. The student may resort to stimulant drugs to try and improve himself academically, or give him the stamina to keep up with the social life at his college or University. This practice may well be followed by intense depression, or he may try to hide his anxieties beneath a blanket of alcohol, barbiturates or cannabis.

(3) **Physical Dependence.** Where the body becomes dependent on the presence of the drug for its normal functioning and the drug must be taken to prevent the characteristic "withdrawal symptoms" that develop in its absence. There are certain drugs which produce physical dependence, these are the Opiates — (Opium and its derivatives, Heroin and Morphine), and also some synthetic Analgesics such as Pethidine and Metha-

done. When absorbed into the human body these drugs compete with the naturally occurring substances and gradually replace them in the normal chemical processes of life (Metabolism) in the body's cells resulting in:

a. **Tolerance.** A steadily increasing dose of the drug is required to produce the same effect as the initial dose. The dose the addict eventually requires would prove fatal if taken by a normal person.

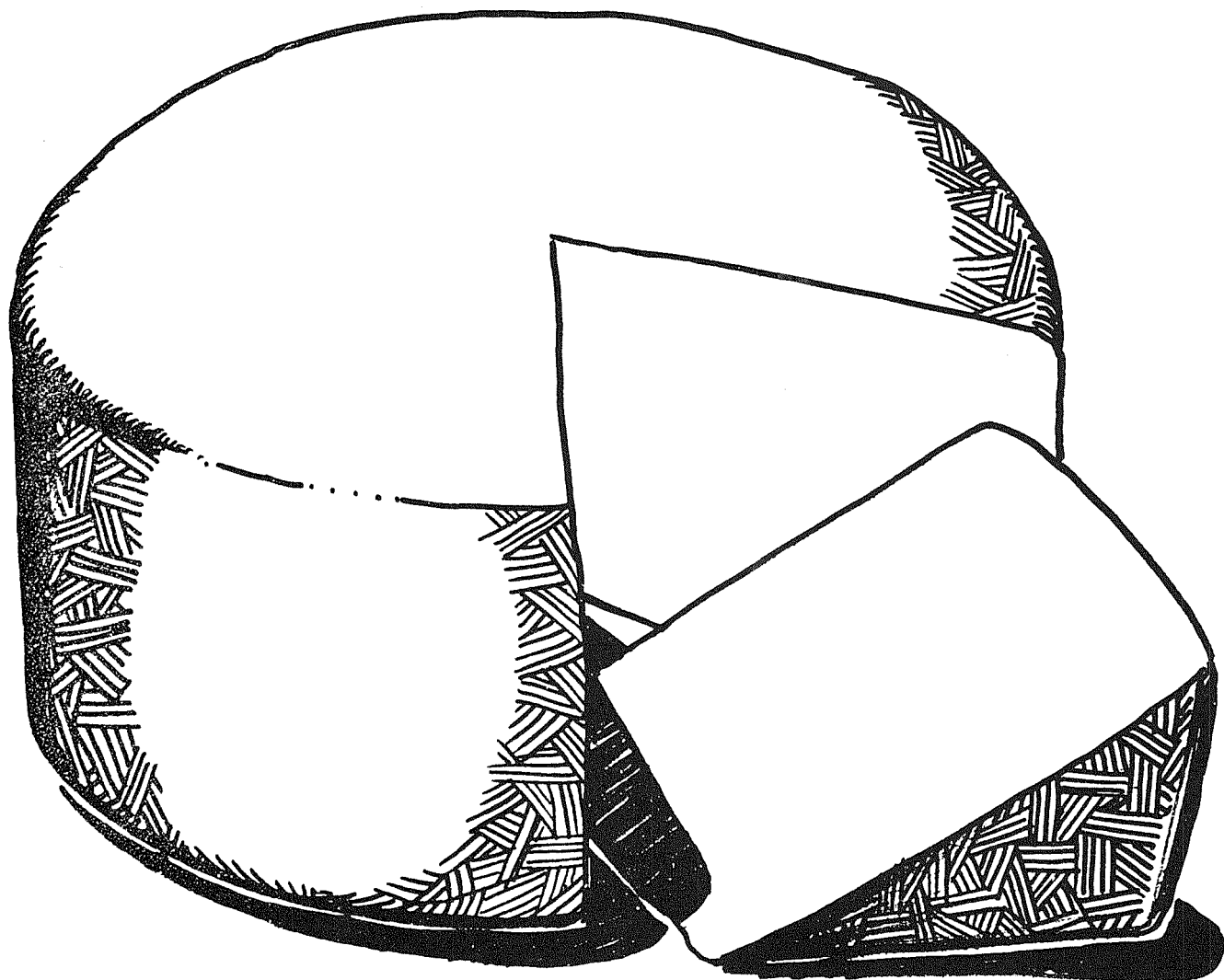
b. **Withdrawal Symptoms.** These occur most severely with Heroin or Morphine. If the dose is withdrawn, reduced or even delayed, the addict becomes agitated, restless and then suffers very unpleasant symptoms similar to influenza, with sweating, tremors and pains in the limbs and abdomen. These pains rapidly increase in severity and are associated with extreme anxiety, apprehension and often delusions of persecution. In addicts of long standing the symptoms are particularly severe and are referred to as "The Physical Habit".

c. **Intense Craving for the Drug.** The physical symptoms can be so agonising that the

addict becomes completely obsessed with the task of ensuring that the next dose (fix) will be available in a few hours time when the dreaded symptoms will develop again. Life becomes unbearable without the drug. Even though the physical symptoms of withdrawal may be very severe, they in fact only last for a limited time (but try telling this to someone who is suffering them at the time). The real problem for the addict is his continual craving for Heroin. This is often termed the "Mental Habit" and is really an aspect of the prolonged psychic dependence that Heroin produces. The paradox remains that if young people attempt to demonstrate their independence or freedom from social restrictions by taking drugs, the drugs themselves can rob them of the very freedom they are seeking.

In next months issue we will go on to discuss the various drugs of abuse, in more detail, to enable you to recognise the symptoms displayed by the drug abuser and also the withdrawal symptoms.

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By P. Farrugia, Medical Director, MALTA BLOOD BANK

It is my duty as the Medical Director of the Malta Blood Bank, to bring to the attention of the general public the humanitarian services which members of the Malta Police Force are rendering to the less fortunate members of the community through their blood donations.

Blood is life and consequently many lives have been saved through their donations. In addition, blood donation is a bond that links all men and women in the world so closely and intimately that every difference of colour, religious belief and culture heritage is insignificant beside it.

These members of the Police Force have on several occasions been asked to donate blood to meet emergencies and had it not been their prompt response it would not have been possible to save the patient's life. They have never refused to come forward and donate even under the most trying conditions. If one has to follow their fine example, the blood bank could be spared the difficulties to meet all requests for blood.

Demand for blood is increasing: the nature of blood given to a patient must be compatible with his own blood group and type. Unless people become donors the supply will not keep pace with the growing demand of blood. All the best medical techniques, most modern apparatus and drugs as well as money, are not enough to save a life without the gift of blood, which can only come from another human being. No substitute for blood has ever been developed. The only source for blood is from human body and the blood bank has to rely on blood donors to ensure an adequate blood supply. A blood donated can make all the differences between life and death for the person who is urgently waiting for it.

I appeal for more members of the Police Corps (including females) to come forward and donate blood, so that blood is always available when needed. Give the gift of life and join the Blood Donors' list of the Malta Blood Bank. It is the greatest proof of human unity.

Finally I would like to remind everyone that when blood is taken from a person,

it cannot be issued straight away for transfusion. Several laboratory tests have to be carried out on the blood before it is issued and these tests have to be carried out on the blood before it is issued and these tests take a lot of time and it is for this reason that a stock of blood must be available at the Malta Blood Bank.

A THOUGHT FOR THE BEAT

Politeness is like an air-cushion; there is nothing in it, but it softens the bumps in life.
— Arthur Schopenhauer.

A POLICEMAN'S WIFE

I'm a policeman's wife
who sits alone,
and watches T.V.
While her husband works,
And can never to her children say
With certainty,
"On Sunday we'll go to the seaside,
Or the zoo".
And often even on a Christmas Day,
Must be their mother and their father too.

APPRECIATION

The following letter was received from

Mr. G. Biasini of Sliema:—

6th June 1977

The Editor
Malta Police Federation Journal
Police Headquarters, Floriana.

Sir,

I wish to thank and compliment the police on night duty on Friday, 27th May, 1977, especially Sergeants Dalli and Muscat, for their quick and efficient action in apprehending a burglar within a few hours of the theft committed at my residence.

All stolen articles were recovered.

Yours truly

G. Biasini.

LIGI U PROCEDURA TAL-PULIZIJA

EKONOMIJA FL-ILMA

WAQT li qeghdin nirriproduċu Notifiki tal-Gvern kif ukoll ir-regolamenti tas-Swimming Pools, din is-sena qed terġa' tin-hass il-htieġa li ma ssirx heġa ta' l-ilma. Kulhadd huwa mitlub li jikkopera u dan għandu jsir mhux biss billi jagħmel ekonomija ta' l-ilma, iżda billi jirraporta abbużi, ħsarat fil-kanen jew xi mod ieħor li jkun qed iservi biex jintilef l-ilma.

L-użu ta' makni jew apparati mekkaniċi għall-ħasil ta' vet-turi hu ipprobit. (G.N. 371/1952).

L-użu ta' l-ilma pprovdut għal xi post minn provisti bil-kanen tal-Gvern biex jinħaslu "motor-cars" jew vetturi oħra huwa proj-bit. (G.N. 402/1956).

IL-PROTEZZJONI TAL-PROVISTA TA' L-ILMA GHAS- 'SWIMMING POOLS' (A.L. 64/1971)

1. Dawn ir-regolamenti jis-tgħu jissejhu r-Regolamenti ta' l-1971 dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Provvista ta' l-Ilma għal Swimming Pools.

2. F'dawn ir-regolamenti — "Manager" tfisser il-Manager tad-dipartiment; "Dipartiment" tfisser id-Dipartiment tax-Xogħlijiet ta' l-Ilma;

"Rata Uniformi" tfisser ir-rata uniformi li minn żmien għai żmien tkun fis-seħħ skond ir-Regolamenti ta' l-1948 dwar il-Provvista ta' l-Ilma.

3. Ma jiġix provdud ilma tal-vit għal swimming pools kemm-il darba ma jkunux tħarsu l-htieġ ta' dawn ir-regolamenti.

4. (1) Qabel ma tinbena swimming pool għandu jinkiseb permess bil-miktub mill-Manager għall-bini tagħha.

(2) Dawk l-applikazzjonijiet għandhom isiru fuq formula speċifika li tista' tinkiseb mid-dipartiment u għandhom jagħtu dawk id-dettalji kollha li jkollhom x'jaqsmu, inklużi l-lokalita' eżatta u l-volum tal-pool, is-sistema ta' kostruzzjoni, minn fejn tkun se tittiehed il-provvista, il-metodu kif il-pool tkun se tintela' u titbattal u, meta jkun il-każ, il-mezz ta' komunikazzjoni ma' xi sistema ta' riżerva, kif ukoll ix-xorta tal-pompa ta' ċirkolazzjoni u filtrazzjoni li tkun se tiġi wżata.

(3) Dik l-applikazzjoni mimlija kif imiss, għandu jkol-

lha magħha l-pjanti relattivi (bi skala) bid-dettalji kollha li jkol-lhom x'jaqsmu.

(4) Id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' qabel ta' dan ir-regolament jit-qiesu li ġew imħarsa relattiva-ment għal swimming pool li tkun ġiet mibnija qabel il-bidu fis-seħħ ta' dawn ir-regolamen-ti jekk il-Manager, meta jin-ghata bil-miktub l-informazzjoni meħtieġa skond il-para-grafu (2) ta' dan ir-regola-ment u meta jingħatawlu l-pjanti u d-dettalji msemmija fl-aħħar paragrafu ta' qabel dan, ikun sodisfatt li dik is-swim-ming pool tista' titqies li hi waħda li kien ikun xieraq li jin-ghatalha l-permess bil-miktub imsemmi fil-paragrafu (1) ta' dan ir-regolament u jiċċertifika f'dan is-sens.

5. (1) Meta swimming pool tkun maħsuba li tintuża bhala swimming pool pubbliku għan-du jkollha t-tagħmir meħtieġ biex tiġi żgurata filtrazzjoni kontinwa.

(2) Meta pool tkun maħ-suba għal użu privat u tkun tesa' aktar minn 30,000 galun, għandu jkollha wkoll it-tagħ-mir kollu meħtieġ biex tiġi żgurata filtrazzjoni kontinwa.

6. Meta swimming pool tkun maħsuba li tintela' bl-ilma ba-ħar il-Manager jista' jilqa' tal-ba għall-istallazzjoni ta' doċċa/ doċċoċ ta' l-ilma heġu viċin tagħha:

Kemm-il darba —

(a) dawk id-doċċoċ ikunu tax-xorta li jirregolaw lilhom in-fushom;

(b) ikollhom meter kif imiss u tithallas dwarhom ir-rata uniformi; u

(ċ) dawk il-pools ikunu għal kollox li minnhom ma jghaddix ilma hekk li ma jkunx

hemm perkolazzjoni u filtrazzjoni ta' ilma baħar fl-aquifers.

7. (1) Meta swimming pool tkun maħsuba li tintela' b'ilma heġu ma għandhiex timbena kemm-il darba ma timbenix relattivament għalih ġiebjja li tim-tela' b'ilma li jingabar mix-xita u li tkun tesa' għall-inqas dar-ba u nofs il-volum ta' l-iswimming pool.

(2) L-iskop ta' dik il-ġiebjja huwa li minnha tkun tista' tintela' l-iswimming pool bl-imsemmi ilma li jingabar mix-xita u wkoll biex jiżded l-ilma tas-swimming pool li jintilef bl-evaporazzjoni.

8. Bla ħsara ta' kull obbligu ieħor jew htieġ ta' xi permess ieħor skond xi liġi jew regola-ment ieħor, kull meta, għal xi raġuni, l-użu ta' l-ilma tal-vit ikun meħtieġ biex jimla' jew iżid l-ilma ta' xi swimming pool, għandu f'kull każ jinkiseb per-mess bil-miktub bil-quddiem mingħand il-Manager, li jagħti dak il-permess jekk fil-fehma tiegħu t-talba tkun ġustifikata u għandu jitlob għal dak l-ilma l-ħlas bir-rata li l-applikant soltu jħallas.

9. Meta s-sid ta' xi swim-ming pool jew xi persuna res-ponsabbli għal xi swimming pool tagħmel użu minn ilma tal-vit biex timla', jew iżżid l-ilma ta' dik il-pool mingħajr il-permess bil-miktub minn qabel tal-Manager, id-dispożizzjoni-jiet tar-Regolamenti ta' l-1948 dwar il-Provvista ta' l-Ilma għandhom japplikaw u l-Manager jista' jissospendi s-sis-tema kollha tas-servizz ta' l-ilma li tkun intużat għal dak l-użu.

APPELL KRIMINALI PRESKRIZZJONI — INTERUZZJONI

IMHALLEF:

ONOR. W. HARDING,
C.B.E., K.M., B. LITT., LL.D.

IL-PULIZIJA VS GEORGE BARBARA
25 TA' NOVEMBRU, 1961

Il-Qorti,

Rat l-imputazzjoni miġjuba mill-Pulizija quddiem il-Qorti Kriminali tal-Maġistrati ta' Malta kontra l-imputat talli f' Hal Għaxaq, fit-tmienja (8) ta' Lulju, 1959, għal ħabta tad-9 p.m., volontarjament kiser il-bonordni u l-kwiet pubbliku

billi assalta lil kunjatuh Giuseppe Gravina, sawtu bi flixkun u volontarjament ikkaġunalu of-
fiza ta' natura hafifa skond iċ-
ċertifikat ta' Dr. Jos. Paris,
M.D.;

Rat is-sentenza ta' dik il-
Qorti tat-tletin (30) ta' Awis-
su, 1961 li rriteniet l-azzjoni
preskritta u għalhekk illiberat
lill-imputat.

Rat ir-rikors li bih l-Attor-
ney-General appella mid-deċi-
zjoni fuq imsemmija, u talab li
tiġi revokata, billi jiġi dikjarat
li l-azzjoni ma hijiex estinta bil-
preskrizzjoni, u billi l-imputat
jiġi dikjarat hati tal-imputaz-
zjoni u kkundannat skond il-li-
ġi;

Trattat l-appell;

Ikkunsidrat:

Il-fatt hu allegat li ġie kom-
mess fit-tmienja (8) ta' Lulju,
1959. Fis-sitta (6) ta' Awissu,
1959 il-Pulizija ħarġet iċ-ċitaz-
zjoni li però, ma ġie notifika-
ta, minhabba li l-imputat kien
barra minn Malta. B'dan kollu
— appuntu għax l-imputat
kien imsiefer — iċ-ċitazzjoni
kellha, skond il-liġi, effett in-
terruttiv (ara art. 688 (2) Kod.
Krim.). Iżda, l-presekkuzzjoni
hekk interrotta reġgħet bdiet
tiddekorri mill-gurnata tal-in-
teruzzjoni biċ-ċitazzjoni, cioe'
mis-sitta (6) ta' Awissu, 1959,
jum li fih ġiet spikkata iċ-ċitaz-
zjoni, u dan skond it-tielet sub-
artikolu ta' dak l-artikolu. Issa
l-imputat f'Malta fid-disgħa u
ghoxrin (29) ta' Lulju, 1961,
(verbal fol. 12) u ebda att tal-
proċediment ma ġie lilu notifi-
kat mis-sitta (6) ta' Awissu,
1959 (jum li fih kienet ġiet in-
terrotta l-preskrizzjoni, u jum
li fih reġgħet bdiet tiddekorri)
ħlief fl-erbgha (4) ta' Awissu,
1961 (Dok. fol. II) (Xhieda P.
C. Abela). L-imputazzjoni hi
ta' offiza bi prigunerija għal
żmien mhux aktar minn tliet
(3) xhur jew bil-multa. Bħala
tali, l-azzjoni hi preskrivibili fi
żmien sentejn (art. 683 (e)
Kap. 12) li ma għaddewx, għax
kien jonqos jumejn (2) meta
ġie notifikat fl-erbgha (4) ta'
Awissu, 1961. Għalhekk, l-az-
zjoni ma hijiex preskritta.

Għal dawn il-motivi din il-
Qorti tiddeċiedi billi tilqa' l-ap-
pell, tirrevoka s-sentenza ap-
pellata, tiddikjara li l-azzjoni
ma hijiex preskritta, u, tordna
li l-kawża tiġi trattata fil-me-
ritu.

POLICE SALARY SCALE

These rates include all cost of living allowances.

GRADE	SALARY
On appointment: Commissioner	£M 3,765 (including £M200 pensionable allowance)
On appointment: Assistant Commissioner	£M 3,097
On appointment: Superintendent	£M 2,509
2nd year	£M 2,593
3rd year	£M 2,677
4th year	£M 2,761
5th year	£M 2,845
On appointment: Inspector	£M 1,881
2nd year	£M 1,953
3rd year	£M 2,025
4th year	£M 2,097
5th year	£M 2,169
6th year	£M 2,241
7th year	£M 2,313
8th year	£M 2,385
On appointment: Sgt-Major I	£M 1,565 <i>Extra duty pay</i> £M 120 per annum
2nd year	£M 1,625
3rd year	£M 1,685
4th year	£M 1,745
5th year	£M 1,805
6th year	£M 1,825
On appointment: Sgt-Major II	£M 1,537 <i>Extra duty pay</i> £M 96 per annum
2nd year	£M 1,585
3rd year	£M 1,633
4th year	£M 1,681
5th year	£M 1,729
On appointment: Sergeant	£M 1,405 <i>£M 84 per annum</i>
2nd year	£M 1,453
3rd year	£M 1,501
4th year	£M 1,549
5th year	£M 1,597
6th year	£M 1,633
On appointment: Constable	£M 1,081 <i>£M 72 per annum</i>
2nd year	£M 1,117
3rd year	£M 1,153
4th year	£M 1,189
5th year	£M 1,225
6th year	£M 1,261
7th year	£M 1,297
8th year	£M 1,333
9th year	£M 1,369
10th year	£M 1,405
11th year	£M 1,441
12th year	£M 1,477

LATIN LEGAL TERMS IN GENERAL USE

<i>Bona fide</i>	in good faith.
<i>Contra</i>	against.
<i>Contra pacem</i>	against the peace.
<i>Corpus delicti</i>	the body of essential fact constituting a criminal offence.
<i>Dictum, dicta (pl)</i>	a saying, sayings.

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IL-BANDA TAL-PULIZIJA

Mill-Ispettur Anzjan V. Bonnici A.Mus., LCM

Fl-1919 Lieut. Colonel Henry W. Bamford lahaq Kummissarju tal-Pulizija u bhalma huwa magħruf uffiċjalment u kien ir-riformatur tal-Korp tal-Pulizija b'għid kbir lis-soċjeta' Mal-tija u b'risq l-istess Korp tal-kustodi tal-paċi pubblika.

Fost ir-riformi u n-novazzjonijiet insemmu t-twaqqif u i-grajja ta' l-Għaqda Mużikali ġdida għal Malta għax iffurmat minn membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. Il-ħsieb ewlieni ta' din l-istituzzjoni kulturali kien, għadu u jibqa' sabieħ il-Korp tal-Pulizija barra mid-dmirijiet onerużi, delikati u diffikultużi għaż-żama tal-bonordni u tal-paċi pubblika jkun jista' wkoll jgħin lis-soċjetajiet tal-Karita' u l-Istituti billi l-banda tal-Pulizija tieħu sehem f'kunċerti, wirjiet, laqgħat musiko letterarji u affarijiet simili, mingħajr ħlas.

Tarma u twaqqaf banda mużikali xejn mhu faċli. Izda bħal ma jgħid il-proverbju Ingliż 'Where there is a will, there is a way'. Din ir-rieda qawwiya rajniha tithaddem mill-Kummissarju Bamford mgħejjun bir-rieda tajba ta' l-uffiċjali tal-Korp. F'laqgħa ġenerali bejn l-uffiċjali u subalterni tal-Korp inqata' għalenija, li titwaqqaf banda magħmula minn membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija u b'hekk il-Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta ma baqax inferjuri minn dawk ta' pajjiżi oħra f'dik li hi kultura.

Beda x-xogħol u l-ewwel ma sar kien is-sejha għal surmast direttur organizzatur. Minn fost il-konkorrenti ġie magħżul Mro. E. Magro, ex-bandmaster ta' l-Orkestra tal-Commander-in-Chief, li kien għadu kif irtira bil-pensjoni. Magħżul is-surmast direttur, b'ċirkolari tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, issejħu dawk il-membri tal-Korp li huma mużikanti speċjalment dawk li kienu bandisti f'baned ċivili qabel daħlu fil-Korp. Għal din is-sejha, wiegħbu 13 biss.

B'daqshekk ir-rieda tajba ma naqqset xejn minn dik il-qawwa tagħha ta' qabel. Għadd li ċkejna, l-għadd tal-bandisti, l-Awtorita' tilmaħ mill-bogħod, ġietha l-okkażjoni tajba u minnufih hatfitha għax xtrat l-istrumenti kollha tal-Banda tar-

Regiment Malti "King's Own Royal Militia", li kien għadu kif żbanda.

L-ewwel kunċerti bil-ftit bandisti bdew isiru f'kamra mdaqqsqa fid-Depot tal-Pulizija, il-Belt. F'qasir żmien, l-għadd tal-bandisti lahaq 30. Dawn kienu kollha ex-bandisti tar-Regiment Malti żbandat u oħrajn ġew trasferiti mill-Malta Royal Artillery.

Il-Banda tal-Pulizija, imwaqqa formali, armata bi strummenti tajbin u armonjużi, bdiet tieħu sehem f'ċerimonji uffiċjali ċivili bħall-parata f'Jum l-Armistizzju f'Novembru ta' kull sena flimkien ma' baned oħrajn tas-servizz. Kienet ukoll tkun minn quddiem nett fi żjajjar ta' persunaġġi reali billi tkun mistiedna mill-Eċċellenza Tiegħu l-Gvernatur biex twettaq programm ta' mużika magħżul waqt il-hin tal-pranzu uffiċjali fil-Palazz il-Belt, f'social parties il-Palazz ta' San Anton u l-Palazz tal-Buskett.

Billi banda tas-servizz, dixiplinata u mghallma b'kultura mużikali safja, dejjem kienet u tibqa' tikseb suċċessi fl-arti u fis-soċjeta' b'ammirazzjoni ta' dawk kollha li jhobbu l-mużika, u ta' eżempju lil xi wħud mill-baned ċivili, din tgħaddi l-quddiem, tant hu hekk li bit-thab-rik tal-Kummissarju u l-Uffiċjali, waslet mil-Londra strumentatura ġdida.

Fit-3 ta' Frar, 1939, Mro. Magro billi għalaq is-60 sena ta' ħajja dejjem meġhdija fl-arti mużikali htegħu li jinfatam mis-servizz tal-Banda u floku fl-10 ta' Marzu ta' l-istess sena lahaq Bandmaster is-Surgent Maġġur Mro. Carmelo Brincat Taħt dan is-surmast direttur il-banda tal-Pulizija, bil-ħaqq kollu kisbet isem

Fl-1 ta' Awissu 1956 is-Surmast Clo Brincat, bħal ta' qablu kellu jirtira mis-servizz minħabba li kien għalaq is-60 sena. Hawnhekk il-banda ġiet sospi-ża minħabba xi esiġenzi tas-servizz u damet wieqfa sa kważi nofs is-sena 1957 meta nħass il-bżonn li l-banda tal-Pulizija terġa' titwaqqaf.

Il-Kummissarju ta' dak iż-żmien ma kellux problema biex



Mro. E. Magro



Mro. Clo. Brincat



Mro. V. Bonnici A.Mus.L.C.M.



Mro. V. Cremona

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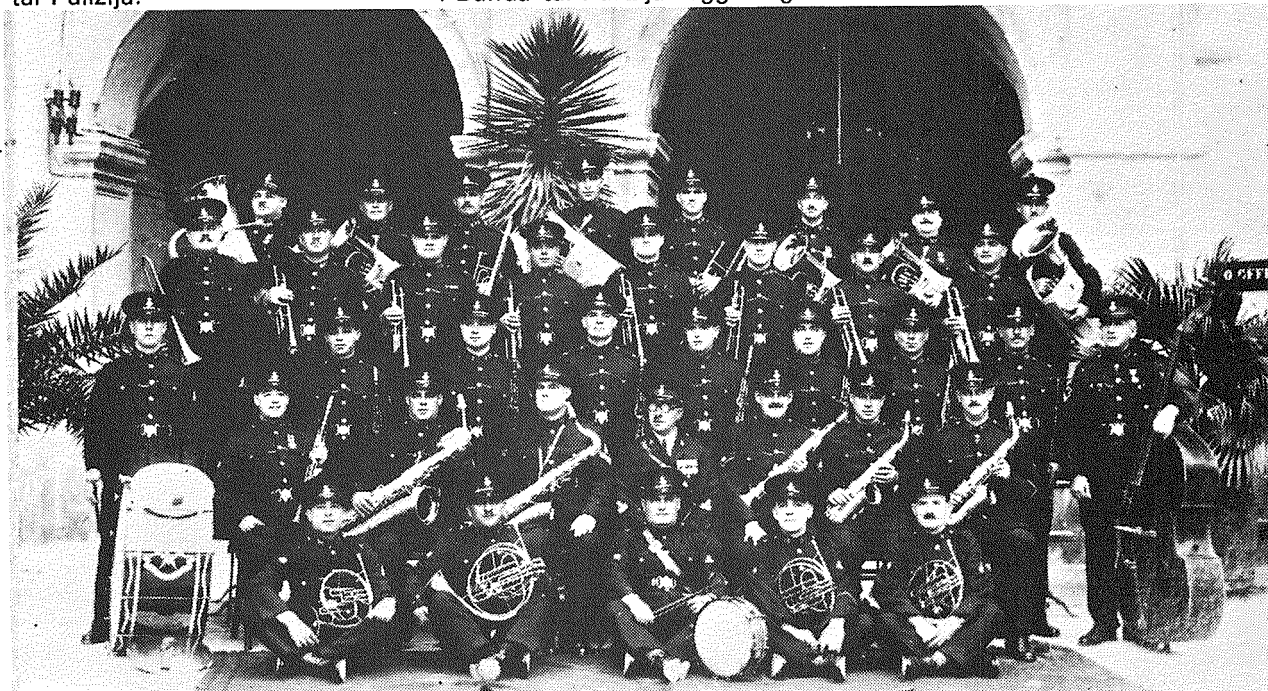
isib Bandmaster ieħor minflok is-Surmast Brincat għaliex fil-Korp ġa kellu ieħor lest mimli b'talent mużikali u b'ċertifikati u Diplomi meħtieġa mil-London College of Music (A.Mus. L.C.M.) u dan kien l-Ispettur Vincent Bonnici, il-Bandmaster preżenti.

Is-Surmast Bonnici dahal fil-Korp tal-Pulizija bħala Riservista fl-4 ta' Mejju, 1940. Sar regolari f'Settembru tal-1945 u f'Diċembru tal-1948 laħaq Surgent wara li għadda b'suċċess minn eżami kompetittiv. F'Novembru tal-1956 laħaq Spettur tal-Pulizija.

Taħt dan is-Surmast, il-Banda tal-Pulizija reġgħet tfaċċat fil-pubbliku fejn daqqet Programmi Mużikali u hadet sehem f'diversi funzjonijiet oħra. Kien f'dan iż-żmien li b'insistenza u tħabrik ta' dan, is-Surmast li waslet mil-Londra strumentatura ġdida oħra li għadha tintuża sal-lum.

Għal darb'oħra l-Banda tal-Pulizija kellha tiġi xolta min-ħabba l-esiġenzi tas-servizz u fit-23 ta' Ottubru, 1965, Mro. Bonnici rtira bil-pensjoni fl-età ta' 44 sena wara li għalaq il-25 sena servizz. Fi-istess sena l-Banda tal-Pulizija reġgħet ġiet

imwaqqfa u din id-darba taħt it-tmexxija tas-Surgent Vincent Cremona. Da: is-Surmast dan sa Frar tal-1973 meta l-Gvern preżenti hass il-ħtieġa li jirrifor- ma l-Banda u jtellagħha f'livell ogħla. Is-Surmast Bonnici reġa' ha l-ħatra ta' Bandmaster u bla telf ta' żmien intefa' b'ruħu u ġismu fuq dan ix-xogħol. Fi ftit taż-żmien il-Banda laħqet dak il-livell għoli tant mixtieq u x-xhieda ta' dan hemm il-programmi ta' mużika mżewġa li l-Banda tat f'diversi okkażjonijiet.



IL-BANDA TAL-PULIZIJA – 1933

MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION

Il-kontribuzzjoni tal-Mutual Help Association tax-xahar ta' Lulju, 1977, kienet għall-familji tal-imsemmija ex-membri tal-Korp:—

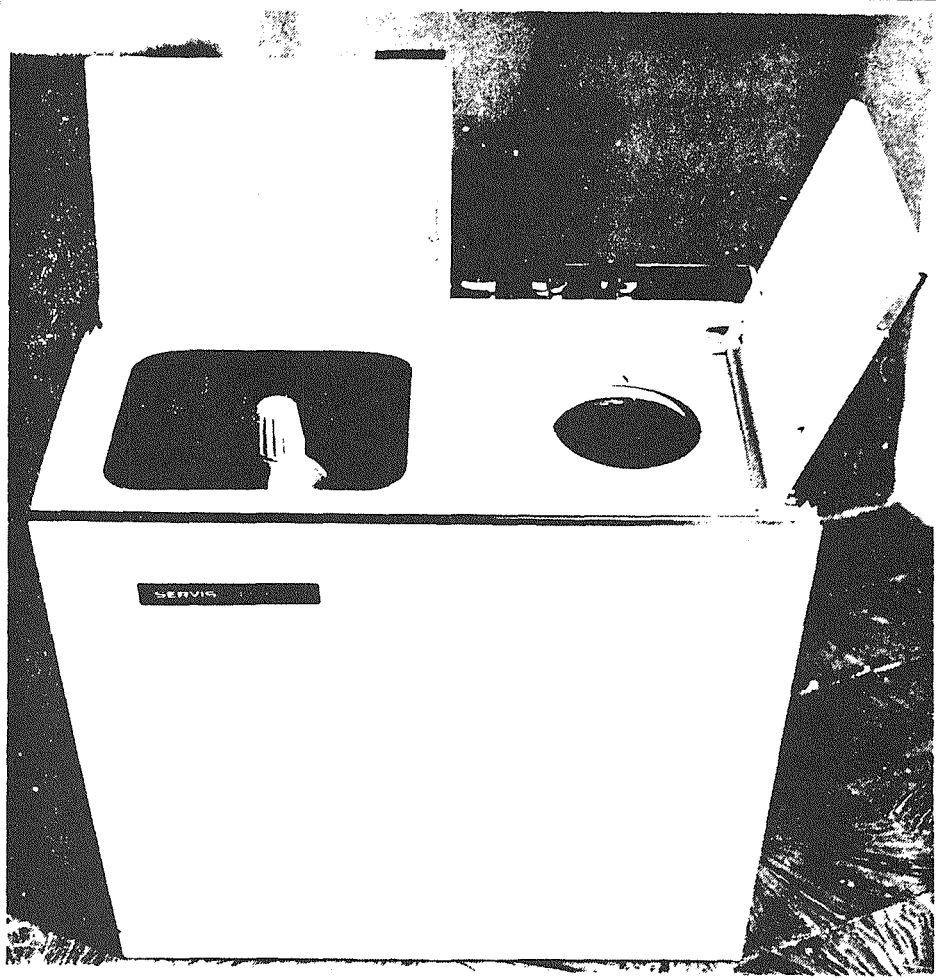
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BALLISTICS EVIDENCE

Part 1

By Maurice E. Calleja

IN accepting the invitation of the Editor of 'Il-Pulizija' to contribute an article that would be of use to readers of the Journal, I am aware of the honour; the more am I of the onus of addressing my contribution in simple terms and restricting myself to the basic elements of an expertise that may often inspire a sense of rejection in those that may at some time be concerned.

The term "Ballistics Expert" occasionally appears in the newspapers under the Court Reports' column. This is admittedly a very imposing title; however it is hardly descriptive of the demands made of this study or of the person practicing it. "Forensic Ballistics Expert" would be nearer the mark, but I believe that in most countries now such court experts are referred to as the "Firearms Identification Witness". For several years now I have been called upon to act in this capacity in cases before the courts where the use of firearms played an important part.

Basically, my duties therefore, are to examine all evidence relating to the firearms in question and to evaluate data, and furnish an opinion based on the established facts.

The witnesses's duties normally begin as soon as possible after an incident involving a firearm is reported to the Magistrate on duty. It is he who appoints and empowers the witness to be present at various stages during the Magisterial Inquiry and it is thus that the witness can inspect the scene of a crime and collect the necessary evidence before anything has been touched or moved. The importance of the witness being on the spot in the early stages cannot be stressed enough and it is surprising to note what valuable information can be collected from the location of evidence.

In one particular case where shots were fired at a showroom window, the cartridges were found about 25 yards away from the showroom.

From their location it was possible to establish that the shots were fired from a moving car. The direction in which the car was travelling could also be deduced as well as on which side of the road the car was. That the shots were not fired by the driver but by the passenger was an important point that could be established. The actual cartridges themselves revealed several features including the type and general description of the weapon and the fact that the same weapon had been used in another crime on a previous occasion.

The evidence with which the witness is most concerned are the firearms, cartridges and bullets, the corpse or wounded person and the clothing he was wearing. These all help to build a picture and the absence of any one of these requires the witness to make some surmises that may not be correct, and then to rely more on his technical knowledge regarding specifications and ballistic data.

Basically, firearms fall under two categories: Smooth bored and rifled arms. Both these types can be subdivided into a number of varieties, however it is sufficient in the present context to state that there are single shots, revolving, semi-automatic and fully automatic weapons. The last two eject the cartridge case every time they are fired. Naturally these weapons can be further subdivided into a number of calibres.

A smooth bore is a firearm in which the bore or the inside of the barrel is perfectly smooth from end to end and therefore, leaves no identifying marks on the projectile. In rifled arms the bore is cut longitudinally with a number of grooves. The grooves are parallel one to the other but are cut with a twist of spiral from breech to muzzle. The grooves are actually termed grooves and those portions of the bore which are situated in between the grooves are known as "Lands". It is these grooves and lands which impart to a fired bullet the marks with

which the witness is concerned. They are the thumb print of the firearm on a bullet and are as infallible as a finger-print. It is a fact that no two firearms, even with consecutive serial numbers, could produce identical "striations" on a bullet.

For a firearm to be of real value as evidence, the witness must also have the fired bullet. The bullet can be related to the firearm and also to the person or object fired at whilst a cartridge case can only be related to firearm that fired it. In other words, if only a cartridge case is produced as evidence, the accused may well claim that although that particular cartridge case was fired from his gun, it was not his bullet that inflicted the damage to a person or property.

When a bullet or cartridge as well as the firearm are produced for examination, the witness has the onus of firing test shots from the very same firearm and compare firearm and compare the test shots under a comparison microscope with the one or more connected with the case. This is not necessary if the specifications of the crime bullet are other than those that could be fired by the weapon under examination. It is usual for the court to accept the witness's findings but should the defence council contest such evidence, it is possible to furnish photographic documentation of the comparative data. It may be worth mentioning that it is not only the barrel of the firearm which imparts its thumb-print but other parts such as the breech face, the extractor, the ejector and the lips of the magazine if the weapon is so provided.

Since smooth bore firearms usually fire lead shot no thumbprint is imparted to them. However, the cartridge case can usually be identified as having been fired by the weapon in question. Since lead shot spreads as the distance from the firearm increases, it is also possible to establish the distance at which a shot was fired more easily from a smooth bore than from a rifled arm. The contents of a smooth bore cartridge also help to facilitate the interpretation in this respect.



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PAGNA SPORTIVA Mis-Surgent Alfred Debattista

Il-Partecipazzjoni tat-team tal-Pulizija fit-tournament tal-Football għall-impjegati tal-Gvern u Parastatali

ILLUM ser nagħti ħarsa lura lejn il-participazzjoni tat-Team tal-Football fil-Kompetizzjoni organizzata mill-Ministeru tax-Xogħolijiet u Sport. Bħal ma kulhadd jaf, it-team tagħna spiċċa fit-tieni post ta' Sezzjoni "A" wara li kien rebah "decider" kontra l-1st. Regt. AFM 3—0, u għalhekk kien wiehed mit-tmien teams li kkontestaw il-fażi finali ta' din il-kompetizzjoni. Sfortunatament għalina, fil-Quarter Finals kellna niltaqgħu mat-team qawwi tad-D.I.M. li ħafna sostnew li kien l-aħjar team tal-kompetizzjoni u dan ġie fil-fatt ikkonfermat għaliex kienu huma li rebħu t-Tournament. Barra li jipposse-du team bi players ta' ċerta esperjenza fil-Kamp lokali, kellihom team ittrenjat tajjeb, grazzi għal fatt li l-parti l-kbira tal-players għandhom post fl-ewwel diviżjoni Maltija. Ironika-

ment, u-uniku żewġ telfiet li garrab it-team tagħna matul dan it-Tournament kienu kontra d-D.I.M. u kontra l-Posta li rebħu l-grupp tagħna. Dawn iż-żewġ teams ikkontestaw il-Final u dan juri li kellna niltaqgħu ma' l-aqwa oppożizzjoni. Id-dispjaċir tiegħi u ta' shabi li ħadmu miegħi f'dan it-Tournament ma kienx il-fatt li titef ma' dawn it-teams tajba, iżda n-nuqqas ta' faċilitajiet li kellna (bħas-soltu) biex nippreparaw ruħna. Li niltaqgħu ta' lanqas ġimgħa qabel xi logħba mportanti jidher li għadu lusu għal players tal-Pulizija. Ta' min isemmi li proprju qabel il-logħba mportanti mad-D.I.M. iltqajna biss fil-jumejn ta' qabel il-logħba. Din il-logħba ġiet wara ħames tijem ta' xogħol tal-Karnival. Li ma wasalniex aktar 'l quddiem ma kienx

dovut għal nuqqas ta' serjeta' jew interess, iżda għal fatt li meta ġejna għal prova, ma konniex nifilħu għal siegħa u nofs ta' logħob fuq ir-ritmu meħtieġ fil-logħba ta' illum. Ma nistgħux nibqgħu BISS nieħdu sehem. Hemm bżonn li la darba nidhlu għal xi kompetizzjoni, għandu jkollna ċ-ċans li nippreparaw tajjeb biex inkunu nistgħu nlaħħqu ma' l-avversarij tagħna.

Talent għandna biżżejjed. Players iżgħar biex jieħdu post il-veterani hemm ukoll. Li jonqos huwa ħin għal aktar preparament biex dak li ma rnexxilniex din is-sena, nilhqu għalli ġej.

Dan ma jgħoddx biss għal football. Hemm diversi sport li fih ħafna mill-membri tagħna jistgħu faċilment jikkompetu fih b'ċertu ammont ta' suċċess bħal fil-kas tal-Billiards/Snoo-ker, Basketball, Waterpolo, Qdif, Tennis, Shooting, Judo u Karate, Body Building u oħrajn. Hemm sport li anke n-nisa tagħna jistgħu jieħdu sehem kif fil-fatt għamlu din is-sena fil-każ tan-Netball Tournament li organizza l-Ministeru tax-Xogħol u Sport. It-team tan-Nisa tagħna, li kien sponsorjat mid-Ditta Benefit Shoe Store tal-Belt, ħadu sehem fi Grupp D u spiċċaw fit-tielet post. L-uniku żewġ telfiet li garrbu kienu proprju kontra ż-żewġ teams li kkwwalifikaw mill-grupp li kienu l-M.C.A.S.T. u P.W.D.

Idejali jkun it-twaqqif ta' Gymnasium, li ilu ħafna l-holma ta' ħafna dilettanti bħali. Dan ikun iservi biex KULHADD, mhux min jipprattika l-isport biss, ikollu ċ-ċans li fil-ħin liberu tiegħu, iżomm ruħu 'fit' u ttrenjat mhux biss biex jikkompeti fl-isport, iżda wkoll biex ikun f'sikkto biżżejjed anke għal qadi aħjar ta' dmirijietu. Meta jsir dan, l-affarijiet l-oħra għal 'equipment' u at-treżzar ieħor jiġi wkoll biex b'hekk il-Korp ikun attrezzat biżżejjed biex il-membri tiegħu jkunu jistgħu JIKKOMPETU u mhux biss jippartecipaw.

Fuq kollox, iċ-ċans li l-membri tagħna jkollhom aktar mezz 'li jiltaqgħu f'kompetizzjonijiet mal-pajżana jkompli jgħin biex inkabbru u ntejjbu r-relazzjonijiet tajba li aħna tant nixtiequ li jkollna mal-pubbliku.

Footnote: IL-LEAGUE TAL-FOOTBALL

META ġie ppreparat dan l-artiklu, intemm il-league tal-football li pero' ma kienx għad hemm deċiżjoni dwar ir-rebbieħ tal-kampjonat. Dan għaliex it-teams ta' l-Ewwel Distrett u tas-C.I.D./SII spiċċaw fl-ewwel post indaq fil-punti (15). Kien hemm bżonn għalhekk ta' 'decider' biex jiġi dikjarat ir-rebbieħ li, sakemm morna għall-Istampa, minħabba x-xogħol li nqala, ma kienitx għada deċiża d-data. F'ħarġa oħra nkun nista' nagħti tagħrif dettaljat dwar dan il-league u leagues oħra li saru matul dawn l-aħħar snin.

Alfred Debattista.

RITRATT: It-team tal-Pulizija qabel il-logħba kontra l-Armed Forces, fit-Tournament ta' Jum ir-Repubblika. Il-logħba ntlagħbet fit-13.12.76 u spiċċat fi draw ta' 1—1.



MDINA — THE NORMAN HOUSE

Amongst the buildings erected between the coming of the Normans in 1090 and the surrender of the Maltese Islands to the Knights of St. John in 1530 these are the most architectural ones which are worth mentioning. Palazzo Santa Sofia, perhaps the oldest in the City, the first floor of which was added in 1938. Palazzo Falzon, also known as the Norman House, contains many treasures. In this house Grand Master L'Isle Adam took up his residence when he arrived in Malta. The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel figured prominently in the revolt of the Maltese against the French in 1798. On the arrival of a French officer in the Church with orders to confiscate the vestments and other properties, he was set upon by the population and in a very short time Notabile and the surrounding countryside were again in Maltese hands. There is also the little Chapel of St. Peter which was built in 1617 and Piazza Ċelsi and the 14th century facade of Palazzo Gatto-Murina.

Besides the Norman Houses already described there are other important buildings worth mentioning. Palazzo Gourgion at St. Paul's Square was founded in 1728. It also served for a time as the Bishop's Seminary. There is also the little Church of St. Roque known as "Madonna tad-Dawl."

The Carmelite Community which was first established at Rabat in 1370 moved into the City in 1659 by permission of Bishop Balaguer Y Camarasa. This was later demolished and the existing Church and convent were rebuilt on the same site to the designs of Francesco Sammut (1630-1690).

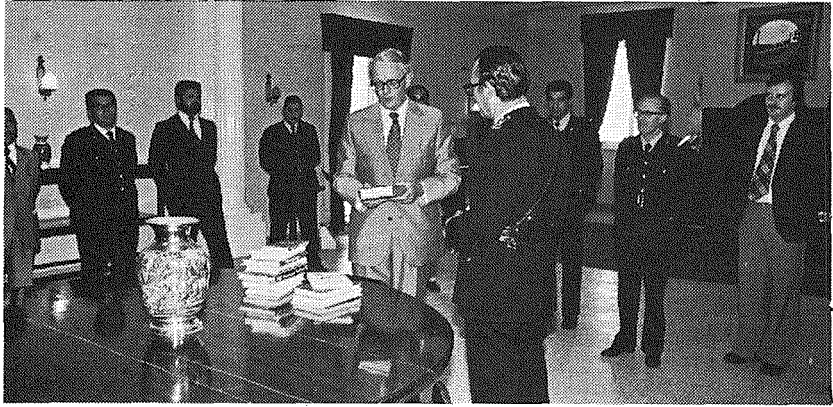
Palazzo Xara and Courts of Justice — Corte Capitanale are also found in a small square. Between these palaces there is a "loggia" from where proclamations of the Government were proclaimed.

PREŻENTAZZJONI TA' KOTBA GHALL-KORP TAL-PULIZIJA

FIS-26 ta' Mejju, 1977, il-Kummissarju Gholi Ingliz, Mr. Norman Aspin, ipprezenta numru ta' kotba fuq sugġetti ta' interess partikulari għall-Pulizija fil-qadi ta' dmirijiethom.

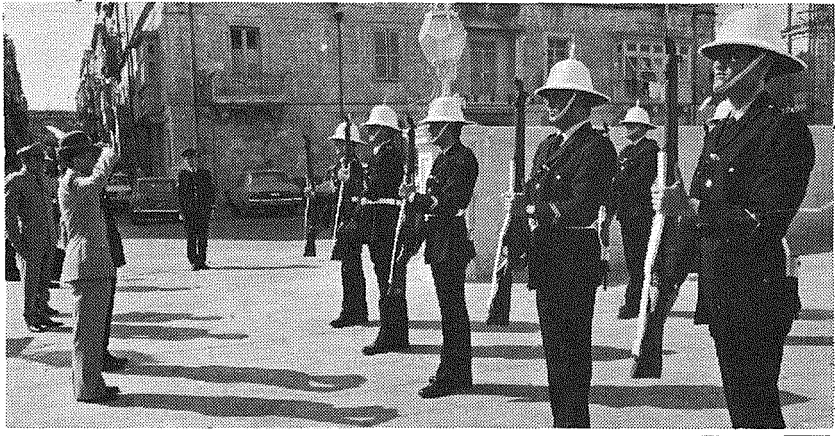
Il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija f'diskors qasir irringrazzja lil Mr. Norman Aspin u qal ukoll li l-ghotja ta' dawn il-kotba juru l-hbi-berija u l-koperazzjoni li teżisti bejn il-Pulizija Maltija u dik Ingliża kif ukoll bejn iż-żewġ pajjiżi nfushom.

Iċ-Chairman u s-Segretarju tal-Association kienu mistiedna għal din il-preżentazzjoni tal-kotba.



ŻJARA TA' KORTESIJA MILL-GENERAL LUIGI POLI

FID-29 ta' Mejju, 1977, il-General ta' l-Armata Taljana, Luigi Poli, għamel żjara ta' kortesija fil-Kwartieri tal-Pulizija fejn ġie milqugħ mill-Kummissarju u uffiċjali oħra tal-Korp kif ukoll minn rappreżentanti tal-Association.



RIZULTAT TAL-CROSSWORD TA' ĠUNJU

MIMDJDIN:—

1. Revolver; 5. Għarb; 8. Ras; 10. But; 11. Marsamxett; 13. Serqa; 16. R.A.I.; 17. Att; 18, 21, 26. Ortikultura; 20. Ċnut; 23 u 33. Uniti; 24. Uċuh; 28 u 34. Ġenova; 30 u 36. Pittura; 35. Ornat; 37. Arazzi.

WEQFIN:—

1. Robust; 2. Veteran; 3. Errur; 4. Ras; 6. Haxix; 7. But; 9. Safi; 12. Toro; 14. Tluġh; 15. Att; 19. Ruħ; 21. Turretta; 22. Surgent; 25. Priv; 27. Tosta; 29. Opra; 31. Tar; 32. U.N.

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L-UNIFORMI tas-sajf issemmiet bosta drabi bl-iskop li tinbidel u fl-1973 meta l-Gvern kien hatar Kumitat apposta biex jistudja l-uniformijiet tal-impjegati tal-Gvern, dan il-Kumitat għamel ir-rikomandazzjonijiet fuq it-tibdil tal-uniformi tas-sajf tal-Pulizija.

L-Association ukoll għamlet it-talba tagħha u din it-talba tista tghid qabliet ma hafna mir-rikomandazzjonijiet li kienu saru mill-imsemmi Kumitat bid-differenza ta' xi tibdiliet.

Kif jidher fir-ritratt, il-kulur tal-gakketta u qalziet li l-Association issuggeriet huwa blu li jagħti fil-griż. Dak tal-qomos ikun blu jixbaħ lil dak tal-uniformi tax-xitwa, iżda aktar ċar. Għamilna enfasi li d-drapp tal-qomos ma għandux ikun 'nylon'.

Id-drapp li l-Association irrakkomandat huwa ta' 67 fil-mija terelene u 33 fil-mija cotton. Ir-raġuni ta' din hija li għalkemm dan id-drapp huwa addatat għaž-żmien sħun tas-sajf, madankollu l-uniformi ma titkemmix u tibqa' b'dehra pulita.

Meta jintlibsu l-qalziet u l-qmis biss, għamilna dawn is-suggerimenti:—

- ◆ li l-'Badges of Rank', identification numbers u l-penzijiet tas-Surġenti jitwaħħlu fuq l-ispalletta tal-qmis;
- ◆ Tispiċċa s-sistema tal-katina u tintlibes 'lanyard' ma' fejn tiġi mwaħħla s-suffara;
- ◆ li titwaħħal badge bil-kliem "Il-Pulizija ta' Malta" fuq il-qmis in-naħa tax-xellug;
- ◆ li maċ-cinturin l-iswed ikun hemm 'removeable attachment' li jservi sabiex ikun jista' jeħel il-holster tar-revolver u b'hekk tispiċċa is-sistema li revolver jingarr fl-idejn.

Saret ukoll talba għal 'issue' ta' peduni suwed mal-uniformi.