

CATERING FOR VISITORS

MR. MARTIN P. ZAMMIT, of Valetta writes:—
Sir, — All hope that the next few weeks will see a large influx of visitors to Malta. They will be coming for the Pauline Centenary Celebrations. Many of them will be anxious to see the Island; and others will want to spend leisure moments absorbing the atmosphere. Can arrangements be speeded up to cater for these latter?

I can say that such arrangements, given imagination and the urge to get on with the job, could be made. As part of the process of getting on with the work, the authorities should give prompt and effective encouragement to anyone coming along with a serious proposition.

Such a proposition could well be one to utilize the whole of Queen's Square, near the Palace, as a Continental-type open-air restaurant. I cannot understand why only the left-hand side of the Square is arranged with tables, chairs and umbrellas for open-air refreshment. If an approach is made to arrange the right-hand side of the Square, or to expand the present arrangements, then it should be given all possible impetus by the powers-to-be.

The crowds of visitors would welcome the opportunity of sitting in the open air, under the shadow of the Palace of the Grand Masters, receiving quick and courteous service from good waiters, working under a skilled management. Such a proposition would be popularly conceived and its being put into effect would meet with greater approval than would any attempt to invade the Palace Square — the historical Piazza San Giorgio — with such an innovation. I can hardly believe that the authorities would turn down a genuine proposal for the use of the whole of Queen's Square. I can hardly believe anyone would be so presumptuous to suggest that the Palace Square should be used for commercial purposes.

Yours truly,
M.P. ZAMMIT.

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VISIT TO JAPAN

Both the communists and the socialists in Japan, and elsewhere, are doing their utmost to spoil President Eisenhower's visit to Tokyo. After the recent reception given to Press Secretary Mr. Hagerty it is clear that President Eisenhower will run risks in going ahead with his plans.

The consequences of cancelling that visit would be serious. The Security Treaty between America and Japan, which has been used as a pretext for demonstrations against the Kishi Government, has been strongly attacked by both Moscow and Peking. To bow before the communist storm would be equal to appeasement, which would have repercussions throughout Asia.

It should be made clear that the Treaty was an issue at the Japanese elections last year. Mr. Kishi won: the Treaty was freely negotiated by a legitimate government. The Opposition, having failed to make its will prevail in a democratic fashion, has now resorted to violence.

To give in to violence at this stage would be to invite greater violence in the future. President Eisenhower, therefore, is displaying courage and wisdom in going ahead with his visit. It is also possible that the Opposition tactics may result in a strong revulsion among the majority in Japan which in turn may strengthen relations between that nation and the U.S.A.

Fallacious Claims

Local labourite tourists miss no chance of blackening the name of Britain or the British Government when making their 'contacts' abroad. Whether in Belgrade, in Athens, in Cairo or in Tunis the picture and the 'image' presented is of "brutal suppression" and of a "police state".

Such an image is blatantly false. The fact that anti-British agitators are free to make these charges, both overseas and locally in their newspapers, adequately refutes the false allegation. It is unfortunate but true that some spokesmen are not over-scrupulous about making false charges or about telling half truths.

Another favourite gambit is to make a claim and repeat it *ad nauseam*, without trying to explain the basis for the claim. A case in point is the theory of "neutralized independence."

The local Labour Party, holds that the "majority of the people" want this form of 'freedom' and want it now. But the last time the local public was asked to give its views on the Island's future was in 1956 when 44 per cent voted for 'Integration with Britain'.

The local Labour Party claimed that that was a victory. Two years later, however, the same people claim that "the majority" want a complete break with Britain and nothing to do with the British.

A second unsupported, and equally fallacious, claim is that Malta can be "independent" and "neutral" and at the same time, increase employment and raise living standards. How? The people are not told.

They are not told from which source the money will be coming nor on what conditions. They are not told who is to give employment to the many thousands now earning their living with the Three Services.

Direct and indirect aid from Britain to Malta is in the region of £30,000,000 each year. Who or what is going to replace that amount *each year*? Will Nasser provide it? Or Tito? or Bourguiba?

The socialists have got themselves into a position from which it is hard to go back: equally they cannot go forward. The whole policy and the entire outlook are negative and destructive.

Fortunately the bulk of the population have refused to respond to threats or appeals not to cooperate with the present Administration or with Balleys, and not to play a part in the tourist drive or in the projected industrialization of the Island.

Time and time again the people who use the loud speakers have been shown that they cannot lead from the public squares. Noisy demonstrations and bellicose speeches can only impress the gullible and the emotional. They do not and cannot transform facts.

The majority in Malta and Gozo refuse to commit economic suicide. They will refuse to follow the Malta Labour Party so long as the leadership persist in a line of thought and policy which offers no future and holds no promise except of sacrifice, distress and despair.

TRADE FAIR

Sir, — I have read that a direct bus service from Valetta, Kospikwa, and Sliema will convey passengers to the Malta Fourth Trade Fair.

Would it not be a good idea, if passengers travelling on these direct buses pay for admission to the Fair at the same time when paying the bus fare?

This, in my opinion, will ease the queues, and save time.

This was done in Belgium for the International Fair in 1958.

Yours truly,
Msida ANT. ABELA.

FISHERIES OFFICERS EXAMINATION

Sir, — With reference to the letter published in the Times of Malta of June 10, I also would like to give my views as regards the Fisheries Officers Exam held in December 1959 i.e. six months ago.

The time has come to fill the vacancies. Needless to say if there were no vacancies no examination for such posts would be held. However I would ask the present administration to go into this matter and see what steps should be taken to give the successful candidates their due. It is not fair to waste time when the validity of the examination serves good for only twelve months.

Yours truly,
Hamrun. PATER FAMILIAS.

UNEQUAL CONDITIONS

Sir, — In the middle of May, Government Clerk typists met in the Hall of the Royal University of Malta where, one of the speakers stated among other things, that messengers, grave-diggers and gate keepers who are also Government employees are entitled to a pension, to which his listeners were not.

For those, who are interested, that information lacks verification. Apparently, the speaker was misinformed.

I, personally am acquainted with a few of those men, whose category falls under "Group Two", and they are not only unpensionable but without similar privileges.

However, the fact remains that there exists unfairness in some Departments and for the sake of justice, I expect the Authority concerned to take the necessary steps and place the whole thing in its true perspective.

Yours truly,
Floriana. FAIR PLAY.

BUS CONDUCTORS

Sir, — I am appalled by the discourtesy of some bus conductors on the Valetta-Sliema bus route.

If Malta is to prosper as a holiday resort then the first people to re-form must, obviously, be the people giving a public service.

I refer to scruffy, long-haired young boys, who, with a mishapen, discarded naval cap often wearing unlaundered beach shirts and jeans, seem to think that they are doing a charity to the passenger and that the passenger has no right to be on the bus.

Surely the bus company can afford a uniform of some description for the employees to wear.

When the inspectors get on the buses often four or five times a journey, it is a debatable question as to whether they are employed by the bus company or the local dockyard, as no means of identification is apparent.

Yours truly,
Sliema. D.W.P.

THE CO-CATHEDRAL

Sir, — It is being rumoured, in fact works are going on, to open a bar and a bazaar on St. John's Square, under the facade of the Co-Cathedral.

The Cathedral is already outflanked with shops dealing in jewellery, draperies etc., and if a bar and a bazaar is to be opened the place will soon become to look as an arabic market.

I am sure that the Chapter of the Cathedral and the energetic members of the Tourist Board will intervene to stop this nonsensical venture.

Yours truly,
Hamrun. ATTRACTION.

A POOR STREET

Sir, — May I draw attention to the deplorable state of Pace Street, Sliema, which has been cut up for the last six months and is proving a nuisance to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic, due to its uneven surface.

Yours truly,
Sliema. J. ZERAFÀ.

QUESTION BOX

WATER SUPPLY

INTERESTED from Valetta writes: What is the annual yield of water in Malta and Gozo and how has this increased over the years?

REPLY: In 1954 the annual yield for both Islands was 2,306 million gallons; this rose to 3,081 million gallons in 1958 and 3,616 million gallons in 1959.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS TODAY
6.30 p.m. at the British Institute, Valetta, Chamber Music recital.

OBITUARIES
MASCOLI. On June 14 at St. Luke's Hospital, MARIETTA, aged 71, after a short illness. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband Carmel, her brother Joseph, many nephews and nieces. — R.I.P.
The funeral will take place today, June 15, at 4 p.m. at the Addolorata Cemetery. No flowers by request but donations to orphanages will be appreciated.

RANDON. On June 14 at the King George V Hospital, after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, JOSEPH, of Sliema, aged 68, comforted by the rites of Holy Church. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Violet, nee Lanfranco, his sons Anthony and his wife Therese, Vincent and his daughters Emma and Alex, and his daughters Eileen wife of Captain Vincent Formosa and Mae wife of William Cassar Torreggiani of Canada, his brother Louis, besides other relatives and friends — R.I.P.
The funeral cortege leaves the King George V Hospital today at 9.30 a.m. for Stella Maris Parish Church, Sliema, where a High Mass, praesente cadavere, will be sung at 10 a.m.

REQUIEM MASSES
Today being the seventh anniversary of the death of Mrs. JOSEPHINE VASSALLO, the 6, 6.30, 7, 7.30 a.m. Masses said at St. Francis Church, Kingsway, Valetta, will be offered for her repose. The attendance of relatives and friends will be appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM
MUSCAT. In loving memory of Engineer RAPHAEL MUSCAT who departed from this life on June 15, 1945. Gone but not forgotten. His Wife.

PACE. In ever loving memory of our dear VICTOR who tragically lost his life aged 26 on June 15, 1952. Always in our thoughts. His Family.

SULTANA. In ever loving memory of CARMELO today the ninth anniversary of his death. His Wife and Sons.

DIOCESAN COMMISSION FILM RATING

U — Universal; A.A. — Adults and Adolescents (16); A.O. — Adults only; A.R. — Adults with reservations; H — Condemned.

THE PALMFACE (U); TAMANGO (A.O.); THE ROYAL BALLET (A.O.); DESERT MOON (A.O.); BELOVED INFIDEL (A.R.)

Objection: Undue sympathy for immoral relationship.

DAY OF THE OUTLAW (A.R.)

Objection: Misconception of fidelity in marriage; orgy in cabaret.

MARRIED A MONSTER FROM OUTER SPACE (A.R.)

Objection: Two unnecessary suggestive situations.

MALTA GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The Malta Government Professional Officers Association is holding its Annual General Meeting today Wednesday at 5.15 p.m. at the Royal University of Malta. In view of the important decisions on the proposed salary structure to be taken at this meeting all members are requested to attend.

A.M. DARMENIA
Hon. Secretary

CHISWICK HOUSE SCHOOL

7, WINDSOR TERRACE, SLIEMA.
Applications for pupils, (girls 4 to 12 years of age, boys 4 to 9) for the Autumn Term beginning Tuesday, October 4, will be received by the Secretary to the Principal before June 30.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Statement: Pressure is low to the South West and an East or South-Easterly air stream will be maintained over the area.

Forecast from dawn to midnight for Malta and Gozo areas.

The Weather is expected to be cloudy in the morning with perhaps an outbreak of thundery rain. The afternoon will be fine. Visibility will be good. Wind: light or moderate easterly; Sea: moderate with moderate South-easterly swell. Afternoon temperature about 80°F. Outlook: similar.

Yesterday's Observations

Luga at 7 p.m.
Mean Sea Level Pressure 1015.1 mbs.
Wind North-east 4 knots.
Shade Temp. 74.8°F.
Relative Humidity 55%.
Cloud 1/8 strato cu.
Visibility 6/8 alto cumulus and cirrus.
Hours of sunshine 7 hours.
Rainfall past 24 hours Trace.
Rainfall since Sept. 1 20.24 inches.
Max. Shade temp. during day 79°F.
Min. Shade temp. during previous night 65°F.
Temp. of sea off Kalafrana 72°F.



Sunset 7.20 p.m.
Sunrise 4.44 a.m.

Phase of Moon Full Moon.