

A BEREAVED FAMILY Aftermath of 'Yard Fatality

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES OF MALTA

As reported in yesterday's issue of the Times of Malta Anthony Spiteri died of his injuries on Thursday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital. Spiteri was badly injured as a result of an accident in Malta Drydocks last Tuesday.



Mr. Malcolm McLean

DRYDOCKS' FIRST FATAL ACCIDENT

The Assistant General Manager, Mr. Malcolm McLean, said Tuesday's accident, in which Spiteri fell off scaffolding into the hold of a ship in No. 5 dock, was the first fatal accident in the 'Yard since Swan Hunter took over as managing agents and 'Baileys' was renamed Malta Drydocks'.

"The Management and Company feel very strongly that safety is essentially a part of any operation in the 'Yard, both as regards the human aspect and as regards the effects on production eventually," added Mr. McLean who recalled that Mr. C.R. Greenslade, an official of the British Safety Council of Great Britain had this week conducted training classes of 12 people chosen from among 58 applicants. By next Monday five of these will be named as Safety Officers.

Yesterday a representative of the Times of Malta called on the bereaved widow, Mrs. Giovanna Spiteri, who lives at Cardiff House, Polverista Street, Kospikwa.

Mrs. Spiteri met our representative and expressed her gratitude for the expressions of sympathy conveyed to her on behalf of the Times of Malta and for a sum of money handed to her by the paper's representative to help her meet some of the stricken family's immediate needs.

Help Appreciated

Mrs. Spiteri has a family of two children — a boy aged about six years and a girl of about 14 months. The family lives in a neat, little home.

The widow and her children, of course, would be intensely appreciative of any help extended to them in this very difficult and sad hour.

It is not yet known whether Mrs. Spiteri will be entitled to a gratuity or pension but the matter, doubtlessly, will be engaging the prompt attention of the Drydocks Management.

Their job will be to ensure that wherever any person is at work all the necessary precautions are taken, whether by the Management or by the individuals themselves.

This course will ensure that no men will work in any possibly dangerous conditions.

Mr. McLean said the Drydocks have been or are in process of getting additional safety equipment, such as safety lighting and ventilation fans etc., and any other equipment the safety officers consider necessary.

Mr. McLean expressed deepest sorrow at the accident which occurred on Tuesday and said a Magisterial enquiry had been held in the morning at the dockyard.



The Chatillon trainees with Ing. Migliavacca (centre) photographed at Luqa Airport yesterday. From left to right are Mr. Stilon, Mr. Scerri, Mr. Gatt and Mr. Felice Pace.

MORE TRAINEES LEAVE FOR CHATILLON IN ITALY

Four more young men left by air yesterday morning for a seven to nine-month Chatillon training course in Italy. They are to join 13 others who left on November 25 and have begun the course at the Chatillon establishment at Ivrea, near Turin.

On completion of the course, the trainees will go into immediate employment

with Chatillon in Malta, mainly as technicians or supervisors.

Richard Felice Pace, 25 years of Hamrun, hopes to specialize in air conditioning techniques on his return. He was formerly a War Department employee as well as a qualified refrigerator mechanic.

Twenty-three-year-old Anthony Scerri of Hamrun; Austin Gatt, 29, from Zebbug; and Franco Stilon, 31, from St. Julian's are the three other trainees who left yesterday.

They were seen off at Luqa Airport by families and friends, and by Ing. G. Migliavacca, the Chatillon firm's resident engineer in Malta.

Education Week IMPACT OF EMIGRATION

The Malta Union of Teachers yesterday opened the sixteenth Malta Education Week. It will last till December 13. This Education Week's theme is "Education and Emigration".

A teachers' religious rally took place at the Jesuits Church, Valetta, yesterday.

Today at 2.30 p.m. the Professional and Cultural Relations Committee of the M.U.T. will conduct a historical excursion.

On Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Catholic Institute, there will be a debate on "Our Educational System does not provide adequate preparation for prospective Emigrants" under the patronage of His Grace the Archbishop. The chairman will be Mr. A.M. Darmania, Ph.C.

Proposers will be Father Ph. Calleja and Mr. G. Lanfranco. Opposers are Miss Rita Chetcuti (Education Dept.) and Mr. J. Tonna (Emigration Dept.).

There will be a one-act play "Huwa" by G. Muscat Azzopardi. The M.U.T. Choir will be in attendance.

On Friday December 13, the Teachers will hold a Social Evening at the Catholic Institute at 6 p.m.

Girl Volunteer



Rosemary Miller, aged 13, now of Hereford, is the daughter of a member of H.M. Forces who served in Malta until this autumn.

For over two years she went to the Dogs' Home every Saturday morning to work with the animals — a willing volunteer. She never said she was leaving. But Colonel Strickland, the Chairman of the R.S.P.C.A., has made it a point of sending a letter of appreciation to her in U.K., for her fine gesture and is arranging for a substantial book token to be forwarded to Rosemary.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Brigadier Sir Richard and Lady Gambler Parry arrived on Thursday from London to spend a brief holiday in Malta, and are staying at the Hotel Phoenicia.

Other arrivals from London on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. I. MacDiarmid, who are on a 13-day holiday; and Mrs. S. Kerr, who is here for six days. They are staying at the Hotel Phoenicia.

Mr. J. Burley and Mr. R. Beckett arrived on Thursday by air from England on a visit of 10 days, and are staying at the Hotel Capua Court, Sliema.

MOTORCARS BY AIR

It is understood that the "Allsud Compagnia Aerea Meridionale" of Naples, this week made an application to the Maitese Government to operate a regular air service between Catania and Malta to carry motorcars. It is understood that the Company is ready to start this service in the early months of 1964.

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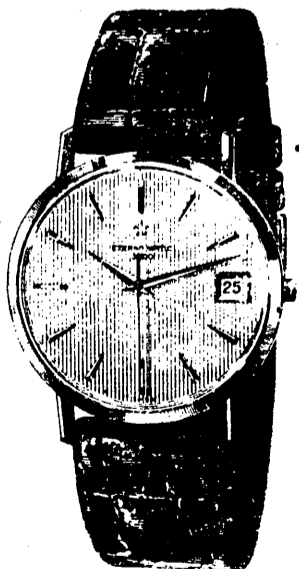
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