

Il-pensjoni karita jew dritt

minn EMERITUS

IL-BICCA l-kbira tal-emigranti Maltin waslu l-Awstralja wara t-tieni gwerri dinjija. Fosthom kien hemm hafna li lum huma pensjonanti, speċjalment dawk li serew fil-gwerri, ghalix dawn saru pensjonanti meta ghalqu s-sittin sena. L-ohrajn hadu l-pensjoni meta ghalqu hamsa u sittin sena. U l-bicca l-kbira tal-kumpliement waslu biex isiru pensjonanti u ghandhom jinteressaw ruhhom fuq din is-sitwazzjoni.

Milux, pensjonant galli, li shabu li mietu fil-gwerri forsi kien aktar iffortunati minn ghalix m'humiex ghaddejn minn din il-hajja kiefta ta' pensjonant. Komplu jghid 'The Lucky Country', il-pajiz iffortunat ma jirreferix ghall-pensjonant.

Kliem abrax, imma jekk isib ruhek bhal dan, pensjonant, wahdek u kull ma ghandek biex tghix hija s-somma ta' \$69.70 fil-gimgha u minnhom teid thallas il-kera, tiekol u tibbes, x'jibqagħlek biex tghix. Jibqagħlek li fiok tghix, tezisti.

Skond statistici li wiehed jista' jagħmel paragon fuqhom insibu li s-somma media (average earnings) go l-Awstralja hija mat-\$300- fil-gimgha u li l-linja tal-poverta hija s-somma ta' \$90- fil-gimgha u li pensjonant qiegħed \$22- minn taht il-linja tal-poverta.

F'Mejju ta' din is-sena 1982, il-pensjoni ser tizzied u r-rata ser tkun: \$74.15 għal pensjonant wahdu u għall-koppja \$61.80 kull wiehed, imma xorta il-pensjonant m'humiex ser ikun ahjar ghalix sa Mejju kollox jerga' joghla, anke il-pajiz u nergħu nigu fejn konna.

Xieraq li wiehed inzell ukoll il-beneficji l-oħra. Pensjonant li m'għandux id-dar tiegħu u jhallas aktar minn \$26- fil-gimgha jiehu zieda ta' \$8- oħra. Ma jidherix li hawn hafna li qegħdin f'kera u jhallas anqas min \$26-

Min għadu jiffah jahdem jista' wkoll jaqla' somma zghira. Koppja jistgħu jaqilgħu \$68- bejniethom u ma jittiffux is-servizzi tas-sahha b'xejn u koncessjonijiet oħra bhal rohs fit-trasport, (buses u trains), ecc. Imma tghodd kollox ma kollox il-pensjonant għadu minn taht.

M'hemm l-ebda hoss li din il-posizzjoni titjeb ghalix għalkemm il-gvern prezenti lill-pensjonant jikkumpatit, jaf sew li biex itella lill kull pensjonant sar-rata tal-poverta u jith mad-\$90- fil-gimgha, il-kaxxa tal-gvern trid isib \$1.4 biljun. Din is-somma



ta' \$1.4 biljun hija biss għall-pensjonanti tal-eta, jgħid dawk li għalqu s-sittin u l-hamsa u sittin sena. Biex il-gvern izid ir-rata tal-pensjonanti kollha, jgħid anke l-inkapacitati u romol, ecc., is-somma tirdoppja u ssir \$2.8 biljun.

Allura issa fejn insabu ruħna? X'inhil il-pensjoni, Karita' jew Dritt? Hafna jidrihom illi wara li jghaddu hajjthom ihallsu r-raxxi għandhom dritt jghixu fit-fil-kumditu u li dak li hallu hu sigur ta' jew assigurarazzjoni għal meta jixxjeh. Meta tqis ukoll li min imut qabel, ihallas u ma jiehu xejn, allura jidrihom li min jibqa' jghix għandu d-dritt jghix ta' nies. Il-gvern prezenti dawn ir-ragunijiet ma jaccethomx u ma nafx min jaccethom ghalix rari biex isib lill xi hadd li ma huwiex pensjonant jikteb fuq dan is-suggett. Karissmu biex membru tal-parlament jiddiskuti dan is-suggett, Nahseb li hawn hafna li ma jagħtux kaz sakemm jastu għall-pensjoni u meta jastu ma jiktbux ghalix jahsbu li hu rari wasq.

Int, jekk m'intix, għad isir 'Senior Citizen' u jaqbel tidda tahseb minn issa!

VICTORIAN SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN "White Elephant Day"

The annual White Elephant Day will be held at the Victorian School for Deaf Children, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria on Saturday, 13th March, 1982. Selling commences at 10 a.m. and continues until 2.00 p.m.

All the unusual White Elephant goods will be available and a Better Clothing Boutique will be a feature.

The entire proceeds will benefit the Victorian School for Deaf Children.



LENA GUSTIN

Mamma Lena għal Lowe

BHALMA hafna ga jaftu, f'Mejju għandha ssir il-Bye-Election għal post vakanti ta' Lowe, N.S.W. Ser johorqu għal dan il Ward, kemm il-Liberali kif ukoll il-Laburisti, u issa sirna nafu li ser tohrog ukoll Madalena Gustin, bhala Independenti.

Madalena li hi magħrufa aktar bhala "Mamma Lena", tinstema' kull jum fuq ir-radju 2EA, waqt il-programm Taljan, kif ukoll ix-xandar fuq 2KY; 2SM; u issa bdiet ukoll fuq 2SER-FM.

Li nihem li hemm tajjeb f'Lena Gustin, hu li hi wkoll geja min origini etnika bhala - Halja - u għalhekk għandi nahseb li tiħhem il-problemi tagħna, bhala emigranti, aktar minn haddiektor.

Lena waslet l-Awstralja fl-1956 flimkien ma zewgħa Dinu u zewg utiedha. Illum insibuha membru tan-National Women Advisory Council, tiehu isieb il-programmi bit-Taljan fuq l-istazzjonijiet tar-radju 2KY, 2EA, 2SM, u 2SER-FM, għamlet zmien President tal-Assoċjazzjoni Nazzjonali tal-Familji tal-Emigranti - Fergha ta' N.S.W. Membru onorarju tal-Api Club, għamlet zmien President tas-Sorella Radio Welfare Fund, li permezz tiegħu għadu kif infetħ Centru għid tac-Child Care' f'numru 4, Hampton Street, Fairfield li gie jiswa madwar nofs miljun dollaru, għamlet zmien membru tal-Australian Institute Welfare Offices NSW State Ethnic Broadcasting Council, għamlet zmien bhala editrici u kontributura f'diversi gazzetti Taljani, indahlha fil-Komunita Taljana-Awstraljana, inkluz xogh-ol ta' welfare u interpretu.

Peress li kienet għallena tikkellim tajjeb bi-Ingliż, Franciż, Spanjol u sintendi bit-Taljan, Lena kienet għal zmien Direttur u wahda mix-xandara tal-programm tar-radju 2SER-FM, u bosta attivita-jiet oħra.

Lena Gustin titlob in-Nru.1 mingħand dawk kollha li huma bhala ta' origini etnika u mbagħad ikomplu fuq il-partit Liberali jew Laburista kif jixtiequ.

- By any other name

IT'S MONEY

by G.H.G.

COLLECTING coins is one hobby in which many people indulge. An expensive pastime, but quite a popular one. Like most hobbies it can be taken very seriously and interest in it increases with the knowledge one cares to seek about the subject. There is history, geography, metallurgy and not least a touch of romance in the collection of coins.

However, to the ordinary man and woman, to whom coins are merely a crude means of exchange, romance is the least factor of all. Coins are money, by whatever name they are called and what money buys, is what really matters. A look at the various names given to money around the world, deserves at least a passing interest.

The DOLLAR seems to be most popular, at least twelve countries use it. Besides the U.S.A. and Canada, there are Australia, Fiji, Taiwan and Zimbabwe. In Arab countries, the DINAR is most popular. Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, are amongst countries that have chosen it, whilst Iraq has the DINA and the United Arab Emirates, have the DIRHAM. Other Arab countries have chosen the RIAL. These are Iran, Qatar and Oman and Muscat; whilst in Saudi Arabia they have the RIYAL and in North Yemen, the RYAL. Morocco chose the DIRHAM.

The FRANC is popular in six States that have chosen it, France, Belgium and Switzerland. The Franc was chosen too by countries where French influence is dominant, like Djibouti, Malaya and Senegal.

In Austria they have the SCHILLING and curious enough, so has Kenya, whilst Somalia and Tanzania spell it in the old English way - SHILLING.

Six countries have the POUND, Besides the United Kingdom, there is Egypt, Cyprus, Syria, the Sudan and Malta. The Northern Europeans in Denmark and Norway have the KRONER, whilst Sweden has the KRONA, the Dutch have their GUILDER, the Germans have the DEUTSCHEMARK and their Southern neighbours in Greece have the DRACHMA.

Not surprising in Mozambique, once a Portuguese colony, they kept to the ESCUDO which they



borrowed from Portugal. In the Philippines, once a Spanish colony they have the PESO whilst Spain kept to the PESETA. South Africa has the RAND, Italy has the LIRA, and the Japanese have the YEN.

The millions of people in the Indian sub-continent have retained the age old RUPEE which is common to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (once Ceylon). The Indian influence in the population of Mauritius and the Seychelles have also given the Rupee to these countries, whilst Indonesia has chosen the RUPIAH.

In other parts of the world, large and small, have all chosen distinctive names for the currencies. Bangladesh has the TAKA, Ghana has the CEDI and Nigeria the NAIRA. In Finland they have the MARKKA, Zambia the KWACHA and Korea the WON. Thailand chose BAHT, the Burmese the KYAT, Western Samoa have the TALA, whilst the Irish have the PUNT.

Which leaves Ethiopia with the BIRR, Israel with the SHEKEL and of course our friends and neighbours in New Guinea have the KINA.

But, whatever the name, wherever it is, it's MONEY - and the more you have of it, the better.

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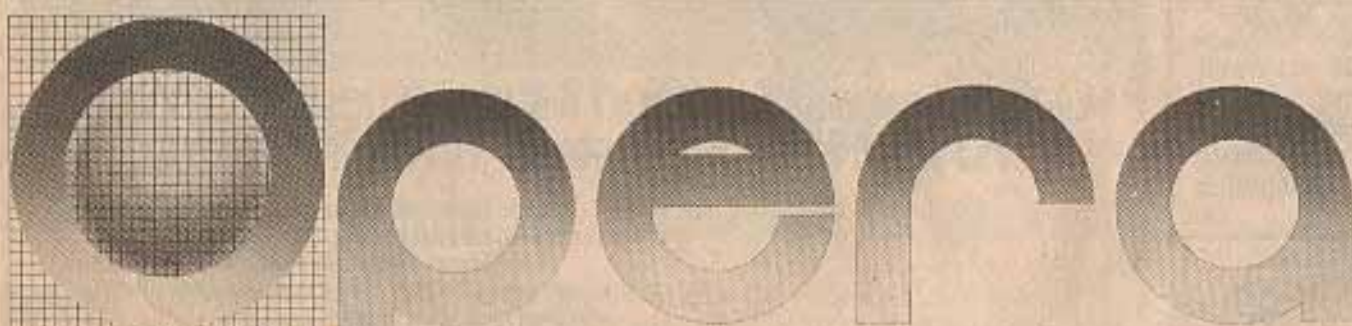
at Bankstown Civic Centre Saturday, 20th March, 1982 from 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

3 Course MEAL

Drinks not allowed but can be purchased on the premises

Tickets: \$14.50

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