

BLOOD BANK ACTIVITIES

Dr. P. Farrugia, the Medical Director of the Malta Blood Bank (Haematological and Blood Transfusion Centre, located at Europa Centre, Floriana, Tel. No. 20130) reports the following activities for the month of January:

Blood supplies to patients in hospitals — 84 bottles — 37,800 c.c.; St. Luke's Hospital (Government) — 50 bottles — 22,500 c.c.; Blue Sisters Hospital (Private) — 22 bottles — 9,900 c.c.; St. Catherine's Hospital (Private) — 10 bottles — 4,500 c.c.; Victoria Hospital Gozo (Government) — 2 bottles — 900 c.c.;

Peak day of blood supplied to hospitals: January 28 — 12 bot-

tles — (10 bottles to St. Luke's Hospital, 2 bottles to St. Catherine's Hospital).

Blood donors: 86 donors gave blood to the Centre this month; this figure includes:— Maltese (Males) 78, (females) 7; U.K. (female) 1. *Blood donors per district:* 1st Place — B'Kara — 7 donors (males); 2nd place — Sliema — 6 donors (males).

Blood grouping: 161 persons were blood grouped this month; this figure includes: males 52, females 19, exp. mothers 84, boys, 2, girls 4.

Percentage of blood grouping: O positive — 35.4 per cent, negative — 2.0 per cent; A positive — 47.2 per cent, negative — 3.1 per cent; B positive — 8.0 per cent, negative — .6 per cent; AB positive — 3.1 per cent, negative — .6

per cent.

All blood issued by the Malta Blood Bank is supplied free of charge in disposable Baxter glass bottles, fully processed and screened from various specific diseases as required by the International Regulations on Blood Banking.

The Medical Director desires to inform the general public that a propaganda poster in Maltese on Blood Donation is being distributed throughout the whole Island. Anyone interested to have copies of this poster is kindly requested to contact the Malta Blood Bank.

The Medical Director also appeals to the general public to come forward and donate blood to the Centre as the demand for blood is daily on the increase.

Please remember that when you give blood, you give life.