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Καθ' ὧν ή αἴτησις.

(Υπόθεσις ύπ' άφ. 428/73).

Οἱ περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεων καὶ Ἐκτάκτων Ἐπιδομάτων τῶν ἐκ τῶν Πεσόντων καὶ τῶν Θυμάτων τοῦ ᾿Αγῶνος Ἐξαρτωμένων καὶ ᾿Αναπήρων Αὐτοῦ Νόμων τοῦ 1962-1972—Ἐπιτροπὴ συσταθεῖσα δυνάμει αὐτῶν—Βασισθεῖσα ἐπὶ ἐκθέσεως Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου ὀρθῶς ἀπεφάσισεν ὅτι ὁ αἰτητὴς δὲν ἡδύνατο τὰ χαρακτηρισθῆ ὡς ἀνάπηρος διὰ τοὺς σκοποὺς τῶν ὡς ἄνω νόμων.

Ή προσφυγή αὕτη ἐστρέφετο κατ' ἀποφάσεως τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς 'Ανακουφίσεως Παθόντων διὰ τῆς ὁποίας ἡ Ἐπιτροπὴ, ἀφοῦ ἔλαβε ὑπ' ὄψιν σχετικὴν γνωμάτευσιν Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου, ἀπεφάσισεν ὅτι ὁ αἰτητὴς δὲν ἡδύνατο νὰ θεωρηθῆ ὡς ἀνάπηρος διὰ τοὺς σκοποὺς τῶν Περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεων καὶ Ἐκτάκτων Ἐπιδομάτων τῶν ἐκ τῶν Πεσόντων καὶ τῶν Θυμάτων τοῦ 'Αγῶνος 'Εξαρτωμένων καὶ 'Αναπήρων Αὐτοῦ Νόμων τοῦ 1962–1972.

ΤΟ ΔΙΚΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΝ ΕΚΡΙΝΈΝ ΟΤΙ:

'Η Έπιτροπή όρθῶς ἐστηρίχθη ἐπὶ τῆς ἐκθέσεως τοῦ Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου τῆς 12ης Ἰουλίου 1973 καὶ ὀρθῶς ἀπέρριψε τὴν αἴτησιν τοῦ αἰτητοῦ διὰ χορήγησιν εἰς αὐτὸν συντάξεως. Έπομένως ἡ προσφυγή τοῦ αἰτητοῦ ἀπορρίπτεται.

'Η Προσφυγή ἀπορρίπτεται.

Editor's note: An English translation of this judgment appears at pp. 694-697 post.

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Προσφυγή.

Προσφυγή κατά τῆς ἀποφάσεως τῶν καθ' ὧν ἡ αἴτησις δι* ής ἀπερρίοθη ή αϊτησις τοῦ αἰτητοῦ διὰ χορήγησιν εἰς αὐτὸν συντάξεως, δυνάμει τῶν περί Ταμείων Συντάξεων και Ἐκτάκτων Έπιδομάτων Νόμων 1962-1972.

- Ο αίτητής παρουσιάσθη αύτοπροσώπως.
- Σ. Νικολα-ί-δης, 'Ανώτερος Δικηγόρος τῆς Δημοκρατίας, διά τούς καθ' ών ή αίτησις.

ΜΑΛΑΧΤΟΣ Δ.: 'Ο αίτητής έγεννήθη έν Λεμεσῶ τὴν 14ην Σεπτεμβρίου 1939, καὶ κατὰ τούς ἰσχυρισμούς του οὖτος ἐτραυ-10 ματίσθη κατά την διάρκεια τοῦ ἀπελευθερωτικοῦ ἀγῶνος τῆς "ΕΟΚΑ", ἐνῶ μετέφερε ἐκρηκτικὰς ὕλας λόγω πτώσεως του ἐκ ποδηλάτου καὶ ἐνῶ προσεπάθη νὰ ἀποφύγη σύλληψη του ὑπὸ τῶν "Αγγλων. Συμφώνως πρὸς ἔκθεση τοῦ Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου, ήμερομηνίας 24 Ιουλίου 1961, ούτος δέν παρουσίαζε οίανδήποτε 15 άναπηρίαν, πλήν όμως διεπιστώθη ότι έπασχε έξ άριστερᾶς κιρσοκήλης και τοῦ συνεστήθη νὰ ὑποβληθῆ εἰς χειρουργική ἐπέμβαση. ή δὲ Ἐπιτροπή ᾿Ανακουφίσεως Παθόντων δι᾽ ἀποφάσεως ήμερομηνίας 2ας Αύγούστου, 1961, ἀπέστειλε αὐτὸν δι' έγχείριση κιρσοκήλης, φροντίδι του Δρ. Μ. Τριτοφτίδη, είς Λεμεσό. 20

Από του έτους 1961 μέχρι του έτους 1964 παρεσχέθησαν είς αὐτὸν εἰς ἔξι περιπτώσεις ὑπὸ τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς ᾿Ανακουφίσεως Παθόντων διάφορα ποσά, ἀπὸ πέντε μέχρι τριάντα λίρας, ἔκαστον, δι' ιατροφαρμακευτική περίθαλψη. Κατά τὸ έτος 1969 ὁ αίτητής ύπέβαλε αἴτηση διὰ συνταξιοδότηση δυνάμει τοῦ Περὶ Ταμείου 25 Συντάξεων καὶ Ἐκτάκτων Ἐπιδομάτων τῶν ἐκ τῶν Πεσόντων καὶ τῶν Θυμάτων τοῦ 'Αγῶνος 'Εξαρτωμένων καὶ τῶν 'Αναπήρων Αύτοῦ Νόμου, τοῦ 1962, συμφώνως δὲ πρὸς ἔκθεση τοῦ Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου, ήμερομηνίας 20 Φεβρουαρίου 1970, οὖτος εὐρέθη προσωρινώς άνίκανος δι' ἄσκηση οίασδήποτε έργασίας. "Ομως όλίγας ήμέρας άργότερα, ήτοι την 31ην Μαρτίου 1970, τὸ ίδιο 'Ιατρικό Συμβούλιο, προφανώς έν τῆ ἐπιθυμία του νὰ πεισθῆ πέραν πάσης άμφιβολίας άναφορικώς πρός τὴν άναπηρίαν τοῦ αίτητοῦ, παρέπεμψε αὐτὸν είς τὸν Είδικὸ Νευροχειροῦργο ἰατρὸ Ν. Σπανὸ διὰ γνωμοδότηση. Τὴν 20ην Ἰουνίου 1970, οὖτος εξητάσθη και πάλιν ύπὸ τοῦ Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου, τὸ ὁποῖο συνέστησε είσαγωγή του είς τὸ Γενικό Νοσοκομεῖο, Λευκωσίας διὰ περαιτέρω ἔρευνα διὰ νὰ δυνηθή ὅπως τοῦτο λάβη ὁριστικὰς άποφάσεις. Ἡ Ἐπιτροπὴ ᾿Ανακουφίσεως Παθόντων λαβοῦσα ύπόψιν την ώς άνω Ιατρική γνωμάτευση της 20ης 'Ιουνίου 1970,

ὑπέδειξε εἰς τὸν αἰτητὴ ὅτι πρὸ τῆς λήψεως οἰασδήποτε ἀποφάσεως ὑπ' αὐτῆς, οὖτος θὰ ἔδει νὰ συμμορφωθῆ πρὸς τὴν ἀπόφαση τοῦ 'Ιατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου, οὕτως ὤστε ἡ 'Επιτροπὴ νὰ εἶναι εἰς θέσιν νὰ ἀποφανθῆ περὶ τοῦ ποσοστοῦ ἀναπηρίας αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολούθως νὰ ἀποφασίση διὰ τὴν συνταξιοδότησιν του.

'Από τοῦ ἔτους 1970 μέχρι τοῦ 1973, ὁ αἰτητής ἀπουσίαζε εἰς τὸ ἐξωτερικὸ καὶ παρέλειψε νὰ προσέλθη καὶ νὰ εἰσαχθῆ εἰς τὸ Γενικὸ Νοσοκομεῖο, ὡς συνεστήθη εἰς αὐτὸν. Μετά τὴν ἐπάνοδον τοῦ αἰτητοῦ ἐκ τοῦ έξωτερικοῦ, τὸ 'ἰατρικὸ Συμβούλιο ἐπελήφθη ἐκ νέου τῆς ὑποθέσεως τοῦ αἰτητοῦ καὶ τὴν 12ην 'Ιουλίου 1973, ἐξέδωσε τὴν ἀκόλουθον ἰατρικὴ γνωμάτευση.

"Οὖτος παρουσιάζει παραμόρφωσιν τῆς σπονδυλικῆς στήλης μετά σκολιώσεως καὶ χρονίας δισκοπαθείας ἦτις συμφώνως γνωματεύσεως τοῦ είδικοῦ Νευροχειρουργοῦ εὑρίσκεται ἐν ὑφέσει.

Ή Ἐπιτροπὴ μετὰ ἀπὸ ἐνδελεχῆ μελέτην τοῦ ἱστορικοῦ του καὶ ἐκτίμησιν τῶν ἀντικειμενικῶν της εὑρημάτων καὶ προηγουμένων ἰατρικῶν ἐκθέσεων, εἶναι τῆς γνώμης ὅτι αἱ ὀστικαὶ ἀλλοιώσεις καὶ ἡ παραμόρφωσις τῆς σπονδυλικῆς στήλης δὲν εἶναι δυνατὸν ἀντικειμενικῶς ἐκτιμώμεναι νὰ ἀποδοθοῦν εἰς τὴν ὑπ᾽ αὐτοῦ ἀναφερομένην πτῶσιν ἐκ ποδηλάτου. Ἡ πάθησις αὐτοῦ ὡς καὶ ἡ ἐν γένει συμπτωματολογία του εἶναι προιούσης καὶ ἐξελικτικῆς φύσεως παρουσιάζουσα ἐναλλασσόμενα στάδια ἐξάρσεως καὶ ὑφέσεως αὐτῆς.

'Ο αίτητής δέν ήκολούθησεν είς τὸ παρτλθόν τήν είς αὐτὸν συσταθεῖσαν ἐνδεδειγμένην θεραπευτικήν ἀγωγὴν ὑπὸ τοῦ είδικοῦ Νευροχειρουργοῦ, ἡ δὲ ἀμέλεια του αὕτη δυνατὸν νὰ συνέτεινε είς τὴν σημερινὴν ἐξέλιξιν τῆς συμπτωματολογίας του

Έν περιπτώσει νέας έξάρσεως τῆς συμπτωματολογίας του οὖτος δέον ὅπως ἀποφασίση καὶ δεχθῆ τὴν ἐπιβαλλομένην θεραπευτικὴν ἀγωγὴν"

Ή Έπιτροπή 'Ανακουρίσεως Παθόντων, λαβοῦσα ὑπόψιν τὴν ώς ἄνω Ιατρική γνωμάτευση ἀπεφάσισεν ὅτι ὁ αἰτητής δὲν δύναται νὰ χαρακτηρισθῆ ὡς ἀνάπηρος διὰ τοὺς σκοποὺς τῶν Περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεων καὶ 'Εκτάκτων 'Επιδομάτων τῶν ἐκ τῶν Πεσόντων καὶ τῶν Θυμάτων τοῦ 'Αγῶνος 'Εξαρτωμένων καὶ 'Αναπήρων Αὐτοῦ Νόμων τοῦ 1962–1972, καὶ ἀπέρριψε τὴν αἴτησιν αὐτοῦ. 'Η τοιαύτη ἀπόφασις τῆς 'Επιτροπῆς ἐγνωστοποιήθη είς τὸν αίτητὴν

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δι' ἐπιστολῆς της ἡμερομηνίας 26 'louλίου 1973. 'Εναντίον τῆς ρηθείσης ἀποφάσεως ὁ αἰτητής κατεχώρησε τὴν παρούσαν προσφυγὴν καὶ ἐξαιτεῖται παρὰ τοῦ Δικαστηρίου, ὡς ἀναφέρεται ἐν αὐτῆ, τὴν ἀκόλουθον θεραπείαν.

- 5 Δήλωσιν τοῦ Δικαστηρίου ὅτι ἡ πρᾶξις και/ἢ ἀπόφασις τῶν καθ' ὧν ἡ αἴτησις ὅπως ἀπορρίψουν αἴτησιν τοῦ αἰτητοῦ διὰ χορήγησιν εἰς αὐτὸν συντάξεως, δυνάμει τῶν περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεων καὶ Ἐκτάκτων Ἐπιδομάτων Νόμων 1962–1972 εἰναι ἄκυρος καὶ ἐστερημένη οἰουδήποτε νομικοῦ ἀποτελέσματος.
- Τά νομικά σημεῖα ἐπὶ τῶν ὁποίων βασίζεται ἡ παροῦσα προσφυγή είναι τὰ ἐξῆς:
 - 1. Ἡ ὡς ἄνω πρᾶξις καὶ/ἢ ἀπόφασις ἐλήφθη κατὰ παράβασιν τῶν σχετικῶν διατάξεων τῶν περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεων καὶ Ἐκτάκτων Ἐπιδομάτων Νόμων 1962–1972.
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 Ή προσβαλλομένη πρᾶξις καὶ/ἢ ἀπόφασις ἐλήφθη ἄνευ ἐπαρκοῦς ἢ οἱασδήποτε ἐρεύνης τῶν εἰδικῶν περιστατικῶν τῆς ὑποθέσεως.
 - Ή προσβαλλομένη πρᾶξις ἐλήφθη ὑπὸ συνθήκας ἰσοδυναμούσας πρὸς ὑπέρβασιν ἢ κατάχρησιν ἐξουσίας, καὶ
- Διὰ τῆς ὡς ἄνω πράξεως καὶ/ἢ ἀποφάσεως οἱ καθ' ὧν ἡ αἴτησις προέβησαν εἰς πλημμελῆ ἄσκησιν τῆς διακριτικῆς αὐτῶν ἐξουσίας.

Κατά τὴν ἀκρόασιν τῆς ὑποθέσεως ὁ αίτητὴς ὑπέβαλε εἰς τὸ Δικαστήριο ότι, συμφώνως τοῦ περὶ Ταμείου Συντάξεως καὶ Έκτάκτων Έπιδομάτων των έκ των Πεσόντων καὶ των Θυμάτων τοῦ 25 'Αγώνος 'Εξαρτωμένων καὶ 'Αναπήρων Αὐτοῦ Νόμων, 1962-1972. "Αρθρα 3(1), 3(4), 6(1), 7(1), 11(2) καί 21, τὸ γεγονὸς ὅτι ἐλάμβανε βοήθεια διὰ ἰατροφαρμακευτική περίθαλψη ἀπό τὴν Ἐπιτροπή 'Ανακουφίσεως Παθόντων πρό και μετά την ψήφισιν τῶν ώς ἄνω Νόμων, ἀποδεικνύει ὅτι ἀνεγνωρίσθη ὑπὸ τῆς ρηθείσης 30 Έπιτροπῆς ὡς ἀνάπηρος καὶ ὡς ἐκ τούτου δικαιοῦται εἰς χορήγησιν συντάξεως. Ἐπίσης ὁ αἰτητής ὑπέβαλε ὅτι ἡ παραπομπή του πρός έξέτασιν ύπο τοῦ Ίατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου τὸν Ἰούλιον τοῦ 1973, ἐγένετο διὰ νὰ διαπιστωθῆ μόνον ὁ βαθμὸς ἀναπηρίας του, καθότι έθεωρείτο ήδη ύπο τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς ὡς ἀνάπηρος 35 δυνάμει τῶν προνοιῶν τοῦ σχετικοῦ Νόμου.

Κατά τη γνώμη μου, τὰ ὡς ἄνω ἀναφερόμενα ἄρθρα τοῦ Νόμου οὐδόλως ὑποστηρίζουν τὴν εἰσήγησιν τοῦ αἰτητοῦ ὅτι πρέπει νὰ θεωρηθῆ ὡς ἀνάπηρος.

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'Εκ τοῦ φακέλλου τῆς ὑποθέσεως ὁ ὁποῖος παρουσιάσθη εἰς τὸ δικαστήριο εἰναι φανερὸ ὅτι τὰ χρηματικὰ ποσὰ τὰ ὁποῖα παρεχωρήθησαν κατὰ καιροὺς εἰς τὸν αἰτητὴν κατόπιν αἰτήσεως αὐτοῦ διὰ βοήθειαν ὑπὸ τῆς 'Επιτροπῆς, ἐδόθησαν χαριστικῶς (ex gratia) καὶ οὐδέποτε ἡ ρηθεῖσα 'Επιτροπὴ ἀνεγνώρισε τὸν αἰτητὴν ὡς ἀνάπηρον δυνάμει τῶν προνοιῶν τῶν σχετικῶν Νόμων. 'Επίσης ὡς προκύπτει ἐκ τοῦ φακέλλου, ἡ παραπομπὴ τοῦ αἰτητοῦ πρὸς ἐξέτασιν ὑπὸ τοῦ 'ἰατρ·κοῦ Συμβουλίου τὸν 'ἰούλιο τοῦ 1973, δὲν ἐγένετο διὰ νὰ διαπιστωθῆ μόνο ὁ βαθμὸς ἀναπηρίας αὐτοῦ. 'Η 'Επιτροπὴ οὐδέποτε ἐδέχθη ὡς ὀρθοὺς τοὺς ἰσχυρισμοὺς τοῦ αἰτητοῦ ὅτι ἡ πάθησις του προῆλθε ἐκ πτώσεως ποδηλάτου

Τέλος ἡ Ἐπιτροπὴ ὀρθῶς ἐστηρίχθη ἐπὶ τῆς ἐκθέσεως τοῦ Ἰατρικοῦ Συμβουλίου τῆς 12ης Ἰουλίου 1973 καὶ ὀρθῶς ἀπέρριψε τὴν αἴτησιν τοῦ αἰτητοῦ διὰ χορήγησιν εἰς αὐτὸν συντάξεως

Διὰ τοὺς ὡς ἄνω λόγους ἡ προσφυγὴ τοῦ αἰτητοῦ ἀπορρίπτεται χωρὶς διαταγὴ ὡς πρὸς τὰ ἔξοδα.

Προσφυγή ἀπορρίπτεται. Οὐδεμία διαταγή ώς πρὸς τὰ ἔξοδα.

This is an English translation of the judgment in Greek appearing 20 at pp. 690-694 ante.

Dependants of Persons who were killed in, and of Victims of the Struggle and Persons Incapacitated therein (Pensions and Extraordinary Allowances Fund) Laws 1962–1972—Committee established thereunder—Properly found, by relying on report of Medical Board, that applicant could not be considered as incapacitated for the purposes of the above Laws.

This recourse was directed against the decision of the Committee, established under the Dependants of Persons who were killed in, and of Victims of the Struggle and Persons Incapacitated therein (Pensions and Extraordinary Allowances Fund) Laws, 1962–1972, which, after taking into consideration the report of the Medical Board, decided that applicant could not be considered as incapacitated for the purposes of the above Laws.

Held, that the Committee properly relied on the report of the Medical Board and properly rejected applicant's application for the grant of pension to him; accordingly the recourse should fail.

Application dismissed.

Recourse.

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Recourse against the decision of the respondents rejecting applicant's application for pension.

. Applicant appeared in person.

S. Nicolaides, Senior Counsel of the Republic, for the respondents.

Cur. adv. vult.

MALACHTOS J. read the following judgment. The applicant was born in Limassol on the 14th September, 1939 and according to him, he was injured during the EOKA struggle when he fell off his bicycle in his effort to avoid capture by the English troops, while carrying explosives. According to the report of the Medical Board dated 24th July 1961 he had no disability but, as it was diagnosed he suffered from varicoccle for which he was advised to undergo surgery; the respondent Committee decided on the 2nd August, 1961 to refer him to Dr. M. Tritoftides in Limassol to be operated upon for the varicoccle.

On six occasions from 1961 to 1964 the applicant received amounts ranging from £5.- to £30.- each time for medical treat-, ment and medicines. In 1969 he applied for a pension under 20 the Dependants of Persons who were killed in, and of victims of the Struggle and Persons Incapacitated therein (Pensions and Extraordinary Allowances Fund) Law of 1962 (hereinafter called the Law) and according to a report dated 20.2.70 of the Medical Board he was found to be temporarily incapacitated for 25 for any type of work. However, a few days later, on the 31st March 1970, the same Medical Board, presumably in their desire to satisfy themselves beyond any doubt as regards the applicant's disability, referred him to Dr N. Spanos, Specialist Neurosurgeon, for his opinion. On the 20th June, 1970, he 30 was re-examined by the Medical Board which recommended his admittance into the Nicosia General Hospital for further investigation, to enable them to reach their final conclusion. The Committee after considering the above recommendations of the Board of the 20.6.70, advised the applicant that, before 35 they reach any decision, he ought to comply with the recommendations of the Medical Board to enable them thus to decide on the extent of his disability and his eligibility for a pension.

The applicant was absent abroad from 1970 to 1973, he therefore did not enter the Hospital, as advised. Upon his

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return from abroad, the Medical Board reconsidered his case afresh and on the 12th July 1973 gave the following opinion:

"He has deformation of the spine with scoliosis and cranic disc lesion which according to the opinion of the specialist neurosurgeon is in remission.

The Board after serious consideration of his case history, in view of its objective findings and previous medical reports, is of the opinion that the bones changes and deformation of the spine cannot objectively be attributed to the fall from a bicycle he refers to. His affliction as well as his symptoms generally are of an advancing and progressing nature which show alternative periods of relapse or remission.

The applicant, in the past, did not follow the medical treatment recommended by the Specialist Neurosurgeon and it is possible that his failure has contributed to the present development of his condition.

In the event of a new relapse in his condition he must follow the recommended treatment."

The Committee, having taken into consideration the above medical report, decided that the applicant could not be termed as a disabled person for the purposes of the Law and rejected his application. The applicant was notified of this decision of the Committee by their letter of the 26th July, 1973 against which decision he filed the present recourse claiming the following relief:

Declaration of the Court that the act and/or decision of the respondents to reject his application for a pension under the Law is null and void and of no legal effect whatsoever.

The present recourse is based on the following grounds of 30 law:

- (1) That the aforesaid act and/or decision was taken in contravention of the relevant provisions of the Law.
- (2) That the sub judice act and/or decision was taken without due or any inquiry into the special circumstances of the case.

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- (3) That the subjudice decision was taken in circumstances amounting to excess or abuse of powers.
- (4) That by the aforesaid act and/or decision the respondents have exercised their discretion in a defective manner.

During the hearing of the case the applicant submitted that in accordance with sections 3(1), 3(4), 6(1), 7(1), 11(2) and 21 of the Law, the fact that he had been in receipt of financial assistance for medical treatment and medicines from the Committee before and after the coming into effect of the above Laws, is an indication that he had been accepted as a disabled person by the said Committee, consequently he is entitled to be granted a pension. Furthermore the applicant submitted that he had been referred to the Medical Board in July 1973 for the sole purpose of ascertaining the degree of his disability, since he was already regarded as a disabled person according to the relevant Law.

It is my view that the aforesaid sections of the Law in no way support the suggestion of the applicant that he is to be considered as disabled.

- From the file of the case which was produced as exhibit 1, it is apparent that the amounts of money given to the applicant at various times by the Committee, were given to him on an exgratia basis and that the said Committee never accepted the applicant as a disabled person under the provisions of the relevant laws. It also transpires from the file that the applicant had been referred to the Medical Board in July, 1973 not only for ascertaining the degree of his disability. The Committee never accepted as true his allegations that his condition was the result of a fall from a bicycle.
- Finally the Committee were correct to rely on the report of the Medical Board of the 12th July, 1973 and to reject the application of the applicant for a pension.

For the aforesaid reasons, the recourse fails with no order as to costs.

Recourse dismissed. No order as to costs.