

MALTA – A DIARY

May – December 1984

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- 2- 5-84 The Postmaster General notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 'May' Hompesch Road, Fgura, on Wednesday, 2nd. May, 1984. A hand metal date-stamp, inscribed with the words 'Fgura S.P.O. – Malta' is being used at this Sub-Post Office (**fig. 1**). The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 680976.
- 14- 5-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: 'Council Of Europe – 4th. Sport Ministerial Conference – Malta – 15 – 16 May, 1984' was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 14th, 15th and 16th May, 1984.
- 15- 5-84 The P.M.G. notified that a temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, on the 15th and 16th May, 1984, on the occasion of the holding of the Council Of Europe 4th Sport Ministerial Conference. The Temporary Branch Post Office was opened from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
The following business was transacted:-
(a) Sale of stamps and postal stationery.
(b) Registration of letters.
(c) Issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders.
(d) Encashment of post cheques.
Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed:- 'Council Of Europe – 4th. Sport Ministerial – Conference – 15 – 16 May 1984 – Valletta-Malta'.
The emblem of the Council of Europe is also incorporated in the date-stamp. (**Fig. 2**)
- 15- 5-84 In to-day's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Zebbug. Applications were to be received by the Postmaster General up to 5.00 p.m. of Friday, 15th June, 1984. A similar call for applications for this place was made on the 31st January, 1984.
- 15- 5-84 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the notice for the opening of the Sub-Post Office at Sliema appeared again. Including to-day, this notice has now appeared eight times, the first being in March 1979.
- 17- 5-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- 'World Telecommunication Day – Telecommunications; Expanding – Horizons', was used on Thursday, 17th May, 1984, at the Central Mail Room.
- 21- 5-84 The Postmaster General notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 17, December 13th Street, Nadur, Gozo, on Monday, 21st May, 1984.
A hand metal date-stamp inscribed:- 'Nadur S.P.O. – Gozo' was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. (**Fig. 3**)
- 26- 5-84 The P.M.G. notified that a special hand-postmark was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the 5th International Stamp Fair which was held in Essen, West Germany, from the 26th to the 31st May, 1984.

The postmark is inscribed:- 'Malta Post Office – 5th International Stamp Fair – 26–31 May 1984 – Essen'.

The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above-mentioned exhibition, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. and at the Central Mail Room, Valletta, as follows:-

26th May, 1984 8.00 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.

27th May, 1984 8.00 a.m. – 12 noon (Philatelic Counter only)

28th to 31st May, 1984 8.00 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.

An identical postmark was used on the same dates at the Malta Post Office Stand at the 5th International Stamp Fair, Essen. **(Fig. 4)**

- 1- 6-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan, marking Consumer's Day, was used at the Central Mail Room on Friday, 1st June, 1984. The slogan reads:- '1 Ta' Gunju 1984 – Jum Il-Konsumatur' meaning '1st June 1984 – Consumer's Day'.

- 1- 6-84 The P.M.G. notified that aerogrammes were available for sale at one cent (1c) each, from the General Post Office, Valletta, and from all Branch and Sub-Post Offices, as from Friday, 1st June, 1984.

- 1- 6-84 The P.M.G. notified that as from Friday, 1st June, 1984, the staff of the Department of Posts was going to wear a new type of Summer uniform which consists of a light blue shirt and greyish blue terylene trousers.

In Winter the postal staff will wear a greyish blue single breasted tunic and trousers of worsted material, a light-blue shirt and a blue tie. A label with the word 'Posta' in red will be worn on the breast pocket of the tunic or the shirt.

- 2- 6-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan, marking World Environment Day, was used on the 2nd, 4th and 5th June, 1984, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan reads:- 'Jum Dinji Ta' L-Ambjent – 5 Ta' Gunju' meaning 'World Environment Day – 5th June'.

- 14- 6-84 The set commemorating the 170th anniversary of the Malta Police Force issued to-day. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. **(Fig. 5)**

- 1- 7-84 The P.M.G. notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Sunday, 1st July to Sunday, 15th July, 1984, from 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for the transaction of the following business:-

(a) sale of stamps and postal stationery.

(b) registration of letters.

(c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders.

(d) posting of parcels and other postal articles.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows:-

'XXVII International Fair Of Malta – Naxxar'. **(Fig. 6)**

- 19- 7-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- 'Gozo – The Island Where Time Stood Still', was used at the Central Mail Room as from Thursday, 19th July, 1984. This slogan was going to be used, on and off during the year.

- 26- 7-84 'XXIII Olympiad 1984' set, issued to-day. A special hand-postmark incorporating a motif symbolizing the emblem of the international Olympic Committee, was used for cancellation on the first day of

issue. (Fig. 7)

Maximum Card No. 5, reproducing the Gymnast shown on the 12c stamp of this set, was also issued to-day.

20- 9-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- 'World Tourism Day – 27th September 1984', was used, on and off, during the period from 20th to 27th September, 1984, at the Central Mail Room. The logo of the World Tourism Organisation is also incorporated in the slogan.

24- 9-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- 'World Maritime Day – 27th September 1984 – Maritime – Telecommunications' was used, on and off, during the period from 24th to 27th September, 1984, at the Central Mail Room.

5-10-84 'Xmas. 1984' set issued to-day. A special hand-postmark incorporating a motif symbolizing the Xmas. Season was used for cancellation on the first day of issue (Fig. 8)

9-10-84 A special hand-postmark was used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. from 8.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th October, 1984, to mark the World Post Day.

The hand-postmark, which incorporates the emblem of the Universal Postal Union is inscribed:- 'World Post Day – Nothing Can Replace The Post – 9-10-84 – Valletta-Malta'. (Fig. 9)

10-10-84 Notice No. 832 in the Govt. Gazette of the 5th October, 1984, stated that:-

In terms of Section 18 of Post Office Act, 1975, the Postmaster General notifies that with effect from Wednesday, 10th October, 1984, and until further notice, the following conditions for the local posting of postal articles to any address in Malta and Gozo will apply:

(a) Only postcards and envelopes which contain solely correspondence and of which the dimensions, weight, appearance and other features indicate that they contain nothing else may be posted in street letter boxes.

(b) Any postal article which contain anything other than correspondence or the dimensions, size, weight or thickness of which are different from those of a normal letter shall be handed unsealed at the nearest Post Office.

(c) The person presenting such postal articles shall be required

(i) to prepare a list of the postal articles being presented for posting, indicating the name and full address of each article. The list shall be signed by the person presenting the postal articles for posting and countersigned by the Post Office official receiving the articles. The relative forms are available from the Central Mail Room, Valletta, General Post Office Counters and all Branch Post Offices.

(ii) to show his identity card to the Post Office Official. The contents of the Postal articles shall be examined in the presence of the person presenting such postal articles. The Post Office shall then seal the articles in the presence of the person presenting such articles.

(d) The sender's name shall invariably be written on the envelope or

wrapping of the postal articles.

- (e) Articles posted not in accordance with the above conditions will be returned to sender or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster General may direct.

Bulky postal articles referred to above will be accepted for posting during the hours indicated hereunder at the following Post Offices:-

Malta

Central Mail Room, Valletta, from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. – Mondays to Saturdays.

General Post Office Counters, Merchants Street, Valletta, from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. – Mondays to Saturdays.

Luqa Airport Branch Post Office, from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. – Mondays to Saturdays.

Birkirkara, Cospicua, Gzira, Hamrun, Mosta, Paola, Rabat, Msida, Sliema, Valletta (Old Bakery Street), Zabbar, Zejtun, Qormi, and Zurrieq Branch Post Offices from 7.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon – Mondays to Saturdays.

Parcel Post Office, Victory Square, Valletta from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. – Mondays to Fridays.

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Victoria and Mgarr Branch Post Offices from 7.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon – Mondays to Saturdays.

The posting of local bulky articles by ordinary or registered post and locally addressed parcels in all Sub-Post Offices will not be accepted.

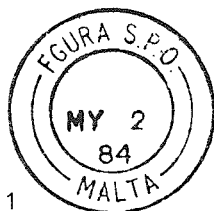
- 10-10-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- ‘Jum Dinji Ta’ L-Ikel – 16 Ta’ Ottubru 1984 – Il-Mara Fil-Biedja’, meaning ‘World Food Day – 16 October 1984 – Woman In Farming’, was used from the 10th to 16th October, 1984, at the Central Mail Room.

- 17-10-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- ‘Ghinu T-Tfal Fil-Bzonn – Uzaw Il-Bolli – Tal-Milied’, meaning ‘Help Children – In Need – Use Xmas. Stamps’, was used on and off as from the 17th October to the 31st December, 1984, at the Central Mail Room.

- 12-12-84 ‘10th Anniversary of the Republic of Malta’ set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark incorporating a motif symbolizing peace was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 10)

- 17-12-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- ‘Centenary – Malta Post Office – Stamp Issue – 2 January 1985’, was used, on and off, during the period from 17th December 1984 to 2nd January, 1985, at the Central Mail Room.

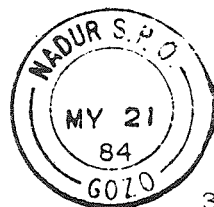
- 26-12-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- ‘1 Jan ’85 – Jum Il-Paci – Peace Lab Malta’, was used, on and off, from the 26th to the 31st December, 1984, at the Central Mail Room. A motif symbolizing friendship and peace is also incorporated in the slogan.



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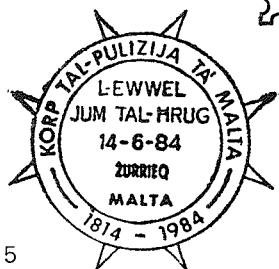
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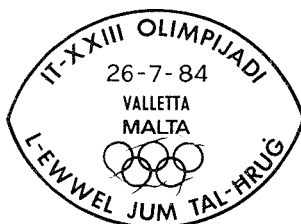
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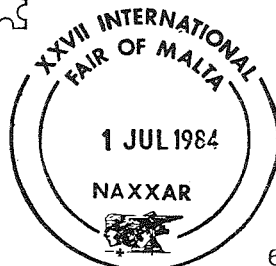
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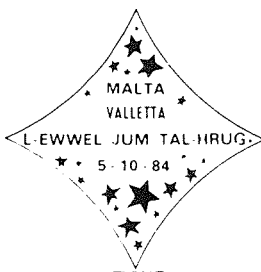
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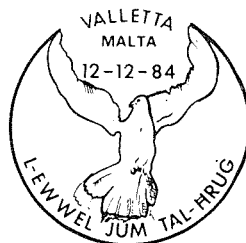
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EVERY MEMBER SHOULD TRY AND ENROL A NEW MEMBER.

**Have you paid the past and 1984 Membership dues?
Immediate payment will be appreciated. Send remittance to:**

**Mr. J. Porsella Flores
69, Palm Street,
Paola, Malta.**

Local members - Lm1.50	10,000 Italian Lire
Foreign Members - 7 United States Dollars	50 French Francs
9 Canadian Dollars	17 German Marks
10 Australian Dollars	14 Swiss Francs
4 Sterling Pounds	(per annum)