

# MALTA – A DIARY

January - April 1984

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25- 1-84 The Airmail postage set which was issued on the 3rd October, 1978, was withdrawn from sale, at the close of business on the 25th January 1984.

26- 1-84 A new Airmail set issued to-day, consisting of seven stamps featuring seven different types of aircraft which operated or are still operating from and to Malta for the conveyance of passengers, freight and mail. A special handstamp was used on the first day of issue.



31- 1-84 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a call for applications was issued, for the post of Sub-Postmaster, at Zebbug, Malta. Applications were to be received by 5.00 p.m. of Friday, 2nd March, 1984. The usual duties and obligations of Sub-Postmasters were also listed.

14- 3-84 A machine stamp cancelling slogan, marking Consumer's Rights World Day, was used at the Central Mail Room, on Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th March, 1984. The slogan reads: "15 ta' Marzu 1984 - Jum Dinji Għad-Drittijiet Tal-Konsumatur" meaning: "15 March 1984 - Consumer's Right World Day."

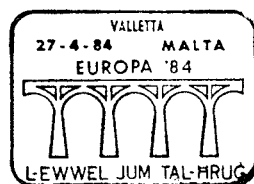
26- 3-84 On the occasion of the 31st. March Festivities, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Magħqudin Fil-Helsien - 31 Ta' Marzu - Il-Jum Nazzjonali - 1979-1984" was used from the 26th to the 30th March, 1984, at the Central Mail Room. The wording of the slogan means: "United in Freedom - 31 March - National Day - 1979-1984."

30- 3-84 A new metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the Luqa Airport Branch post Office, as from Friday, 30th March, 1984. The hand date-stamp is inscribed, "Luqa Airport - Malta."

The Hand date-stamp which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Thursday, 29th March, 1984.



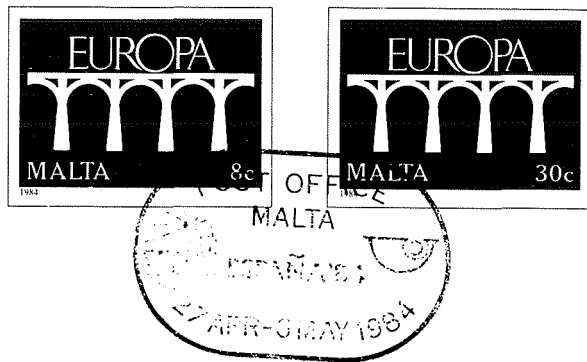
27- 4-84 The "Europa 1984" set, issued to-day. A special handstamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.



27- 4-84 The P.M.G. notified that a commemorative postal card was going to be issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the "España 84" World Stamp Exhibition which was to be

# POSTAL CARD

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held in Madrid from the 27th April to the 6th May, 1984. The Europa 1984 stamps and the logo of the "España 84" World Stamp Exhibition is printed in multi-colour on the postal card. The postal card was available for sale at 38c from the G.P.O. and from all B.P.O.s and S.P.O.s during the period from the 27th April to 6th May, 1984, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The postal card was available for sale with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed "España '84 - Post Office Malta - 27 Apr - 6 May 1984" and incorporating a line drawing of the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. The postal card was available for sale in mint condition. In the case where the stamps on the postal card are cancelled with the hand-postmark mentioned above, it could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided that it was posted during the period from the 27th April to 6th May, 1984.

Postal cards cancelled with the "España 84" hand-postmark posted after the 6th May, 1984 should have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover postage. These stamps would be cancelled with the normal metal hand-postmark.

On the 27th April, 1984, the imprinted stamps on the postal card, could have been cancelled with the first day of issue postmark of the Europa 1984 stamps.