

MALTA – A DIARY

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- 29 - 1 - 82 "Shipbuilding and Shiprepairing" set issued to-day. A special handstamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.
- 29 - 1 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the P.M.G. notified that two designs for the Europa 1984 stamp issue, selected for submission to the Posts Commission of the European Conference of Postal and Telecomms. Administration (CEPT) are those submitted by Mr. Norbert Attard, B.E.&A., A&C.E., and Mr. Carmel Conti under the noms-de-plume "M.T.X." and "Huckleberry" respectively. The twenty-six designs entered in the competition were exhibited at the G.P.O. on the 1st and 2nd February, 1982 from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- 5 - 2 - 82 A new endorsement reading: "Found Reposted In This Condition" started being used to-day in the Sorting Room of the G.P.O.
- 16 - 2 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the P.M.G. notified that the set of four designs bearing the nom-de-plume "Gemini/III/", submitted by Mr. Richard J. Caruana, has been selected for reproduction on the postage set commemorating the 1982 F.I.F.A. World Cup. Mr. Harry Borg and Mr. Tony Bugeja were placed second and third respectively. The 109 designs which participated in the competition were exhibited at the G.P.O. from 8.00 a.m., to 5.00 p.m. on the 17th., 18th. and 19th. February, 1982.
- 22 - 2 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Neqsin Mis-Smiegh – Neqsin Mill-Hbieb", meaning "Short of Hearing – Short of Friends," was used, on and off, from the 22nd. to the 27th February, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.
- 16 - 3 - 82 "Elderly" postage set issued to-day. A special handstamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.
- 3 - 4 - 82 On the occasion of the first flight Malta/Hamburg/Cologne by Air Malta to-day, Saturday, the 3rd. April, 1982, the Malta Post Office used at the Philatelic Bureau, two special hand postmarks indicating the date of the respective first flight and place of destination. All those interested in obtaining the special postmarks could have handed over at the Philatelic Bureau, their addressed covers with the appropriate postage affixed thereon, not later than noon of Thursday, 1st. April, 1982. The covers were flown on the first flight and back stamped on arrival at Hamburg and Cologne.
- 12 - 4 - 82 The P.M.G. notified that a temporary Branch Post Office be opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, from Monday, 12th April to Friday, 16th April, 1982, on the occasion of the holding of the VI United Nations Seminar on the Question of Palestine. The hours of business of the temporary Branch Post Office were: 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. The following business was transacted:
- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
 - (b) registration of letters
 - (c) issue and payment of money and postal orders
 - (d) posting of parcels
- Postal articles posted at this temporary Branch Post Office, were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed with the following words: "VI U.N. Seminar – On Palestine – Valletta, Malta."

- 12 - 4 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "25th. Anniversary - 1957 U.P.U. 1982 - Consultative Council - For Postal Studies" was used, on and off, from Monday, 12th. April to Saturday 17th April, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.
- 19 - 4 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Jiswa Daqs Djamant - Turn It Off", the first part meaning, "As Precious As A Diamond", is being used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, as from Monday, 19th April, 1982. The slogan also incorporates two line drawings, one showing a leaking water-tap and the other a boy tampering with a water-tap.
- 29 - 4 - 82 The "Europa 1982" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark, also incorporating the C.E.P.T. emblem, was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.
- 1 - 5 - 82 The P.M.G. notified an agreement had been reached between the Norwegian and the Malta Postal Administrations for the encashment of Norwegian Postcheques in Malta. The new service which came into effect on 1st. May, 1982, enables entitled holders of Norwegian Postcheques to withdraw from local Post Offices and Sub Post Offices any amount in Maltese currency up to a maximum of £M35 on each postcheque presented.
- 6 - 5 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "35th. Anniversary - 1947 U.P.U. 1982 - Executive Council" was used, on and off, from Thursday 6th. May to Wednesday, 12th. May, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.
- 14 - 5 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Telecommunication Day - Telecommunications Day - International Cooperation" was used on the 14th., 15th. and 17th., May, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.
- 28 - 5 - 82 In to-day's Govt. gazette it was notified that approval had been given for the issue of a call for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at the Nadur Sub-Post Office in Gozo. Applications were to be received by the P.M.G. up to 1.00 p.m. of Friday, 25th June, 1982.
- 2 - 6 - 82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan marking World Environment Day, was used from the 2nd. to the 5th. June, 1982, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan reads as follows: "Jum Dinji Ta' l-Ambjent - 5 ta' Gunju" meaning "World Environment Day - 5th. June." The logo of the Environment Protection Centre of the Ministry of Health is also incorporated in the slogan.
- 11 - 6 - 82 "1982 F.I.F.A. World Cup" postage set issued to-day. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.
- 11 - 6 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette it was announced that sealed quotations from Security Printers were to be received up to 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23rd. June, 1982, for the printing and supply of a set of four postage stamps and a maximum card featuring Maltese ships.
- 11 - 6 - 82 The P.M.G. notified that a commemorative postal card was to be issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in "Philexfrance 82" International Philatelic Exhibition which was to be held from the 11th. to the 21st. June, 1982, at the National Centre for Industrial Techniques (CNIT), Paris, France. The Europa 1982 stamps and an appropriate motif are printed in

multicolour on the postal card. The postal card was available for sale at 38 cents from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O., from the 11th. to the 21st. June, 1982, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The postal card was available for sale both in mint condition and with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-stamp inscribed "Post Office Malta - 11-21.VI.82 - Philexfrance 82" and incorporating the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. The postal card could have been sent through the post. In the case where the stamps on the postal card were cancelled with the special hand-stamp mentioned above, it could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided it was posted during the period 11th. to 21st. June, 1982. Postal cards cancelled with the "Philexfrance 82" special hand-stamp, posted after the 21st. June, 1982, should have the proper postage affixed thereon additionally. The stamp or stamps covering the postage are cancelled with the normal metal hand-postmark. Orders for "Philexfrance 82" postal cards could have been placed at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. up to the 9th. June, 1982.

- 14 - 6 - 82 On the occasion of the VIth. meeting of the Inter-Governmental Council for the Co-ordination of Information among Non-Aligned Countries which was held in Malta on the 15th. and 16th. June, 1982, a machine stamp cancelling slogan was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 14th. to 18th. June, 1982.

The slogan read as follows:

"VI Meeting - Inter-Govt. Council - Co-Ordination Of - Information - Non-Aligned Countries."

- 2 - 7 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette by means of Notice No. 305, it was notified that a temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened from 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Saturday 10th. July to Saturday, 24th. July, 1982, for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of letters
- (c) issue and payment of money and postal orders
- (d) posting of parcels and other postal articles

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

"XXVI" International Fair - Of Malta - Naxxar."

- 9 - 7 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, by means of Notice No. 350, the P.M.G. notified Govt. Notice No. 305, which was published in the Govt. Gazette of Friday, 2nd July, 1982 was hereby cancelled.

- 13 - 7 - 82 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the P.M.G. notified that a temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at the July Trade Fair, which was to be held at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, from Friday, 16th. July to Sunday, 25th. July, 1982, for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of letters
- (c) issue and payment of money and postal orders
- (d) posting of parcels and other postal articles.

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

"Fiera Kummerċjali Ta' Lulju - Valletta - Malta," meaning "July Commercial Fair - Valletta - Malta."