

MALTA = A DIARY

January - June 1981

- 2 — 1 — 81 "Postage Paid" hand-stamps of the 5c denomination were used at all Branch Post Offices in Malta and at the Branch Post Office, Mgarr, Gozo, as from Friday, 2nd. January, 1981. The hand-stamps, besides the c3 denomination and the date, have inscribed thereon "Postage Paid" and the name of the respective locality.
- The "Postage Paid" hand-stamps of the 25c denomination, currently in use at the said Branch Post Offices, were withdrawn from use at the close of business on Wednesday, 31st. December, 1980.
- 5 — 1 — 81 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Next Stamp Issue — Birds Set — 20 January 1981" was used, on and off, during the period 5th. to 19th. January, 1981, at the Central Mail Room.
- 7 — 1 — 81 The P.M.G. notified that, to mark the 150th. birth anniversary of Heinrich von Stephen, founder of the Universal Postal Union, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Heinrich Von Stephen — 1831-1981", was used at the Central Mail Room on the 7th. January, 1981. The slogan also incorporates the emblem of the U.P.U.
- 9 — 1 — 81 Applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Sliema were issued again in the Govt. Gazette of the 9th. January, 1981. This notice has appeared four times already, the first time being in March 1979.
- 9 — 1 — 81 The 4m stamp of the First Decimal Definitive Postage Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This stamp was available for sale from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.
- 20 — 1 — 81 "Birds" set issued to-day. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.
- 27 — 1 — 81 The 1c and 2c stamps of the First Decimal Definitive Postage Set were reprinted by Printex Limited. These stamps were available for sale from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.
- 30 — 1 — 81 In the Govt. Gazette of to-day's date, it was announced that the opening of a new Sub-Post Office at Marsascala has been approved. Applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at this

locally were to be received by the Postmaster General up to 5.00 p.m. of Monday, 2nd. March, 1981.

The duties, obligations and remunerations of Sub-Postmasters were also listed.

- 6 — 3 — 81 The 8m stamp of the First Decimal Definitive Postage Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited.

The stamp was available for sale from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.

- 12 — 3 — 81 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Hotel Catering And Tourism — International Exhibition 12-18.3.81" was used from the 12th. to the 18th. March, 1981, at the Central Mail Room.

- 17 — 3 — 81 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, approval had been given to open a Sub Post Office at Fgura. Applications for the post at this locality were to be received by the P.M.G. up to 5.00 p.m. of Monday, 20th. April, 1981.

- 17 — 3 — 81 The P.M.G. notified that with effect from Wednesday, 18th. March, 1981, the Sub Post Office at St. Paul's Bay was going to be transferred to No. 40F, St. Paul's Street, St. Paul's Bay.

- 27 — 3 — 81 In to-day's Govt. Gazette, by means of notice No. 179, the Prime Minister approved the appointment of Mr. Saviour Psaila as Head 1, to do the duty as Postmaster General with effect from 16th. March, 1981.

- 10 — 4 — 81 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "Next Stamp Issue — Europa '81 Set — 28 April 1981" was used on and off, during the period 10th. April to 27th. April 1981, at the Central Mail Room.

- 28 — 4 — 81 "Europa 1981" set issued to-day, a special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue. The C.E.P.T. emblem is also incorporated in the postmark.

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- 14 — 5 — 81 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "World Telecommunication Day — Telecommunications And Health" was used on the 14th., 15th. and 16th. May, 1981, at the Central Mail Room.

- 22 — 5 — 81 A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the WIPA 1981

International Stamp Exhibition which was held from the 22nd. to the 31st. May, 1981, in Vienna, Austria. The Europa 1981 stamps and an appropriate motif are printed in multicolour on the postal card. The card was available for sale at 38c from the Philatelic Counter, G.P.O., from the 22nd. to the 31st. May, 1981, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The postal cards were available for sale both in mint condition and with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-stamp inscribed, "Post Office Malta — 22-31.V.81 — WIPA 1981" 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 that it was posted after the 31st. May, 1981, 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 the WIPA 1981 postal cards could have been placed at the Philatelic Counter G.P.O. up to the 19th. May 1981.

- 25 — 5 — 81 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Next Stamp Issue — XXV International Fair — Of Malta Set — 12th. June 1981", was used on and off, during the period 25th. May to 11th. June, 1981, at the Central Mail Room.
- 12 — 6 — 81 "XXV International Fair of Malta" set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.
- 25 — 6 — 8 Six new metal hand date-stamps were put in use at the B.P.O. Sliema, on Thursday, 25th. June 1981. The new hand date-stamps are inscribed "Sliema — Malta".

The six-date-stamps which were replaced were withdrawn from use at the close of business on Wednesday, 24th. June 1981.