

MALTA — A DIARY

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- 6-5-79 A machine stamp cancelling slogan to mark the 65th Annual Council Meeting of the International Hotel Association, held in Malta, between the 6th and 11th May, 1979, was used at the Central Mail Room during the period 7th-11th May, 1979. The slogan is worded "65th COUNCIL MEETING — MALTA 1979 — 6-11 MAY 1979". The slogan also incorporates the special logo which was used for the International Council Meeting.
- 9-5-79 The Europa 1979 set issued today. A special hand-postmark was used at the G.P.O. and all B.P.O.s and S.P.O.s on the first day of issue. It is inscribed: "LEWWEL JUM T A L - H R U G'", "MALTA", "EUROPA", the name of the respective locality and the date "9.5.79". A Maltese Speronara is also incorporated in the postmark.
- 14-5-79 The P.M.G. notified that, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the International Air Rally of Malta, a machine stamp cancelling slogan was used again during the period 14th to 18th May, 1979, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan reads: "INTERNATIONAL AIR RALLY — OF MALTA — 10th ANNIVERSARY — 23-27 JUNE 1979". A silhouette of an aeroplane in flight is also incorporated in the slogan.
Note: This slogan was used also during period 26-31 January 1979.
- 14-5-79 The P.M.G. notified that four "Postage Paid" hand-stamps, inscribed with the words "General Post Office — Malta — Paid" and one "Postage Paid" hand-stamp inscribed "Victoria Post Office — Gozo — Paid", were used at the Central Mail Room, Valletta, and at the Branch Post Office, Victoria, Gozo, respectively as from Monday, 14th May, 1979.
Each of these five "Postage Paid" hand-stamps were to be used for the 4 cents and 6 cents values.
- 15-5-79 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: 17th May — Telecommunication — Day" was used on the 15th, 16th and 17th May, 1979, at the Central Mail Room.
- 22-5-79 The 5m and 1c stamps of the present Decimal Definitive Set have been reprinted by Printex Limited. This is the third reprint or the fourth printing of the 5 mills value. It is also the fourth reprint or the fifth printing of the 1 cent value. These stamps were available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. Valletta.
- 28-5-79 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "Next Stamp Issue — International Year — Of The Child Set — 13 June 1979", was used, on and off, during the period 28th May to 12th June, 1979, at the Central Mail Room.
- 29-5-79 The notice which appeared in the Government Gazette of the 27-3-79, (also recorded in this diary), approving the opening of a Sub-Post Office in Sliema, appeared again in today's Government Gazette extending the time for applications up to 1.00 p.m. of Monday, 25th June, 1979.
- 1-6-79 On the occasion of World Environment Day, a machine stamp cancelling slogan was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 1st, 2nd, 4th

and 5th June, 1979.

The slogan was worded: "Jum Dinji — Ta' l-Ambjent — 5 Ta' Gunju" which means "World Environment Day, 5th June".

1-6-79 The notice which appeared in the Government Gazette of the 12-1-79, (also recorded in this diary), approving the opening of a Sub-Post Office in Nadur and another at Xaghra both in Gozo, appeared again in today's Government Gazette, but for the Nadur Sub-Post Office only, and extending the time for applications up to 1.00 p.m. of Monday, 25th June, 1979.

13-6-79 "International Year Of The Child" set issued today. A special hand postmark inscribed: "L-Ewwel Jum Tal-Fruġ", "Is-Sena Internazzjonali Tat-Tfal", "Malta", and the name of the respective locality together with the date "13.6.79", was used on the first day of issue. The official emblem of the International Year of the Child is also incorporated in the postmark. The wording in the postmark means, "First Day of Issue", "International Year of the Child".

22-6-79 The 8 mills stamp of the present Decimal Definitive Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This is the 3rd reprint or the fourth printing of this value. This stamp was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. Valletta.

1-7-79 A temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from today the 1st July to the 15th July, 1979.

The hours of business of the temporary B.P.O. were from 6 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 payment of Money and Postal Orders.

(d) posting of parcels and other postal articles.

Postal articles posted at this temporary B.P.O. were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed with the following words: "XXIII International Fair Of Malta, Naxxar, Malta".

3-7-79 The P.M.G. notified for general information that an agreement has been signed between Luxembourg and the Malta Postal Administration for the encashment of Luxembourg Payment Cards in Malta.

The new service which came into effect on the 9th July, 1979 will enable entitled holders of Luxembourg Giro Cards to withdraw from local Post Offices any amount in Maltese currency up to a maximum of £M30 on each card presented.

17-7-79 The 1c3 stamp of the present Decimal Definitive Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This is the fourth printing or third reprint of this value. It was available for sale from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.

3-8-79 The 4 mills stamp of the present Decimal Definitive Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This stamp was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.

10-8-79 The 10 cents stamp of the present Decimal Definitive Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This is the second reprint or third printing of this value. It was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.

13-8-79 The P.M.G. notified that a new hand date-stamp was put in use at the Branch Post Office, Rabat, on Monday, 13th August, 1979. The new hand date-stamp is inscribed, "RABAT — MALTA". The old hand date-stamp, which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Friday, 10th August, 1979.

24-8-79 The 5 cents stamp of the present Decimal Set, has been reprinted by Printex Limited. This is the fourth reprint or fifth printing of this value. It was available for sale from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O.

25-8-79 The Malta Post Office participated at the "XXXI Fiera del Francobollo" which was held at Riccione, Italy, from the 25th to the 28th August, 1979. The exhibition was organised by the Rimini Philatelic

and Numismatic Circle and the Tourism Committee of Riccione. For the occasion a special commemorative hand postmark inscribed with the words, "Malta Postal Administration — XXXI Fiera del Francobollo — Riccione" and bearing the dates of the exhibition was used at the General Post Office Counter Hall on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th August, 1979. An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office Stand at Riccione.