MALTA — A DIARY

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1-9-90

A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Luqa Airport BPO. from 7.30am to 7.00pm on Saturday, 1st September, 1990.

The datestamp is inscribed: "Waqfa Q.T. Papa Gwanni II — 1.IX.90 — Luqa Airport Malta — Vatikan/Tanzanija".

This special handstamp commemorates the stop for refuelling made by an Alitalia aeroplane, on which H.H. Pope John Paul II was on his way from the Vatican to Tanzania



7-9-90

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Marsa. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Monday, 8th October, 1990.

10-9-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Id-Dar tal-Providenza — Siggiewi Malta — Residenza Ghall-Handikappati — 25 Sena ta' Hidma — 1965-1990", was used at the Central Mail Room, from 10th to the 15th September, 1990.

The slogan means: "The House of Providence — Siggiewi-Malta — Residence For The Handicapped — 25 Years of Labour — 1965-1990".



12-9-90

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO. and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.45pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm respectively on the 12th September, 1990.

The datestamp is inscribed: "Id-Dar tal-Providenza — Siggiewi Malta — 12-IX-90 — Valletta - Malta", and it also incorporates the logo of the "Id-Dar tal-Providenza".

28-9-90

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Kalkara. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Wednesday, 31st October, 1990.

1-10-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Road Safety Week — 1–7.10.1990 — Road Safety Saves Life" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 1st to the 7th October, 1990. The slogan also incorporates a United Nations logo on Road Safety Campaign.

8-10-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "World Post Day — 9 October — The Post — Always and Everywhere" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 8th to the 13th October, 1990.

9-10-90

A special hand-postmark marking World Post Day, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Tuesday, 9th October, 1990. The hand-postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the UPU is inscribed: "World Post Day — 9.X.90 — Valletta — Malta — The Post Always and Everywhere."



15-10-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "World Food Day — 16.X.90 — Food For The Future", was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 15th to the 20th October, 1990.

18-10-90

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at Shop No. 2 Civic Centre, Tower Promenade, Santa Lucia, on Thursday, 18th October, 1990. A hand metal date-stamp with the words "Santa Lucia S.P.O. — Malta" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 785970.



23-10-90

In today's Govt. Gazette the PMG notified that applications were to be received for the appointment of a sole agent for the promotion and sale of Malta stamps in Australia and New Zealand.

Applications were to be submitted not later than Friday, 7th December, 1990.

26-10-90

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland in the "XXI Mostra Filatelica, Sandanielese" which was held at

San Daniele Del Friuli, Italy, from the 26th to the 28th October, 1990.

To commemorate the occasion, a special hand-post-mark inscribed: "San Daniele Del Friuli—26-28.X.1990 — Valletta — Malta" and including an appropriate motif, was used, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.30pm respectively on the 26th and the 27th October, 1990.

An identical handstamp was used from the 26th to the 28th October, 1990, at the Exhibition Stand at San Daniele Del Friuli



5-11-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "25th Anniversary — Old Lasallians — Associations — 1965-1990" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 5th to the 10th November, 1990. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Association of Past Students of De La Salle College.

6-11-90

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00p respectively on the 6th November, 1990.

The Datestamp is inscribed: "Mitt Sena Mit-Twelid — 6.XI.90 — Vincenzo Ciappara — Valletta - Malta" and it also incorporates an appropriate motif.

10-11-90

The "Christmas 1990" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

22-11-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Aghti d-Demm — Aghti l-Hajja — 25.XI.90 —" was used from the 22nd to the 24th November, 1990, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: "Give Blood — Give Life — 25.XI.90".



A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "Malta Employers' Association — 25





Sena Impenn — Ghas-Settur Privat" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 27th to the 30th November, 1990. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Malta Employers' Association.

30-11-90

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Dingli. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Monday, 31st December, 1990.

1-12-90

A special hand date-stamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, at the Philatelic counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively, on the 1st December, 1990. The date-stamp is inscribed: "Malta Employers' Association — XXV Sena — 1-XII-1990 — Valletta — Malta", and also incorporates the logo of the Malta Employers' Association.



1-12-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "European Movement — 25th Anniversary—1965-1990" was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 1st, 3rd and 4th December, 1990.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Malta Council of the European Movement.

6-12-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Ghinu t-Tfal — Fil-Bzonn — Uzaw — Il-Bolli Tal-Milied", was used, on and off, during the period 6th December to 31st December, 1990, at the Central Mail Room. A line drawing of a Christmas motif is also incorporated in the slogan.

12-12-90

The 2c stamp of the current Definitive Postage Set has been reprinted by Printex Limited.

The stamp was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, on Wednesday, 12th December, 1990.

26-12-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "1 Jan'91 — Jum il-Paci — Peace Lab Malta", was used from the 26th to the 29th December, 1990, at the Central Mail Room.

A motif symbolising friendship and peace is also incorporated in the slogan.