MALTA – A DIARY

May – August 1986

5-5-86

On the occasion of the holding of the 6th European Conference on Health Records, a Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, on the 5th, 6th and 7th May, 1986, from 8.30am to 1.00pm for the transaction of the following business:-

(a) sale of stamps and postal stationery.

(b) posting of letter packets.

(c) registration of postal articles.

(d) issue and encashment of money and postal orders.

(e) encashment of postcheques.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed:- "6th European Conference On Health Records – Economy In Health Services – 5-7 May 1986 – Valletta – Malta". Fig 1

The logo of the 6th European Conference on Health Records is also incorporated in the date-stamp.

19-5-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- "Support Polio Week" was used, on and off, during the period 19th to 31st May, 1986, at the Central Mail Room.

29-5-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan marking Consumer's Day, was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille, on the 29th, 30th and 31st May, 1986. The slogan reads:- '1 ta' Gunju 1986 – Jum il-Konsumaturi''.

30-5-86

The "World Cup" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue Fig 2

2-6-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan, marking World Environment Day, was used on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June, 1986, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan reads:- "Jum Dinji Ta' L-Ambjent – 5 Ta' Gunju".

3-6-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Post Master at Żebbug, Malta.

Applications were to be received by noon of Thursday, 3rd July, 1986.

13-6-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Post Master at Tarxien, Malta.

Applications were to be received by noon of Monday, 21st July, 1986.

16-6-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- "Federation Of Industries - 40th Anniversary - 1946 - 1986", was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille, between June 16 and 22, 1986.

The logo of the Federation Of Industries is also incorporated in the slogan.

1-7-86

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair Of Malta, Naxxar, from Tuesday, 1st July to Tuesday 15th July, 1986, from 6pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:- Fig 3

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery.
- (b) registration of postal articles.
- (c) issue and encashment of postal orders and money orders.
- (d) encashment of postal cheques.
- (e) posting of letters and printed matter.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office, were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows:- "XXIX International Fair Of Malta – Naxxar".

11-7-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a notice was issued for the application of the post of Sub-Postmaster at Santa Venera.

The area where the Sub-Post Office could be opened was indicated by the streets surrounding the area

Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 11th August, 1986.

18.7.86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "President's Award - 25th Anniversary - 1961-1986'' was used, on and off, during the period from 18th July to 2nd August, 1986, at the Central Mail Room, Castille.

23-7-86

In to-day's Goyt, Gazette a notice was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Sliema.

12-8-86

In to-day's Goyt, Gazette a notice was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Żebbuż

Applications were to be received by noon, of Monday, 15th September, 1986.

19-8-86

The PMG notified that the Sub-Post Office at Żebbug Stationery, Sciortino Street. Żebbug, would be closing down, with effect from Tuesday, 19th August, 1986.

28-8-86

"Maltese Philanthropists" set, issued to-day, A special handstamp was used on the first day of issue. Fig 4

28-8-86

A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the Stockholmia '86 World Philatelic Exhibition, which was held in Stockholm, Sweeden, from the 28th August to the 7th September, 1986.

The card has imprinted thereon an appropriate motif and the two stamps of the Europa 1986 postage set. The price of the card was 43c and was available for sale from the GPO. Valletta, and from all B.P.O.'s and S.P.O.'s from the 28th August to the 6th September, 1986, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The card could have been purchased either in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: 'Post Office Malta - Stockholmia '86 - 28.8.86 - 7.9.86' Fig 5 This hand postmark was also used at the stand of the Malta Post Office at the Stockholmia '86 World Philatelic Exhibition. The card cancelled with the special postmark, could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided that it was posted during the period 28th August -7th September, 1986, Cards cancelled with the Stockholmia '86 hand postmark posted after the 7th September, 1986, must have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage. Such stamps will be cancelled with the normal metal hand postmark.

