

MALTA – A DIARY

June – September 1985

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18-6-85

The PMG notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Mediterranean Congress Centre, Valletta, on the 18th., 19th. and 20th. June, 1985, on the occasion of the holding of the XIX Session of the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Family Affairs.

The Temporary Branch Post Office was open from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The following business transacted:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of letters
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of postcheques.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed: "Council Of Europe – Conference Of European Ministers – Responsible For Family Affairs – XIX Session – 18 – 20 June 1985 – Valletta-Malta". (Fig. 1)

The emblem of the Council of Europe is also incorporated in the date-stamp.

1-7-85

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Monday, 1st. July to Monday, 15th. July, 1985, from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:

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

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

"XXVIII International Fair Of Malta – Naxxar". (Fig. 2)

26-7-85

The "40th Anniversary Of The United Nations" set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 3)

2-8-85

The PMG notified that new Registration Envelopes were to be on sale as from Friday, 2nd. August, 1985. The envelopes are made of white duplex manilla paper, with the emblem of the Republic of Malta circumented by the words "Malta – Registrazzjoni" in the top right corner.

The envelopes were available from the GPO, Branch and Sub-Post Offices in two sizes at the following prices:

Size G 156 mm × 95 mm – 4c

Size H 203 mm × 120 mm – 5c

13-8-85

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

"Collect – Malta – Postage Stamps" was used, on and off, as from Tuesday, 13th. August, 1985, at the Central Mail Room.

13-8-85

In the Govt. Gazette of the 13th. August, 1985, it was notified by means of Notice No. 493, that the Post Office Counters of the Branch Post Office, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo, were to be transferred to 139, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo, and that the Mail Section of the same Branch, were to be transferred to 15, Sannat Road, Victoria, Gozo, until further notice.

31-8-85

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "MMDNA – 40th. Anniversary – 1945 – 1985" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, during the period from 31st. August to 7th. September, 1985.

A line drawing of the MMDNA logo is also incorporated in the slogan.

17-9-85

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, applications were called for the opening of a Sub-Post Office in Sliema. Applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster in this locality were to be received, up to 5.00pm of Thursday, 17th. October, 1985.

18-9-85

The PMG notified that the Sliema Sub-Post Office at 13/14 Milner Street, Sliema, was closing down with effect from Wednesday, 18th. September, 1985.

20-9-85

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

"World Tourism Day – 27 September 1985" was used, on and off, during the period 20th. – 27th. September, 1985, at the Central Mail Room.

The logo of the World Tourism Organisation is also incorporated in the slogan.

23-9-85

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed:

"World Maritime Day – 26 September 1985 – Maritime – Search And Rescue", was used, on and off, from the 23rd. to the 26th. September, 1985, at the Central Mail Room.

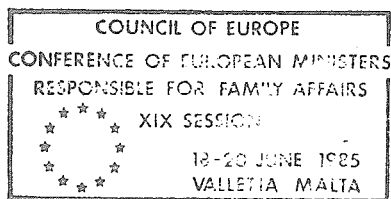


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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