



A first-day cover with the new I.L.O. set issued yesterday, with (above) some of the philatelists preparing first-day covers at the General Post Office, Valetta.

BRISK SALES OF I.L.O. STAMPS

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A set of two stamps, marking the 50th anniversary of the International Labour Organization, was issued yesterday by the General Post Office and branch post offices in Malta and Gozo.

There was brisk business and by 4.30 p.m. yesterday the total amount of stamps sold was £10,140.

A spokesman for the G.P.O. said that the sale of these stamps compared more than favourably with the sale of the Gandhi set — the last commemorative set to be issued by the G.P.O. He added that while the value of that one-stamp set was 1s. 6d. the total value of stamps sold was £17,500 by 6.30 p.m.

However the I.L.O. set was worth 8d. and the amount of stamps sold was £10,140 by 4.30 p.m.

For the first time the stamps were post-marked in English and Maltese, with

the words "First Day of Issue" and "L-Ewwel Jum tal-Hrug".

The stamps have the wording in Maltese — "Organizzazzjoni Internazzjonali tax-Xoghol".

The stamps have one motif — two hands holding two spanners, symbolizing work. They will remain on sale until June 30 unless stocks are previously exhausted.

The 2d stamp is of a deep bluish-green colour, turquoise and gold, and the 6d. stamp is blackish-brown, terracotta and gold. The stamps have been designed by Chev. Emvin Cremona in consultation with the Stamp Advisory Board.

Maltese delegates for I.L.O. meeting

By Our Industrial Correspondent

A Maltese delegation of Government officials and representatives of employers and workers will be attending the International Labour Conference to be held in Geneva between June 4 and 26.

The delegation, which is scheduled to leave on Sunday, will be led by Mr. J.M. Rossignaud, Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Welfare who, together with Mr. R. Sammut, Administrative Officer, Labour Division, will represent the Government.

The employers' representative will be Mr. J. Attard Manche, secretary general, Malta Employers Association, who will leave for Geneva two days after the delegation. Mr. Attard Manche will be accompanied by Dr. V. Mercieca as adviser.

The workers' representative, Mr. J. Attard Kingswell, general secretary of the General Workers Union, will be accompanied by Mr. G. Callus and Mr. L. Fenech as advisers.

Dr. V. Tabone, Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare, will join the delegation later.

Leaving today is Mr. Callus, secretary general, Confederation of Malta Trade Unions who, together with Mr. A. M. Darmania, president, will be attending an extraordinary congress of the World Confederation of Labour which is being held in Geneva. Mr. Callus will join the Maltese delegation at the I.L.O. conference after the congress.

Two of the conventions to be discussed at the I.L.O. conference are of particular interest to the Maltese delegation. These are on minimum wage fixing and holidays with pay.

HOTEL EMPLOYEES' WAGES ORDER

The Hotels and Clubs Wages Council Wage Regulation Order, 1969, which comes into effect on June 6, was published in a recent edition of the Government Gazette. The minimum weekly remuneration as proposed by the Council will be related to a week of not more than 46½ hours in the case of employees employed on maintenance work, and 48 in the case of all other employees.

Whole-time employees in hotels shall be allowed intervals of not less, in the aggregate, than one hour for meals and rest in any day on which the hours of work exceed five and a half hours.

Where the employer supplies one main meal on six days a week, the wage will be as follows: — under 17 years, 64s. 9d., male, and 50s. 7d. female; 17 years, 85s. 11d., and 67s. 6d.; 18 years, 101s. 2d. and 78s. 6d.; and 19 years and over, 123s. and 100s. Where the employer supplies two main meals on six days a week: — under 17 years, 58s. 9d. and 44s. 7d.; 17 years, 79s. 11d. and 61s. 6d.; 18 years, 89s. 2d. and 66s. 6d.; and 19 years and over, 116s. and 88s.

In cases where meals are not included, the proposed wages are: under 17 years, 70s. 9d., male, and 56s. 7d., female; 17 years, 81s. 11d. and 73s. 6d.; 18 years, 113s. 2d. and 90s. 6d.; and 19 years and over, 140s. and 112s.

The minimum remuneration payable to part-time employees in hotels will be 3s. per hour for males and 2s. 3d. per hour for females, irrespective of age.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Bee-like (4)
- 4 Allowed no outlet (4, 2)
- 8 A fresh tune? (3)
- 10 The work of the musician (4)
- 13 The only celebrity in the state of Texas? (4, 4)
- 14 It's a feast (7)
- 15 Dan and Eva involved in America (6)
- 17 A revolutionary deed by the editor? (9)
- 21 It may be poisoned (3)
- 22 One may do so in a theatrical manner (3)
- 23 There may be beer on it in a pub (3)
- 26 Not a costly punch-up (4, 5)
- 27 Another TV programme about fuel? (6)
- 28 Too vague to concentrate on the target? (7)
- 32 Praise for a good catch (4, 4)
- 34 Cook up some of the news that's on the street? (4)
- 35 The animal's bigger when headless! (3)
- 36 It's splendid to be upheld by a foreigner! (6)
- 37 One of the ones (4)

DOWN

- 1 A round spot (4)
- 2 Went round making purr (4)
- 3 It comes to an end in London! (4)
- 5 The Spanish even have a team (6)
- 6 Drink nothing during the race (3)
- 7 He's a social outcast (6)

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

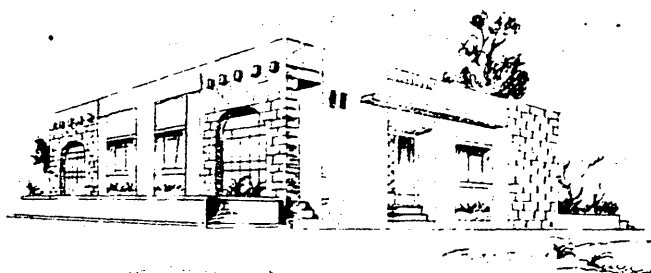
ACROSS: — 4 As-sign; 7 Take a tip; 8 Radish; 10 Gulp; 13 Nips; 14 Ell-a; 15 Nola; 16 Pop; 17 Smut; 19 Chin(ese); 21 China shop; 23 Boar; 24 Beer; 26 Bib; 27 Role; 29 Smew; 32 Fore; 33 Seize; 34 Record; 35 Everyone; 36 Stoker. DOWN: — 1 Stage (struck); 2 Skull; 3 Hams; 4 April; 5 Suds; 6 Gas-ton; 9 A-pach-e; 11 Ult; 12 Pa-sha; 13 Notable; 15 Nun; 16 Pip; 18 Mirror; 20 Horse (blanket); 21 Cob; 22 See; 23 Bisect; 25 Fez; 28 Order; 30 Minor; 31 Weber; 32 Fork; 33 Sark.

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