

PHILATELIC BUREAU GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

The June 1985 edition of the SA PHILATELIST reports that both the Bureau in Pretoria and our own Bureau in Harare will soon be installing "PHILMEC" machine to process our FDC's etc.

The "PHILMEC" is a machine which will stick up to 12 different stamps in any format onto covers, cancel the stamps and process up to 1500 covers per hour ie. it takes approximately 0.5 seconds per cover.

Jersey was the first Postal Authority to introduce this new form of mechanisation into its postal system and recently in processing 28 000 covers and Maxicards only had to reject two because of faults.

Zimbabwe's leap into the mechanised age follows a visit by Mr. B.J. Maxwell, Deputy Post-Master General to the 1984 UPU Congress held in Hamburg where a Philmec prototype made its debut.