

THE PHILATELIC PUSH....

Congratulations go to Messrs. E. Said, Stamp Dealers of Britannia St., Valletta, for the fine window display of Malta stamps on the 1st and 2nd May.

An attractive collection of used Malta Victorias, Edwardians, and George V stamps, suitably arranged in Hawid strips caught the eye of the keen philatelist. Two star items could also be seen, with their corresponding postmarks; one was SG 96 on piece cancelled at Sliema on March 6th, 1919, while the other was SG 111 with a nearly complete strike dated April 26th 1922.

There was also a quasi complete 'Village Postmarks' collection, very suitably arranged in pouches.

Old covers from the pre-adhesives of the early 19th. century, ranging to the 'Air Mail' cancellations of the early thirties, the 'Bonnie and Clyde' days.

One could also see journals, magazines and cuttings of philatelic interest, besides suitable application forms for membership into the 'Joint Services Philatelic Society', the 'Malta Study Circle' and last but not least 'The Philatelic Society of Malta'.

How much this display was fruitful, only time will tell; but surely Messrs. Said deserve a pat on their backs for their originality and practical help.

We certainly owe a great deal to similar firms who go out of their normal way to help not only the beginner but also the specialist.

THE 1968 MALTA ISSUES

It is with great pleasure that we read in the local paper about Malta's Stamp Issues for 1968. This is quite a novelty, as in former years, although we used to gather from hearsay that such and such an issues was envisaged, there never was anything officially pronounced about a whole year's programme.

The four sets mentioned are:—

1. That commemorating the "HUMAN RIGHTS YEAR". The 3 values (2d, 4d and 2/-) designed by Chev. Cremona, describe the same basic meaning, that is, humanity in an effort trying to achieve its due and legitimate rights. The issue was put on sale on the 2nd. May, and went to last up till the end of the year, unless stocks are previously exhausted.

Messrs Harrison were the printers, whereas the usual 'Malta Cross' watermarked paper was employed for the photogravure printing of the set. The only snag that came up was the 'missed perforation' at on the horizontal angles of the 2d and 2/- denominations; this gave rise to quite a number of damages in trying to separate the stamps.

2. The 12th. INTERNATIONAL MALTA TRADE FAIR. The set is destined to come out in the first week of June serving as a booster in the advertising of the Trade Fair. Although exact details are not as yet available (these will be dealt with in other issues of the magazine) it is the sincere wish of all