

Fig. 2. RF speech clipping in the FT101, which will be described in a future article.

the idea was commercialised as the G3LL FT101 speech processor.

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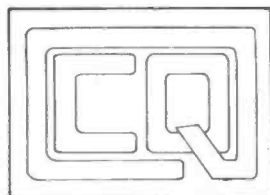
Yaesu made the FT101 but in many ways the FT101 also 'made Yaesu'. The Yaesu Musen company started operations in 1960 but it was only the advent of the FT101 at the end of the decade that brought the name to most hams' attention. The FT101 is by no means perfect but it is an extremely well made piece of equipment that gives very great user satisfaction. Some of its imperfections even contributed to its success!

Its quirks and shortcomings as well as its excellent points have all added to owner interest and resulted in the formation of the Fox Tango Club in 1971\* originally intended for FT101 owners, but this association was originally formed by N4ML when Milt wanted to find something to fill his time in after taking early retirement. The Club publishes a newsletter which is of great value and interest to Yaesu owners, and to which due acknowledgement is given for some of the ideas used in this article.

Yaesu is now the largest specialist amateur radio manufacturing company in the world, and it

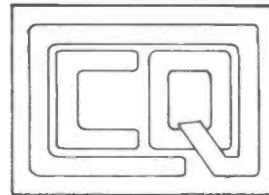
employs 750 people. Around 10% of them are qualified electronics engineers. They are not too big however, and respond in good English to requests for advice and are extremely responsive to suggestions for improvements to their products. One wonders who the unsung hero is who designed the FT101, and if Yaesu would have become the force it has if he hadn't!?

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