



The main exhibition hall at the recent Doncaster Amateur Radio Exhibition organised by the Amateur Radio Retailers Association. Photo by D. Rose, G4TZQ.

ment in overall receive sensitivity.

GB3PY on RB14 will shortly undergo a change, pending approval, to the Pye telecommunications establishment in Cambridge. Tests have indicated that this will give a better overall coverage, including superb coverage of Cambridge City centre, facilitating the use of very low power equipment. Dig out those 'Pocket-phones'!

Moves are underway to add data relaying facilities with a message and store and forward to form an 'Electronic Post Box' at GB3PT, the RTTY repeater on RB12. Standard European CCITT telephone MODEM frequencies will be used, at 300 baud, pending approval. The explosion of Home Computer usage could make this a busy repeater soon, muses CRG man Chris Lorek, G4HCL. There is no truth in the rumour that successful access will be only be obtained after zapping ten Klingons!

## National Repeater Latest

It seems that things are moving again

on the Repeater Licensing scene. However, there had been considerable criticism from Repeater Groups, awaiting their proposed repeaters to be licensed, at the Home Office's rather lengthy delays, 14½ months in the case of the recently approved UHF Phase 6. At the same time, however, licences have been issued for 12 repeaters in the VHF Phase 5 and it is encouraging to see some of these new units becoming operational, providing additional repeater coverage in many areas, and overlapping alternative coverage in others. Nearest to Scotland, GB3EV, situated on Great Dun Fell in Cumbria, serving the Appleby/Penrith area on R4 is a repeater of the Anglo-Scottish Group. Another new repeater is GB3HG, situated on a TV mast high on the N. Yorks Moors, filling in a previously unserved area of N. Yorks and a large patch of the A1 and operational on R1.

Another newly-licensed 2m repeater is GB3TY (Tyne Valley), to be situated at the Radio mast at Stagshaw, to the west of Newcastle. Unfortunately, there are presently site access difficulties but North Eastern

repeater users can look forward to signal on R6 to cover Hexham, the Tyne Valley, Morpeth, Haltwhistle, Consett and surrounding areas in the near future.

Other 2M additions are two new repeaters for the Midlands; one on the spire of Lincoln Cathedral, courtesy of the Dean & Chapter, and another repeater for Manchester, GB3MB on R0. Finally, there are plans for a repeater located on Dartmoor, overlooking the prison (!!) which should serve most of Devon and a sizeable chunk of Cornwall and Somerset on R4 with the callsign GB3WD.

## Wanted Urgently!

HRT urgently require the loan of a Yaesu FT101B in good working order for a period of approximately two weeks. We are offering TWO YEARS SUBSCRIPTION to HRT in return and will pay for Securicor delivery to, and from, these offices. We will also, of course, acknowledge the generosity of the person who assists us in the pages of HRT.