



Richard Whitemore, well known BBC newscaster, opening the new Ambit Sales counter.

Ambit Moves

Things have been confusing over at Ambit International for some time, at least for us outsiders. First of all, they owned one of our rival publications (not that there are any real rivals to Ham Radio Today!) but they tended to get rather cross when you linked the two names together (they were, technically, separate companies). Next we get a letter from Ambit saying that they've sold off the mag to another publisher (Sovereign International), just when we'd all learnt not to say they had anything to do with one another (if that was the case, how could they sell it off anyway?).

Finally, we find that Ambit themselves have been bought up by Bulgin. Now, what the press release doesn't answer is, who owns Bulgin?

Anyway, Ambit are still operating as ever, and that means a continued expansion of the range of products they offer. In

particular, they tell us that they have extended their range of Toko standard helical filters to include coverage of the 800 to 1000 MHz band, and to provide lower profile versions of the 7HW types, widely used in personal communications equipment.

Ambit also tell us that they have opened a new sales counter in Broxlea Building, Park Lane, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire. Ambit's main office is at 200, North Service Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4SG, telephone 0277-231616.

Oscar 10 Goes Well

The RSGB say that all appears to be well aboard the satellite Oscar 10, but there are problems with amateurs who do not observe the bandplans. The spectrum segment 145.8 to 146 MHz has been set aside for satellite working; however, many amateurs are still using this section for simplex FM contacts, including one net in west London that uses 145.975 MHz

'despite polite requests to change frequency'.

News bulletins are taking place via Oscar 10, under the callsign GB2RS. It is intended to make these transmissions a regular service, with two transmissions each Sunday. At the time of going to press, we were unable to discover details of times, but it seems that they will take place on 145.973 MHz. The RSGB would like reports on their transmissions (if they'd say when they were . . .).

Don't Set Fire To Your CB

Following reports in the press and on radio about the use of high-powered amplifiers ('burners') to disrupt the operation of petrol pumps at filling stations, Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister for corporate and consumer affairs in the Department of Trade and Industry, issued the following warning: