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YEAR BOOK

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Cover: I bet quite a few people would have reached for this Year Book simply because they saw that fascinating photograph on the front cover. So what is that microphone? It probably stands with the Shure 444 as one of the most famous microphones used in amateur radio in the past 50 years. It's certainly a well-recognised icon. The D104 was made in a variety of forms for many years — it's probably still being made, for that matter— and it's graced many operating benches around the world. This particularly good example belongs to Ron Fisher, VK30M, to whom we extend our thanks for its loan.

Right: Here's the latest hand-held from Icom. It's a simple enough thing to look at — then you discover that it puts out a rather brawny **seven watts**, if you don't mind! These are the replacements for the very popular and successful Icom IC-2GA and IC-2GAT transceivers. The new rigs, the IC-2GXA and IC-2GXAT, continue the 'G'series' ruggedness and easy-to-drive comfort ratio, but add all sorts of new features without making them at all complex to use. Yet they're still around the same price as other Icom HTs — or even less...

