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Cover: This is Kenwood's new TS-950SD. That **D** stands for 'Digital', and Kenwood reckons it's going to turn serious DX on its ear. Read the review by Neil Duncan, **VK3OK**, which starts on page 14, and make up your own mind. And if it looks big on the cover it's because it's big on the bench. That's 23 kilos of high-technology you're looking at. Both pictures by ARA lensman Peter 'Blitz' Fritz. Sorry, but our review of the superlative Icom IC-R9000 communications receiver has had to be held over until next issue — we used so many nice words in the story that we couldn't have fitted it into this issue with a shoehorn!

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