

'SNUG' RADIO STATION HEARD BUT NOT SEEN

PHASE ONE of the first new radio station to be built for the CAA for many years was formally opened at Rothwell, Lincs, on 4 May. A single storey building designed to blend in with the surrounding countryside and meet low budget requirements, the transmitter station will be fully operational next year. A receiver station will be added later.

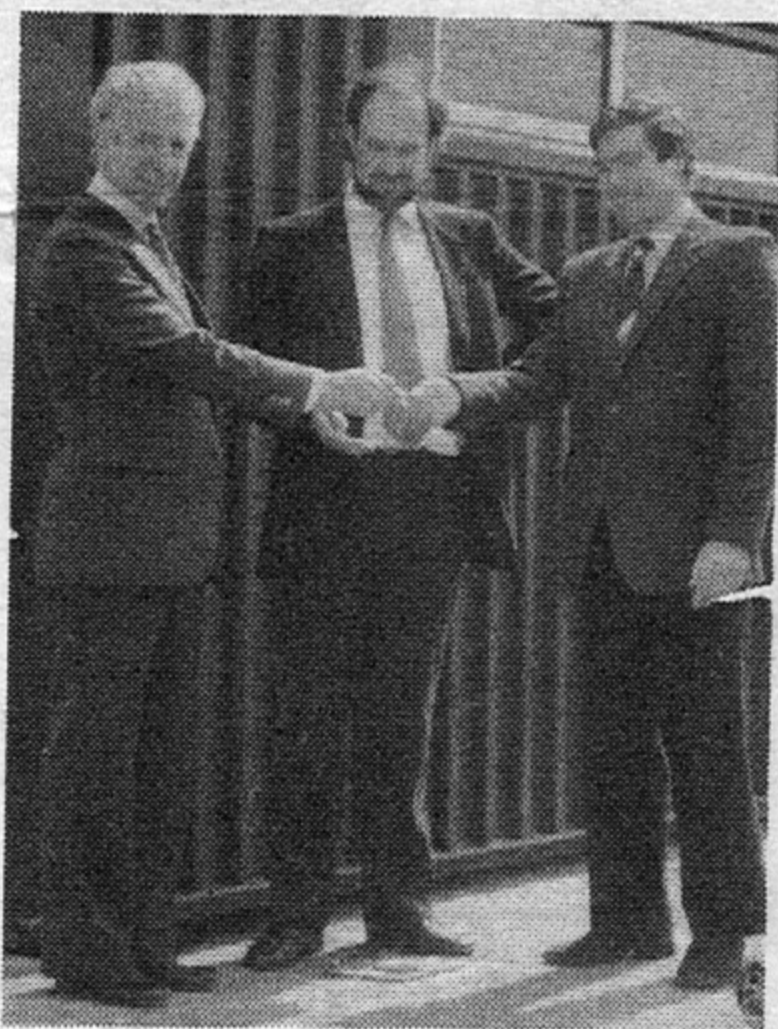
Intended to improve R/T cover over the North Sea and the east-north-east region of the UK, Rothwell/Mount Pleasant Transmitter Station is part of that region's reorganisation under the LATCC Development Plan. It will have a total capacity of 24 radio channels, for which two 21m transmitter masts will be required. These will be erected

within the compound surrounding the building.

Designed as a "snug" station occupying a small site, Rothwell will also house a standby diesel generator, stores and mess facilities in addition to the transmitters. Each of the transmitter masts will be hinged so that they can be lowered to the horizontal position for ease of maintenance.

SUPERVISION

The station will be under the control of Sandy McWalter, CTO Airport and Airways Services, Liverpool, and be managed by Jack Brown, Manager, Radio and Communications, LATCC.



Key to the door. Jack Brown (left) passes the key of the Rothwell building via Simon Fishwick, Tels C2a to Richard Quinton, WS2 (right).