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The Wireless & Early Television

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There were just Three Stations, on the Wireless, the Home, Light and Third. When Mum and Dad listened to their Programmes, we daresn't say a word. With Gullibility we listened to Sword Swallowers, Jugglers and Magic Acts. Tap-Dancers, Knife Throwers, Ventriloquists, High Trapeze and Acrobats. Favourites like, Super Sleuth Paul Temple, who kept all the Crooks in line. So did Dick Barton Special Agent, Jock and Snowy. Also P.C. Forty-Nine. There was 'Journey Into Space', 'Childrens Requests', played by Uncle Mac. For Adults, Variety Bandbox, Workers Playtime, or the chilling Man in Black. The Goon Show, Tony Hancock, Chick Murray, Arthur Askey and Ted Ray. On Sundays 'Family Favourites', 'Life With The Lyons' and 'Down Your Way'. Then Television arrived, for the fortunate few. Kids raced Home from School, For 'Billy Bunter', 'Just William', 'Andy Pandy', 'Noddy' and 'Muffin the Mule'. Back then, on Black & White TV, we watched Mark Saber, Brave and Calm. He would overpower Villains single-handed, because he only had One Arm.