

"DEAD SILENCE" FROM BBC

WITH mystery stories becoming more civilised and murderers more genteel, listeners may be pleased to hear of one which starts with a wallop. "Death Takes a Train," the first episode in a new BBC serial, *Dead Silence*, opens with the violent death in a railway tunnel of a top research scientist, and ends with the agonised shriek of a retired biologist fatally bitten by a black mamba in his private zoo.

In eight half-hour episodes *Dead Silence* follows the efforts of Hugo Bishop, an amateur psychologist-cum-detective, to solve the mystery of the scientists' deaths. Hugo Bishop will be familiar to readers of Simon Rattray's books, and it will come as no surprise to them that he fails to agree with the Coroner's verdict: that the research scientist committed suicide and the biologist met with accidental death. Both victims, he finds, were members of the same Antarctic expedition some years earlier. The coincidence is too great.

The serial plays from ZB stations and 2ZA on Sundays at 7.30 p.m. It starts from 4ZB on May 23, 3ZB June 6, 2ZB June 20, and 1ZB July 25. It is already on the air from 2ZA.

More Big Shows

The ZB Sunday programmes in the coming weeks will also contain a selection of newly-arrived BBC features. They include *Ceilidh*, a programme of Scottish songs and piping, *Journey in Nigeria*, in which Wynford Vaughan Thomas takes listeners through that "violently contrasting" slice of Africa, *New Zealand Town Forum*, with Sir Edmund Hillary, Geoffrey Cox, Ted Kavanagh and Maharaia Winiata answering Britishers' questions about their country, *Blood Will Out*, a documentary on Britain's livestock industry, and *The Rhodes Scholar*, a programme to commemorate 50 years of the scholarships to Oxford. In addition, there will be a *Thirty Minute Theatre* comedy entitled *On the Frontier*, replays of two programmes of *We Beg to Differ*, and a transcription of the dedication of the Runnymede Memorial to Commonwealth airmen. All these shows will be broadcast by the four ZB stations and 2ZA at 3.0 p.m. on Sundays, but in varying order. Another, about Windsor Castle, which is scheduled with them, is also in the programmes for 4YA, 4YC and 2YC in the week covered by this issue.



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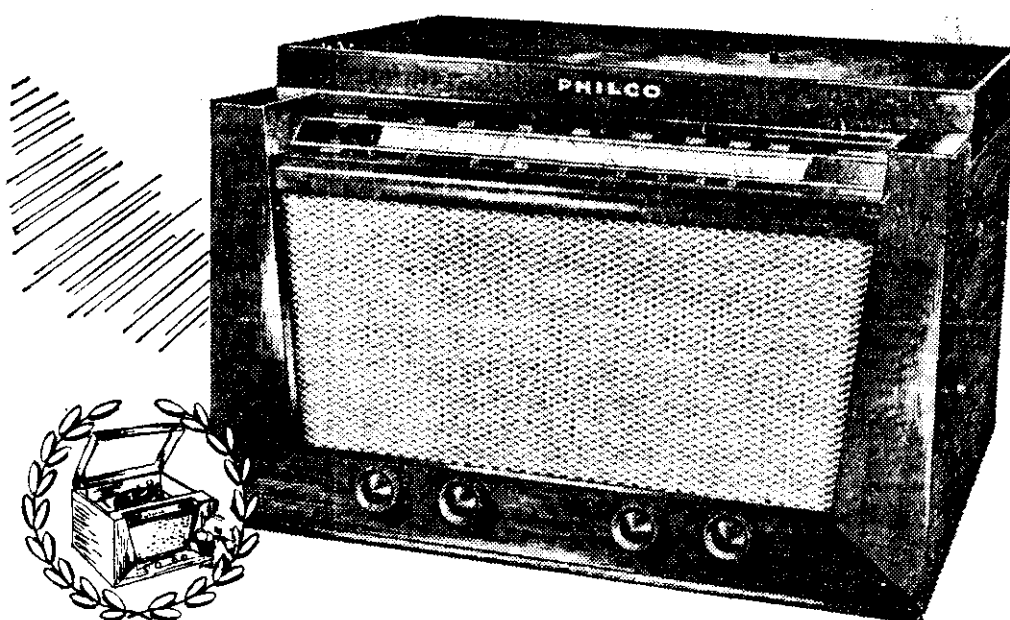
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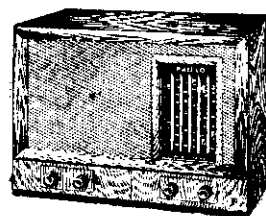


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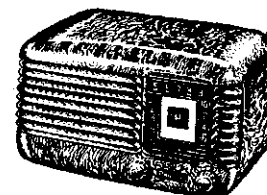
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