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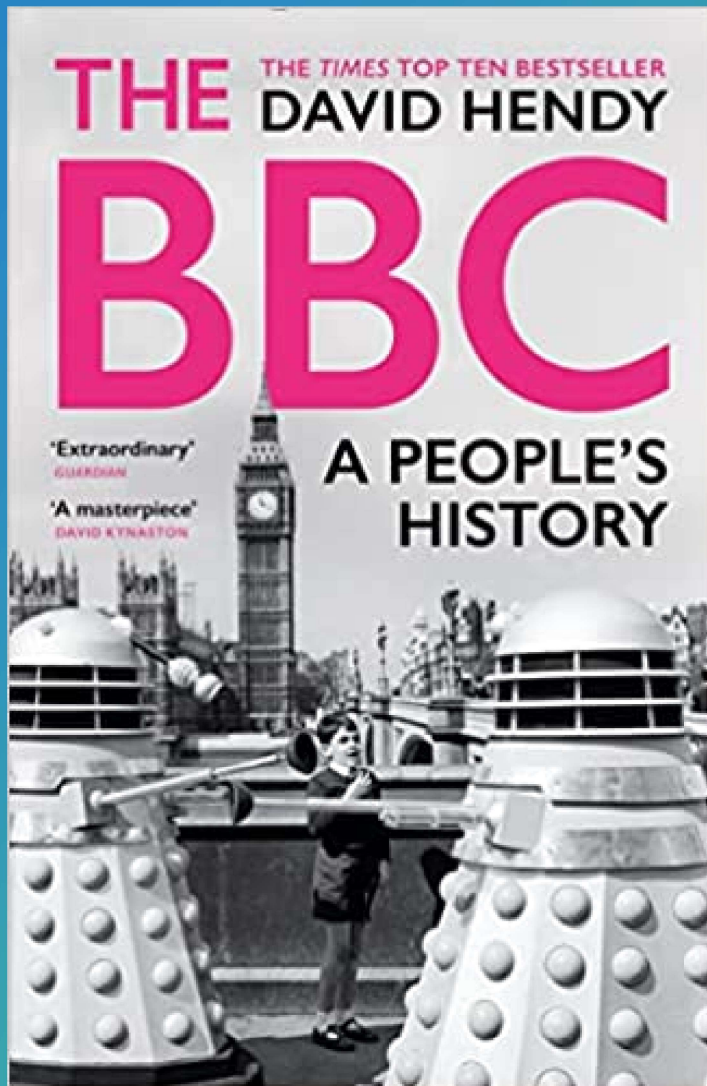
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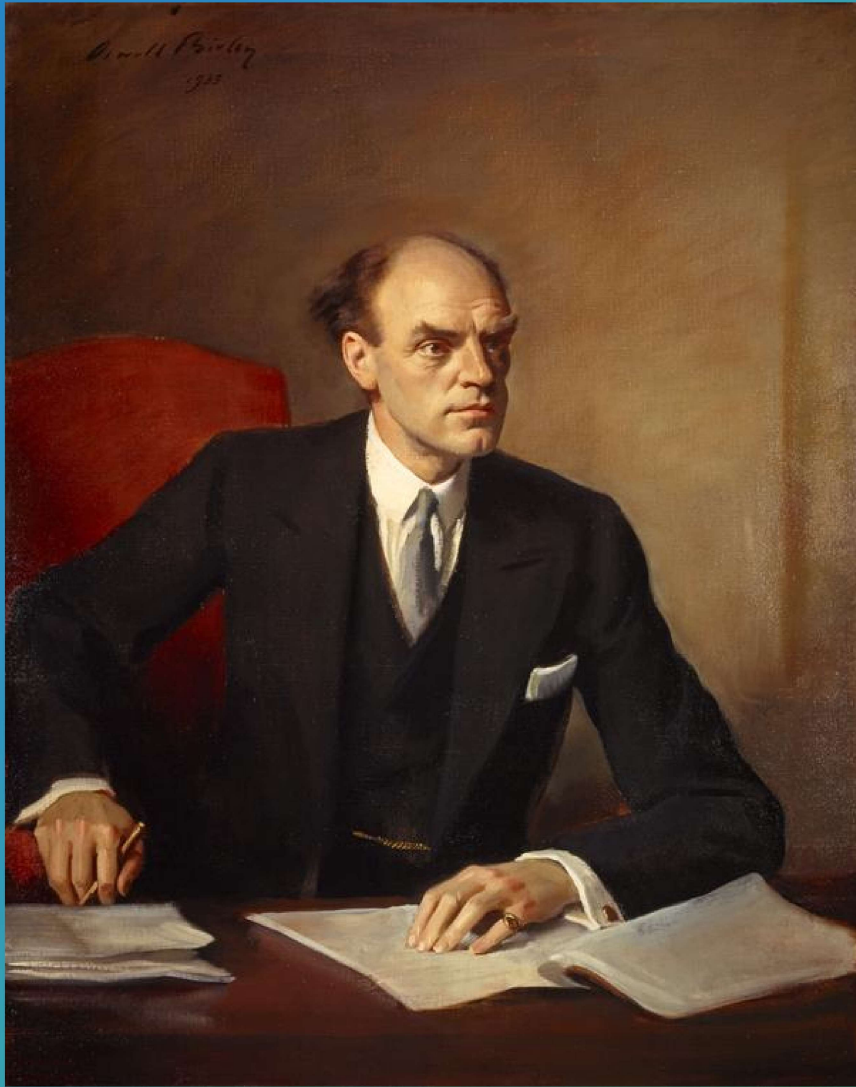


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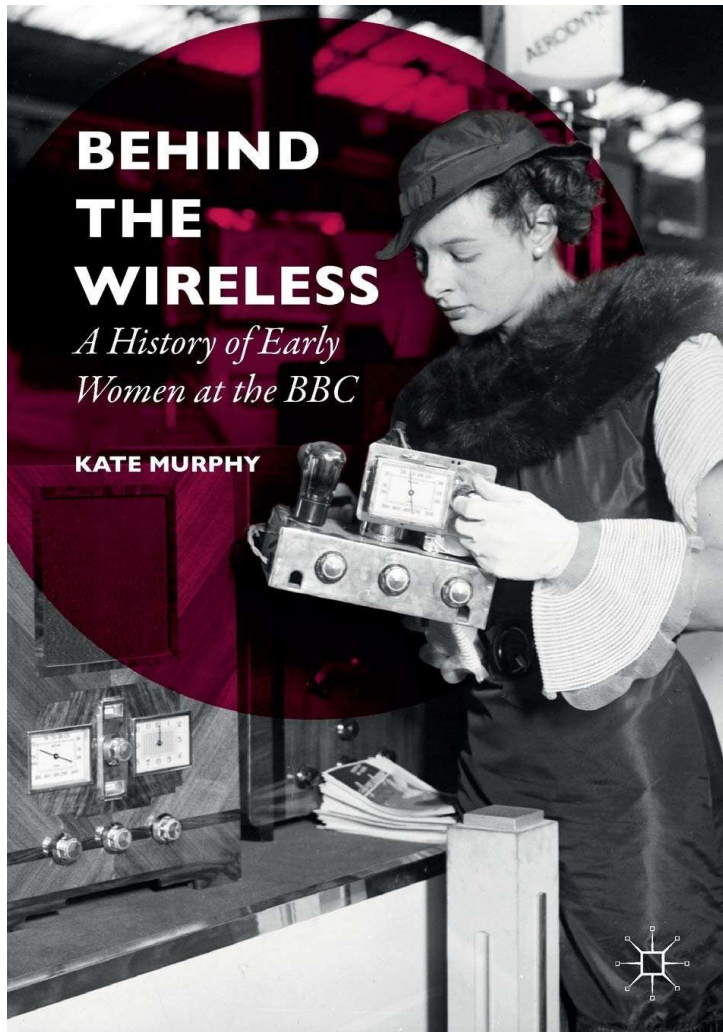
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Hilda Matheson,
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Reith explaining why he refused to broadcast a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury during the general strike.

Quoted in Renée Dickason *La BBC dans le paysage audiovisuel britannique*, CNED 2021

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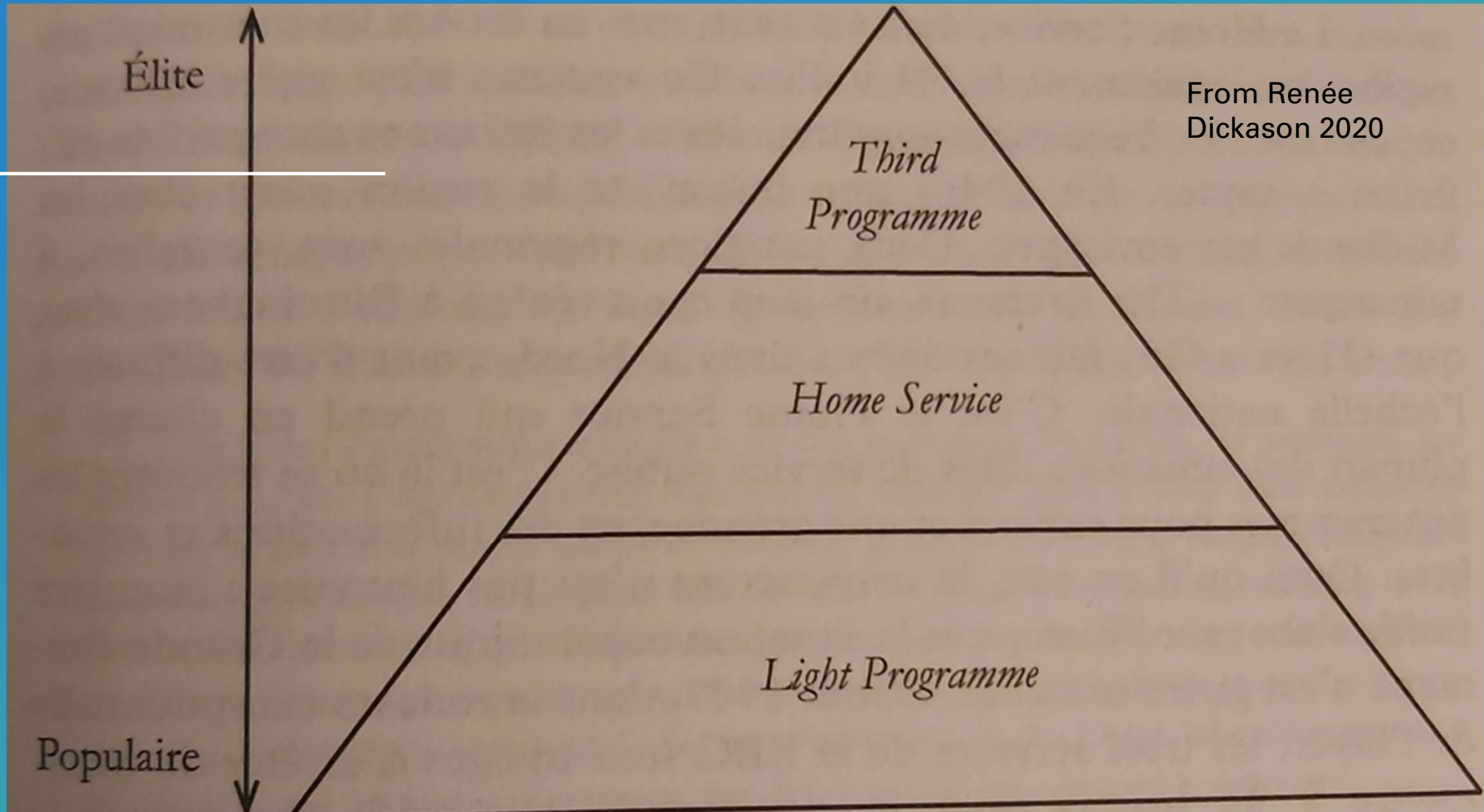
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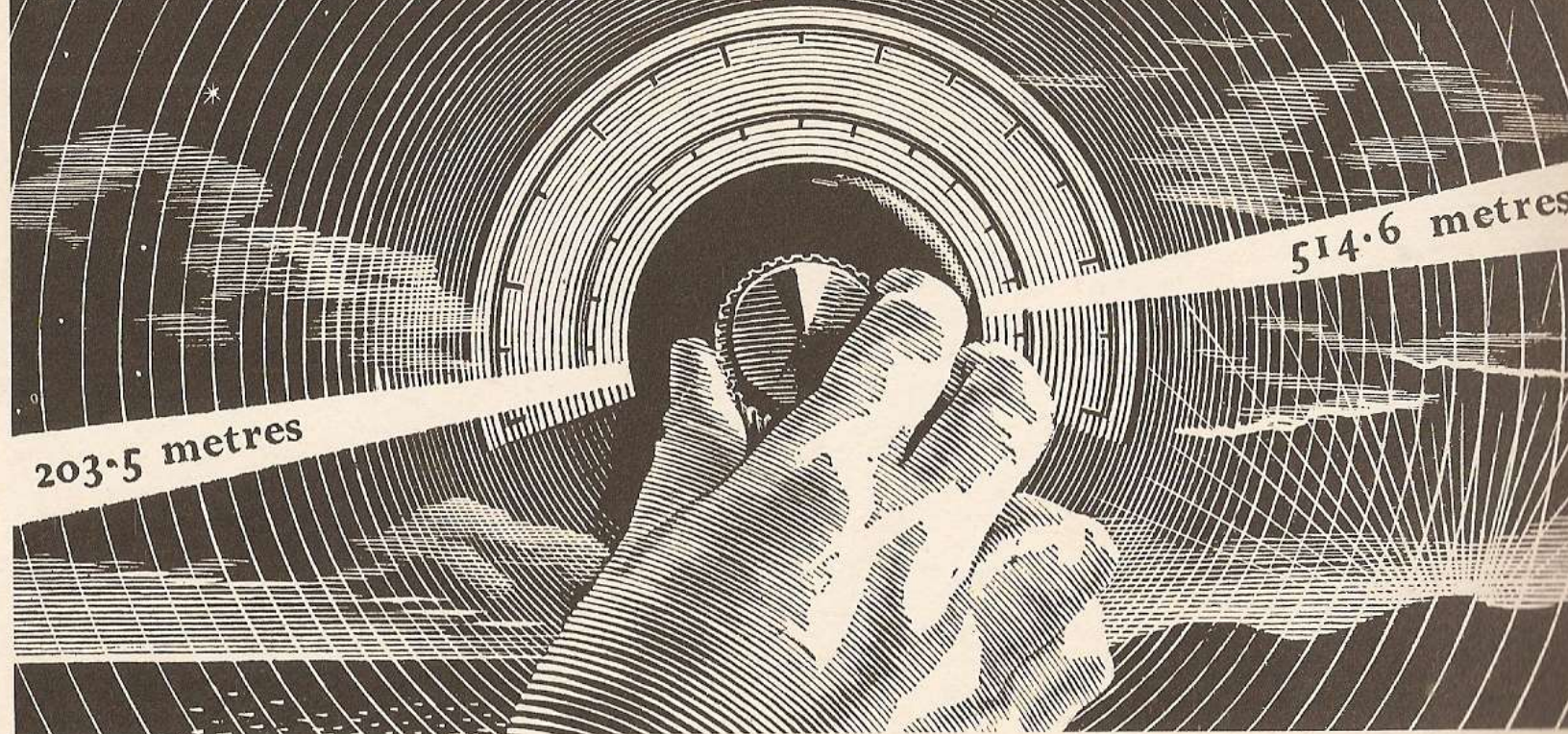
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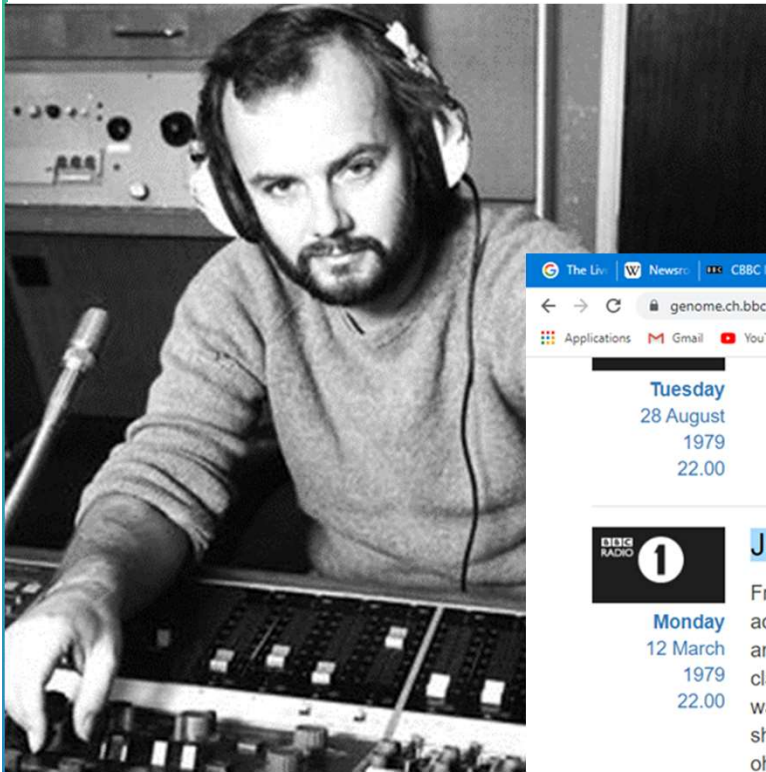
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One of the most controversial events of the Thatcher years was the miners' strike of



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Minister defends £300m to clear 'administrative slum'

Market-force NHS 'will be irreversible'

David Smith, Social
Services Correspondent

THE National Health Service is an "administrative slum," and no surgery is needed for the £300 million being spent on management and computers for the changes which come into force today, William Wadsworth, Health Secretary, said yesterday.

He also predicted that no government would ever reverse the fundamental switch to a market-based system of health care. Starting today, the NHS will operate on the basis of district health authorities buying health care from competing hospitals.

The British Medical Association, a long-standing critic of the changes, says the NHS is ill-prepared. Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the BMA's ruling council, said many general practitioners without budgets, the vast majority, were at a loss to know whom to refer their patients because they had not been told which hospitals their districts had agreed treatment contracts with.

"Some hospitals have not even issued their price lists for operations and those that have show huge variations in costs, often a difference of several thousand pounds for the same procedure."

Dr Lee-Potter repeated the BMA's accusation that the Government was creating a massive bureaucracy to run the new look NHS, draining money from patient treatment.

However, Mr Wadsworth, interviewed on BBC radio, staunchly defended the £300 million for management and computers. "I make no apology for that."

He went on: "I am not saying we need more people on the management side, but we need better information, more modern systems which to exist."

"If [the health service] is an administrative mess, dealing in the 1960s and it needs to be updated on that side if the medical profession, doctors, nurses and others, actually do their job properly."

Mr Wadsworth confessed that despite results of the changes would be limited in the

first year, when the new system would still be "right at the beginning."

He did expect within 12 months to see better administration in the hospitals; more explicit local health resources drawn up by districts; and GP budget-holders winning benefits for their patients by using their purchasing power to persuade hospitals to offer better quality care.

Although Labour says it is committed to scrapping the market system, Mr Wadsworth said: "I seriously believe that this

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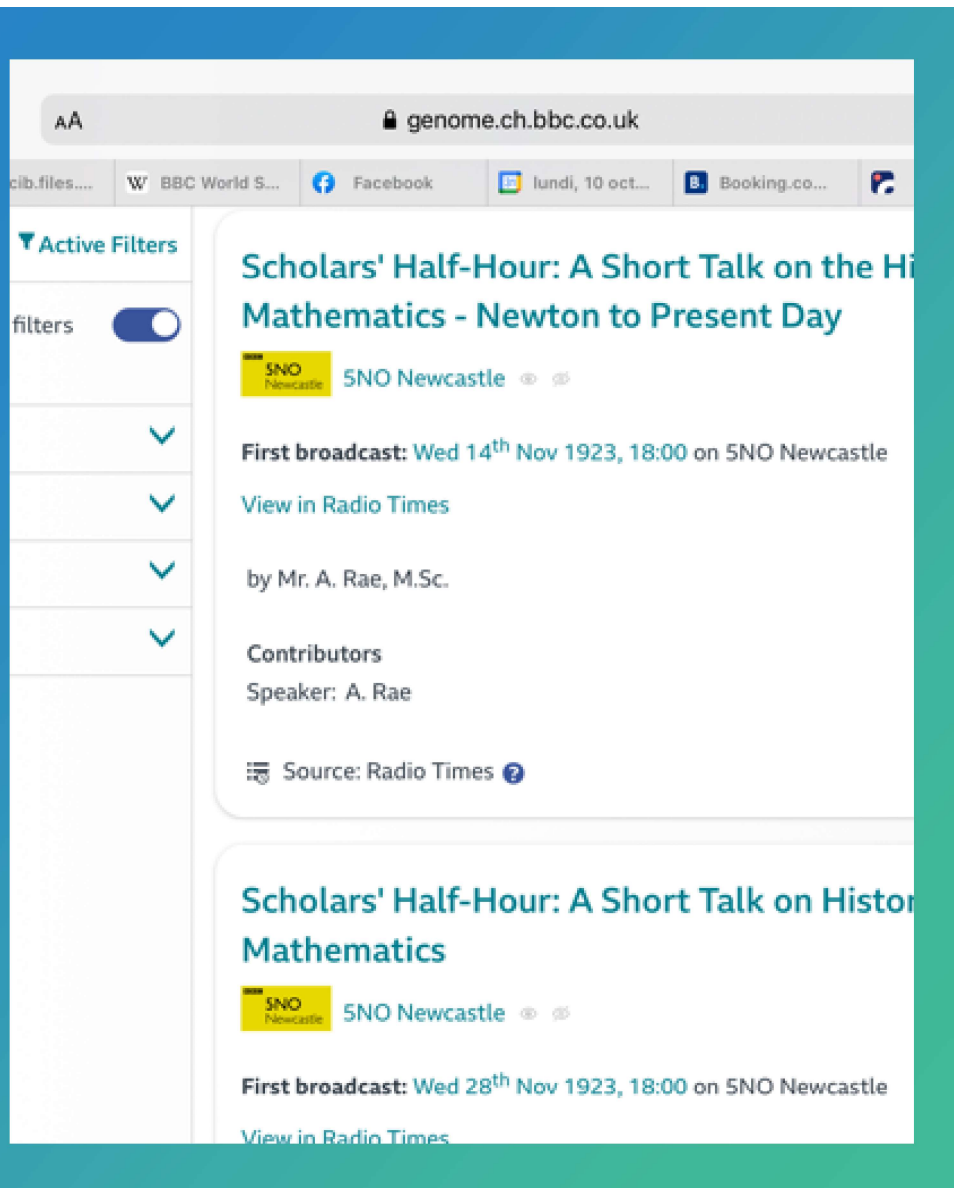
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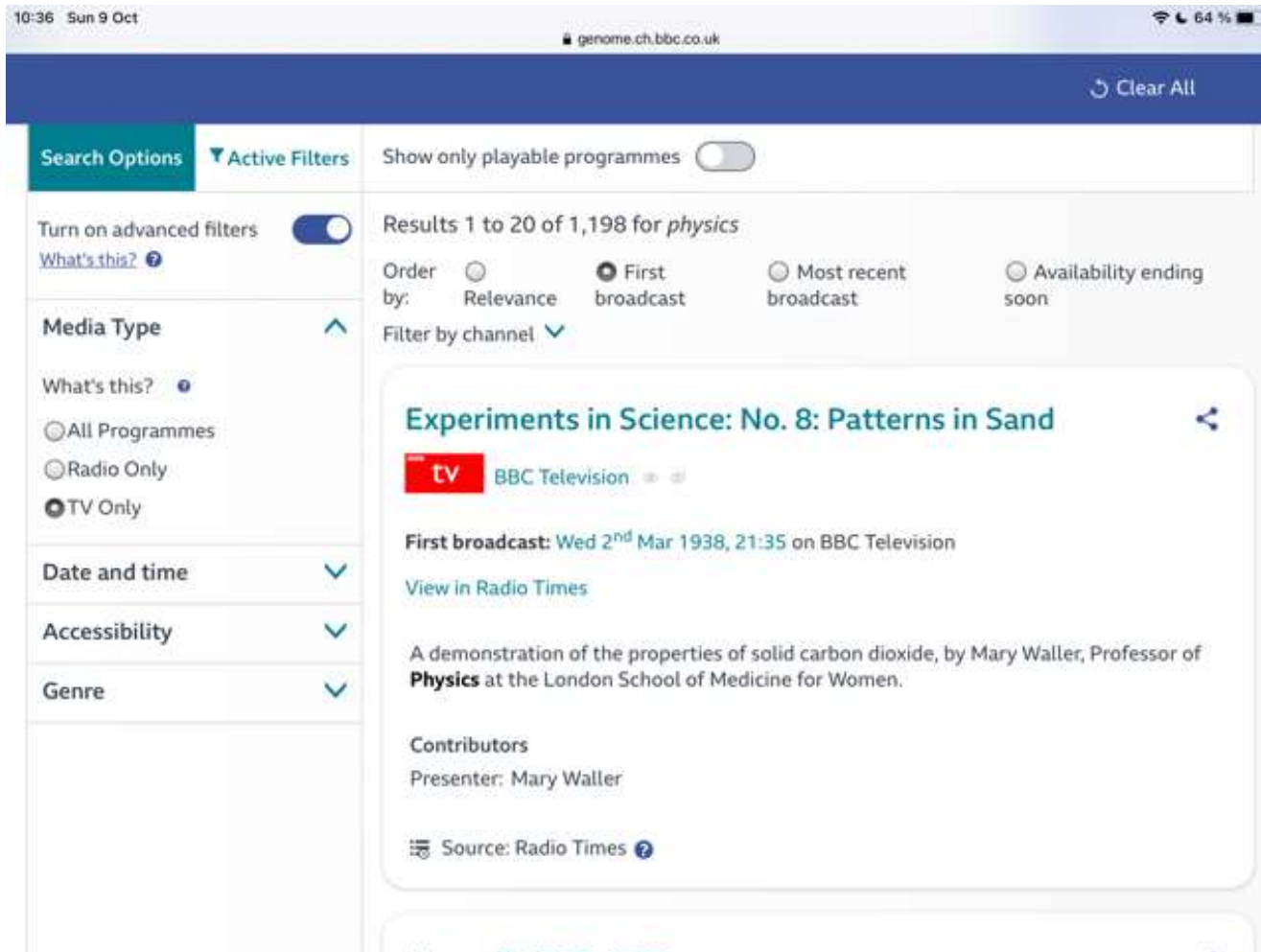
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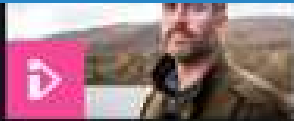
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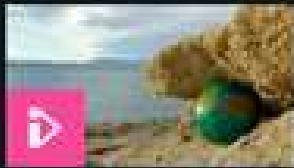
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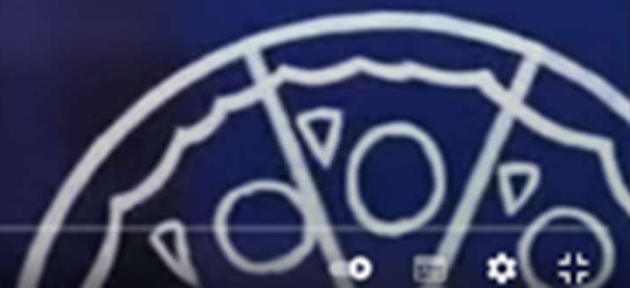
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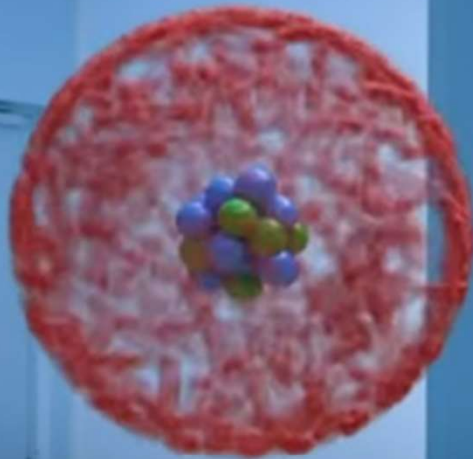


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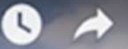


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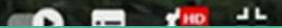


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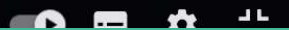
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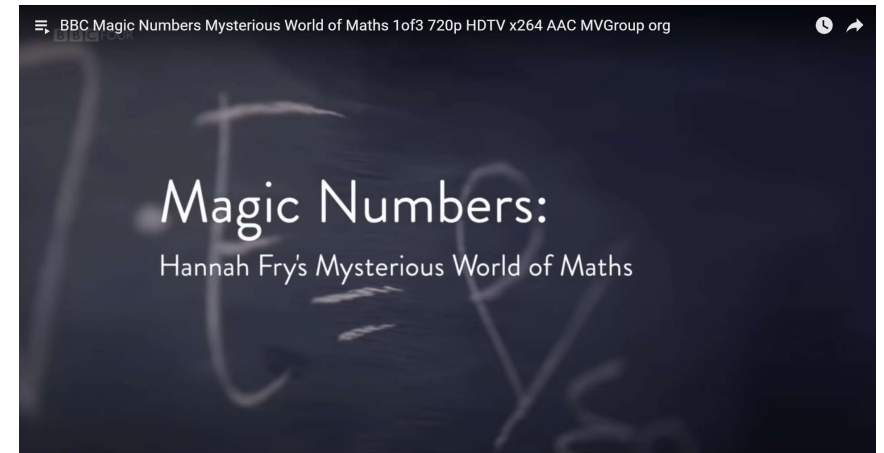
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