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Dear Sir,

I have just been reading a leaflet in the library which indicates that the BBC are anxious to have the views of the public re their programmes.

First of all I would like to congratulate you on your documentaries and coverage of events as they occur. I am always impressed by your reporters in dangerous places and the risks they take.

Could I make some suggestions:

Educational programmes

You have produced some good language programmes but since we are drawing closer to Europe could we have more i.e. French and German. You used to on BB2 give half an hour to the broadcasts of news which I found very helpful. Also it was bad that you stopped the German programmes on the World service which helped many people to learn the language. It is difficult to get the German radio stations though I try.

Entertainment

When I was young the star who attracted most attention was Tyrone Power but apart from Jesse James there is little attention paid to the Razors Edge, Alexander's ragtime band etc Also the singers that made the most impression were Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonal. Any change of seeing Rose Marie and Maytime? I know the stories are fanciful but Nelson Eddy was hard to beat. I am sure many in the afternoon would like to see these favourities in action again.

I hope you may be able to give some attention to these comments.

Thanking you,

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