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## Starting to broadcast in catalan again

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When Franco's forces entered Barcelona in January 1939 all the stations in Catalonia stopped broadcasting in Catalan. The author remembers how the occupiers only found one station broadcasting: Ràdio Associació. Shortly afterwards it was renamed Radio España de Barcelona EAJ 15, a name which it was to keep for many years.

From that moment on, radio went through a number of stages, during all of these it broadcast in Spanish. Catalan did not begin to emerge until the 1950's, although it is difficult to know at what time the vernacular became established on the radio. There are sporadic signs on county stations, plays in Catalan, some advertising, etc. Meanwhile the records of the "nova cançó" were coming out.

The author underlines a very important historical date. On 13th December 1976, Radio 4 appeared, broadcasting 18 hours a day in Catalan, from the very beginning. Its low-frequency signal meant that it could not be heard outside a 40 or 50 kilometre radius of Barcelona. Free radio stations came afterwards, and municipal stations even later. In May 1983 the public body "Radio and Television Catalan Corporation" was approved, and on 5th July of the same year Catalunya Ràdio was born.

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## Ràdio 4

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Ràdio 4 was born on 13th December 1976, in the midst of the democratic transition. It was the first station to broadcast totally in Catalan, following 40 years of dictatorship. As the author recalls, it did so with the supervision