To get a sense of early '60s British humor...

You should perform a Google search for the "Beyond the Fringe" show, the ones that became models for Monty Python--in a 1961 televised version right before they left the UK for Broadway. An interesting part was "So that's the way you like it" (their spoof of low-budget formal Shakespeare).

Also, search for the "First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics" by Flanders and Swann. The audio from their live show may be available, which was a very popular album--listen far enough at least to get to the song!

Enjoy!

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