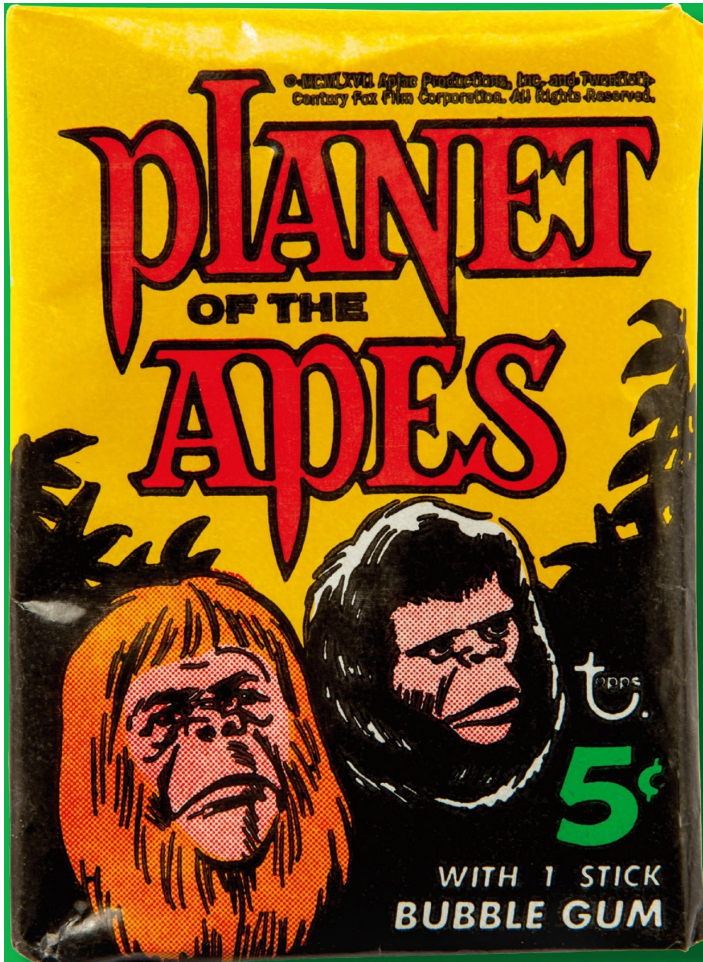
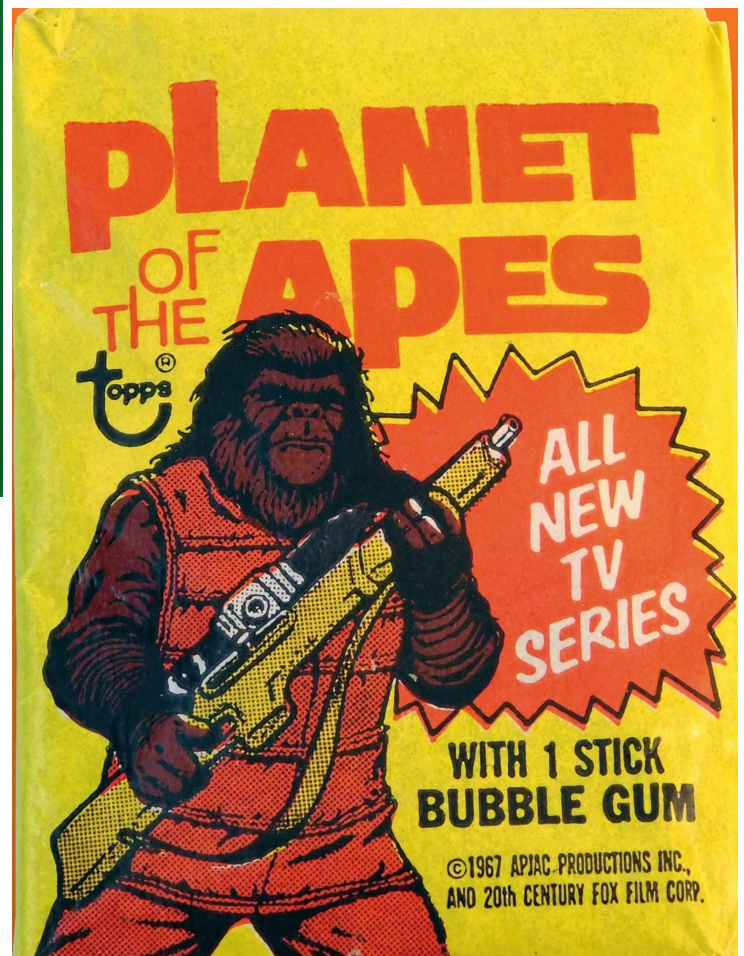


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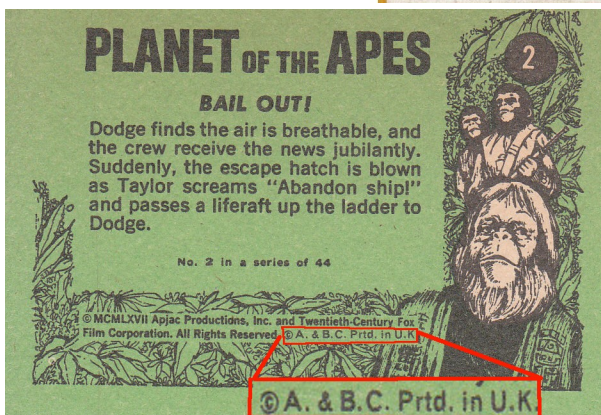
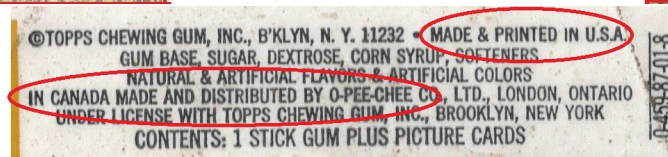
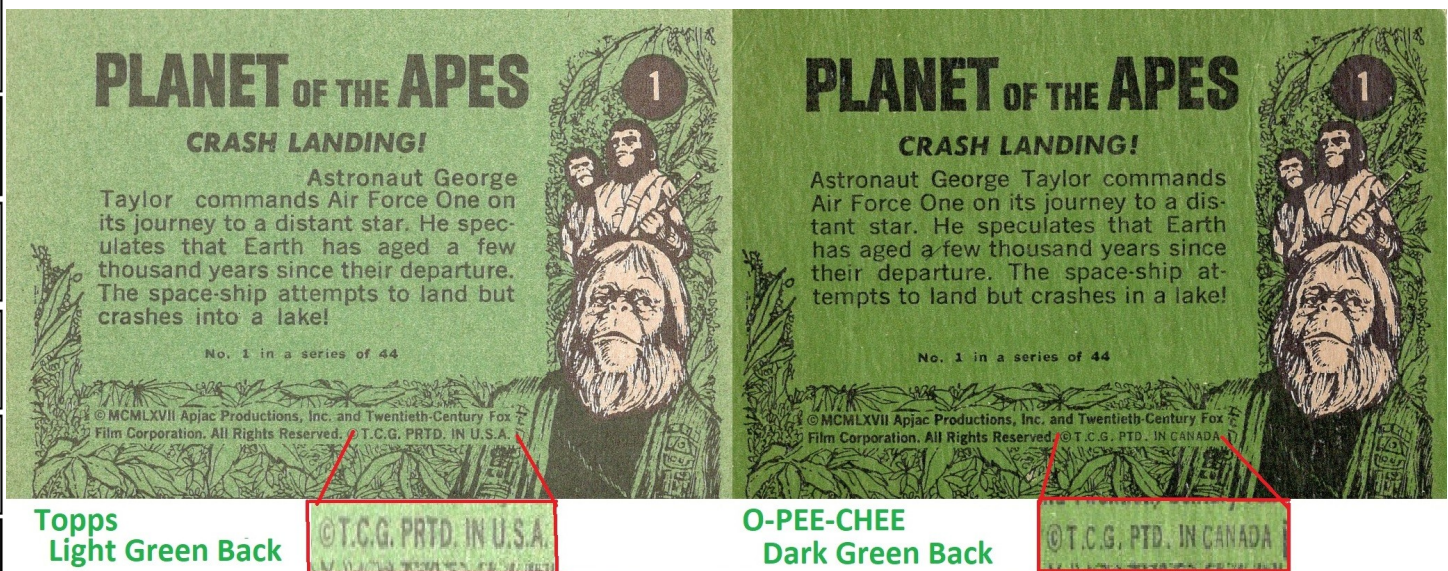
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The 1968 Trading Card Set

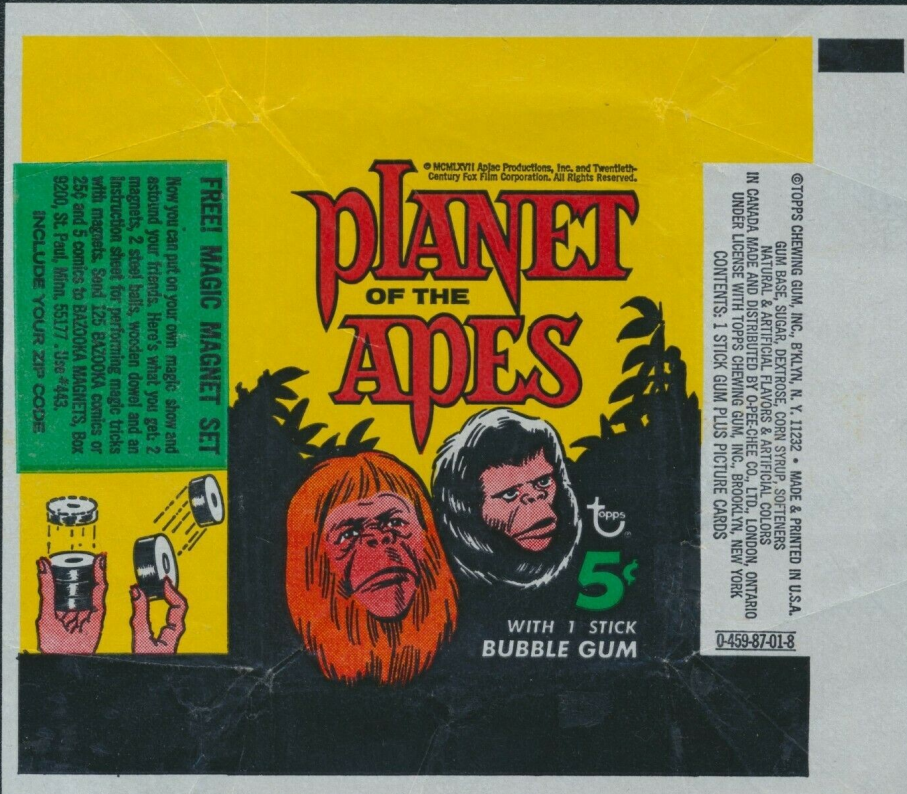
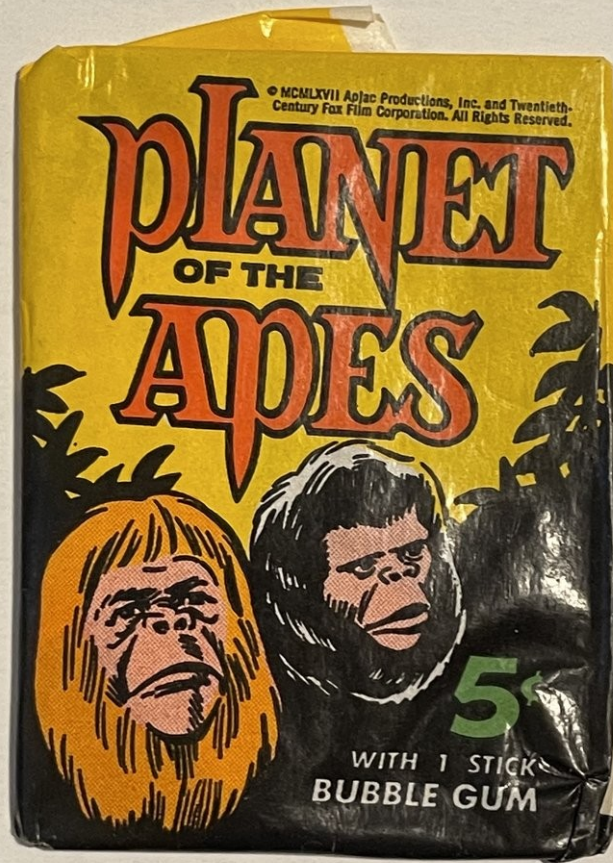
On April 3rd, 1968, Topps released its trading card set for the Planet of the Apes movie with Charlton Heston. This set is often referred to as a 1969 set. The Topps Company, also, licensed the card set to two other companies for set production. The A &BC Company in the UK and the O-Pee-Chee Company in Canada replicated the card images on their own sets. It is a 44 card set with the USA and CANADA wrappers identical except for the Topps logo. The wrapper for the UK version was green and smaller.

The UK cards, themselves, were smaller than the average 2.5x3.5 inch card at 8x5.5 cm. The images that follow are for distinguishing purposes and can be used to identify the manufacturer of that particular card or set.



**Note the copyright marking on each:
USA, CANADA and U.K.**

**The image with the ingredients is the wrapper
flap image for the USA and CANADA versions**



Clockwise from top:

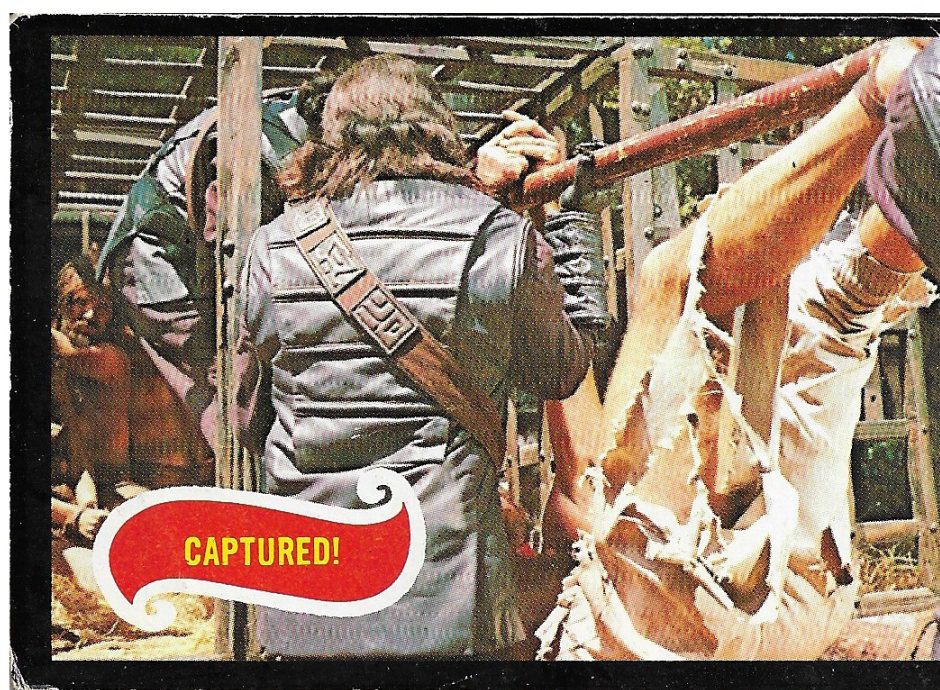
A & BC Wrapper (UK)

OPC Wrapper (CAN)

TOPPS (USA)

**Notice the missing
Topps logo on the
OPC wrapper.**

A test set was created by Topps prior to production. These cards are normal sized cards (2.5x3.5 inches) and have "Printed in the USA" on the reverse. These cards have black borders and are not to be confused with the smaller (8 x 5.5 cm) A & BC cards.



Topps Test Card and A & BC card size comparison.
Top: 3.5 x 2.5 inches Bottom: 8 x 5.5 cm



Normal OPC and TOPPS card front.

Some final noteworthy things about these sets:

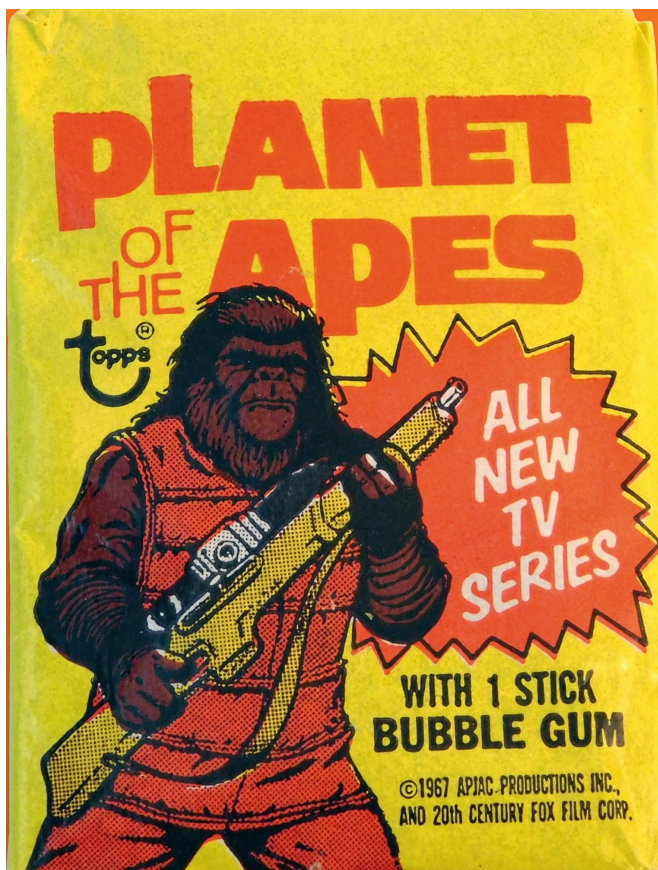
- 1) OPC and A & BC wrappers are very scarce and are expensive.**
- 2) Topps wrappers can be obtained at a reasonable price.**
- 3) Set costs vary as to the condition of the cards with MINT being the best and POOR being the worst.**
- 4) Topps cards are more plentiful for collectors,. OPC and A & BC cards are a bit more scarce to find in mint condition. Due to the black borders of the A & BC cards, excellent condition is more likely.**
- 5) The Topps test cards are more rare than all others but not as scarce as the afore mentioned wrappers. Test cards are seen on online auctions more frequently. Always inquire about the size of a black bordered card if its dimensions are not in the description or its copyright mark is USA. If it says A & BC gum...it is a smaller UK card.**

The 1975 Trading Card Set

These trading card sets were released in conjunction with the Planet of the Apes TV Series. Unfortunately, the series was concluded in 1974 with only 14 episodes made before the set was released in 1975. The trading card images were, as before, licensed to different companies in order to produce their own sets. The set is a 66 card set that was produced by Topps in the USA, Scanlens in Australia, and LYAUSA in Mexico. Scanlens and LYAUSA printed their cards on a brighter cardstock than did Topps so the images seem sharper and



LYAUSA and SCANLENS wrappers



Topps Wrapper

**Art was created by
Augie Napoli**



The reverse sides of card #66 are all shown here from all three set issues to show the differences.

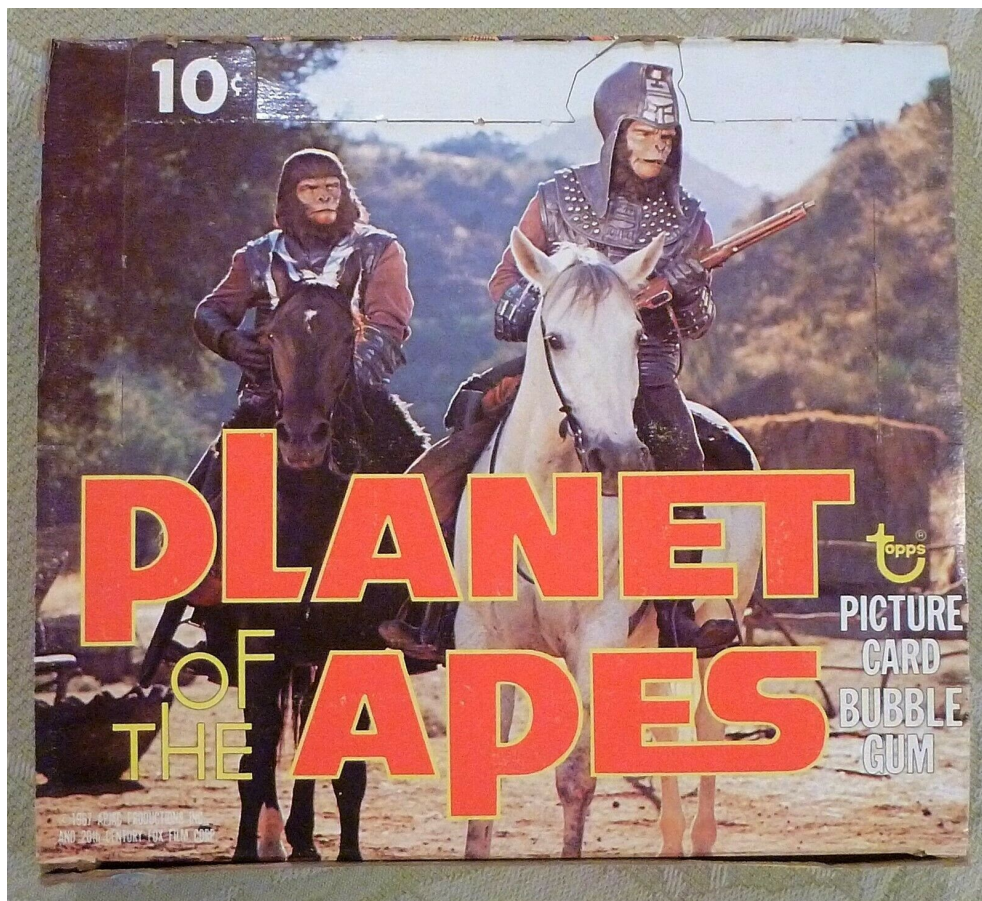
The card faces of the 66 card set all have white borders. This set is notorious for being cut off-center. The LYAUSA card texts are all in Spanish while Topps and Scanlens are in English. Here are some various card faces from the sets.



LYAUSA Card Fronts



Topps Card Fronts

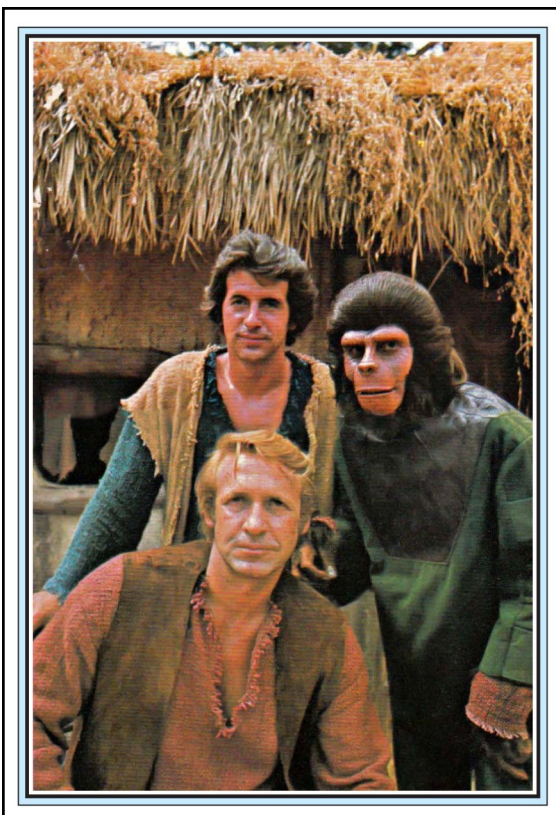


**Topps
Box Top**

**LYAUSA
Box Top**



Also, in 1978, Ediciones Este, a Spanish card company, released a set of cards intended to be glued into an album. The Planet of the Apes TV Series was featured on 4 of those in the set.



#66 and #67 were halved.

**Top is #66
Bottom is #67**

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66 EL PLANETA DE LOS SIMIOS

Ron Harper, James
Naughton y Roddy Mc
Dowall en una imagen de
“EL PLANETA DE LOS
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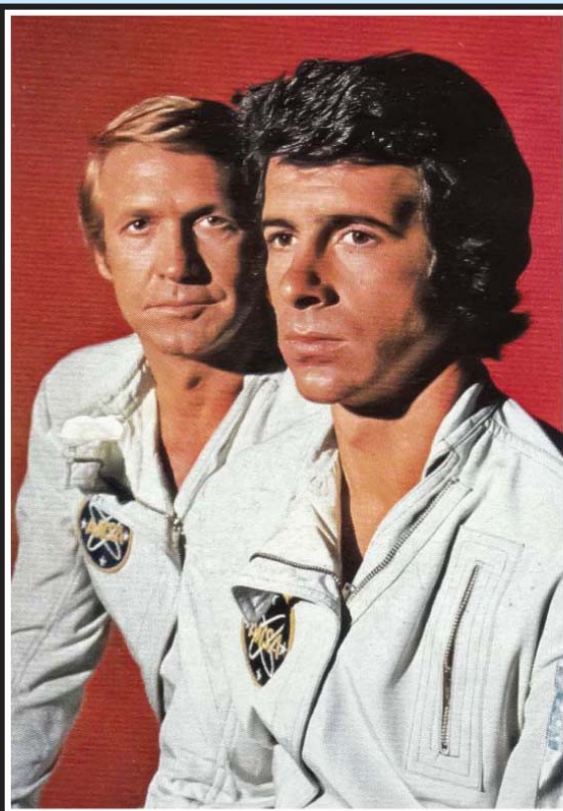
Una escena del telefilm
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69 JAMES NAUGHTON y RON HARPER "El Planeta de los Simios"

Dos de los principales
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