

The third member of the fugitive trio in the Planet of the Apes T.V. series is James Naughton, who stars every week as Astronaut Pete Burke. Unlike his two co-stars, Roddy McDowall and Ron Harper, Planet of the Apes is his first T.V. series. His rise to fame has been via the New York Stage.

THE JAMES NAUGHTON STORY



THE APES







INSTANT SUCCESS!

James Naughton's first professional appearance was on the stage of New York's off-Broadway Promonade Theatre in the classic Eugene O'Niel play "A Long Day's Journey into Night". An appearance that gained him no less than three of New York's highest awards for this promision new actor. In his own words: "It's the closest to starting at the top that I've known!"

SURGERY AND SPORT

After graduating from college in his home town of West Hertford, in Connecticut, Naughton went to Medical College, where he studied to be a surgeon. While at college, he not only won his degree, but also found time to be a semi professional Baseball player. It was then that Naughton decided against a career in the Medical Profession, and switched to acting, gaining a place at the Yale Drama School.

ON BROADWAY

It was from Yale that Naughton made that instant success on the Broadway stage. After "A Long Day's Journey into Night" James Naughton made other successful stage appearances in the classical theatre, until he starred with another young up-and-coming actor, Timothy Bottoms, in a television play. Timothy is now known more widely as the teenage single-handed sailor in the film "The Dove".

Another proud highlight in James Naughton's career was his appearance at the Edinburgh Festival

two years ago when the company with whom he was playing was brought over to present two plays in the Festival.

INTO FILMS

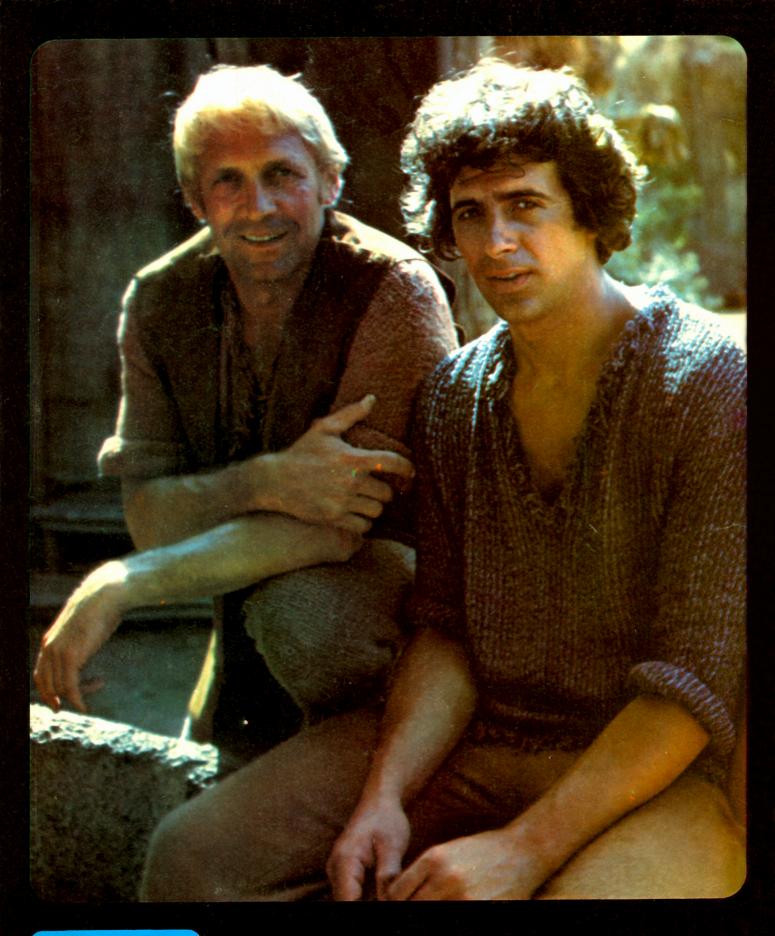
More recently, James Naughton has co-starred in a film, again with Timothy Bottoms: "The Paper Chase" released recently.

James has a brother, David Naughton, who happens to be another aspiring actor, who is now studying in London at the Academy of Music and Drama.

Away from the set of Planet of the Apes, James Naughton is a keen tennis player, but more-so enjoys riding his motor-cycle in the hills and canyons of Southern California









Now familiar faces on the T.V. screen, Ron Harper and James Naughton as they appear as Astronauts Virdon and Burke, fugitives on the Planet of the Apes!