
Dear Member,

Oh dear. What can I say? I know what you are thinking, "OK you, just where was my July Newsletter then. Eh?" Well with a bit of quick thinking I chance the answer, "Its like this Fans. The H.C. was raided by 4000 renegade chimpanzees from Regents Park Zoo, and the master-copy of the newsletter was torn to shreds." No. I don't somehow think you would believe that. The truth is that we ran headlong into a printing dispute and rather than send you the July issue late, we thought we would combine it with the September issue. OK?

IN THIS ISSUE  - Two Biographies for you: - Ron Harper and Booth Coleman.
- The story of the film "Beneath the Planet of the Apes"
- The start of our letters page.
- Boys, make an ape mask - Girls, make a large cuddly Zira.

WHO'S WHO.

Remember in the last newsletter I promised to introduce you to the people who run the Fan Club here at Television Character Promotions? Well Let's see who's who. First of all is the man who started it all: Mike Caulfield. Six feet three and a half inches of pure ape-like muscle. ? Known as "Big Mike!" He thinks up all the ideas and deals with the financial side of the club.

Next there is Sally. She looks after the members' record cards etc.

We have another Mike working for us. Mike McCarthy. He is our Technical Advisor and Fight Director for all our live appearances of the Apes.

Let me not forget June. She probably has the hardest job of all - keeping all the costumes clean and in good repair. She is also responsible for the make-up and authentic appearance of our Ape stars.

Finally there is me. I am "Big Mike's" smaller brother. It is my job to edit the newsletter and answer your queries. Please please, if you do write to me, enclose an SAE, or you wont get a reply. Ta.

POINTS TO PONDER. - Here are a few points which will enable the club to run smoothly. 1) Please allow, in future, 28 days for the delivery of souvenirs. 2) Please always quote your membership no. on correspondance. 3) Always make cheques/PO's payable to the Fan Club- 4) If you need to phone the club, do not reverse the charges. The call will not be accepted if you do. Thank you.
THEATRE REVIEW. - Apes on Stage.

So at last it happened. The long awaited stage production of the Planet Of The Apes. The World Premier was on July 19th at the Theatre Royal in Stratford. It played there until 20th August and was a sellout. I saw this production six times and each time it was funnier than the last. The show was a mixture of drama and pantomime with lots of audience participation. The whole TV cast was there, Galen, heroic as usual doing his best to rescue the astronauts, Brad, (John Haden) and Jeff (Geoff Freshwater) and getting caught himself.

Urko was as mean, sly and double dealing as ever. Bullying Dr. Zaius and beating his own warriors. The two Gorilla guards (Steve Oxley and John Munday) were absolutely hillarious. Living examples of the expression, "Big dumb apes"

The Glamour is provided by the beautiful slave girl Pila, (Petrina Derrington) who captures Astro Brad's heart which leads to a tear-jerking farewell at the end of the show. This is a very good show and the fights were very realistic.

Great Yarmouth also had the show but with a different cast. Here the Astros were played by Rory Lister and Mike Dalton. The Part of Pila was taken by Angela Daniels (of Sale of the Century fame) The fights were, I felt, not up to the standard of the Stratford show, with the exception of the duel between Galen and Urko. In that, the stunting was fantastic.

Hopefully the stage production will go on tour, so keep your eyes open for more news.

LIVE APPEARANCES. - Regrettfully, by the time you get this newsletter, the Ape's season will be over until christmas, so there is little chance of seeing them again this year, but you never know...! Again they have had a busy time. They were mobbed by 3,500 fans when they appeared at a supermarket in Rochdale. 80,000 people watched the arena show in Preston, 55,000 in Leeds, and the best reception came from Scotland where they have never seen the Apes before. Engayne School raised about £850 at their summer fair, with a little help from Galen and Urko. Gorilla warrior Orak went on the anual Taxi drivers outing to Southend, for handicapped and deprived children. The arena shows went to Doncaster, High wycombe, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cleethorpes, Wrexham, and Brockenhurst in the New Forest. Now that was some show.... At the point when Galen uses a bomb to blow up the gorillas, there was nearly chaos. The bomb usually leaves a scorch mark about 12" diameter. However the grass; was so dry that with an almighty "Whooosh!" the scorch mark became a 15foot circle of flame. As Galen reached the Astronauts to unite them, he looked round and saw Urko and his gorillas trying to stamp out the fire. At least it gave him the chance to escape..!!!

CHRISTMAS and NEXT YEAR. - The Apes are bound to be active around the Christmas period either on stage or with a photographic concession in a large department store. I suggest that you watch this space for details.

Bookings are already coming in for the August Bank holiday 1977, with four apes attending a fair at the Newbury Park Synogogue near Ilford Essex, on August 29th. Don't worry, we will keep you informed as best we can as to the movements of these hairy heroes.

SPECIAL OFFERS. - IMPORTANT. - The Fan Club sincerely apologises to any members still awaiting souvenirs. Due to the astoundingly heavy demand we are out of stock of most items. Some of you have been waiting a very long time, but don't worry, we have not forgotten you. Items will be sent off as soon as possible. Please do not order any more for the time being until the offers section carries the rellevant offers again. Thank you.
Dear Sir,
I would like to make a few queries & suggestions. Would it be possible to obtain through the Club, scripts for the TV series & films? In the USA there are comics of the POTA. Will they become available to British fans? Also is it possible to get masks like those worn in the films. Yours desperately
Steven Gough - 152.

*We have tried to get the scripts without success. As for the comic, what about Marvel's POTA mag.? Finally, no masks, sorry. They come from the States and cost £200 each. - ED.

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Dear Pete.
I have been a member now for 3 months and want to ask, 1) Does the price of pens/posters etc. include P&P? 2) Could you keep the info down to just Apes, and stop acting as though we are all kids of about 6-7yrs. (3) Are the Apes coming to Manchester? (4) Do you think the decoder comp. is fair? The first correct answer that gets to HQ wins. But what about those who live far away from London and can't get their entry there so quickly? . - R. Johnston.

Well Robert, I have replied to you personally as you know, but you have raised some good points. 1) Yes P&P is included. 2) Well fans do you agree? 3) Sorry no apes in Manchester. 4) The Post Office have assured me that 1st class mail always reaches its destination by the next morning from any part of the country. - ED.

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Dear Sally,
Would you print this letter for me? I have taped the great group Mud. I have taped their three LPs and would like to swap them for issues 1 to 63 of the POTA Magazine.
Yours Gratefully
Louis Cameron.

Dear Sir,
Could you please tell me why the apes dislike the humans so much? Also, is the TV series coming back so that we can learn if the Astros return to earth? I would also like to know how long it takes to make a mask. Yours sincerely
Steven Gaskin.

*I don't have the space here to go into details for your first question. I suggest you read Monkey Planet by Pierre Bouille. - The TV series was stopped at the 14th episode due to high production costs: $100,000 per episode. I believe that they never even wrote the final one. - You must ask your local TV station to show the repeats. - Lastly, the overhead masks are mass produced, and take very little time to make. Appliances for speaking parts take about two days to make and four hours to apply. - ED.

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Thanks to Cathy Alonso and Elaine for their welcomed help at the Fan Club Office. - ED.
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Dear POTA
I am a Planet of the Apes Fanatic. Over the years I have seen all the films and the TV series. Also I have over a hundred photos on my wall and I have six books, one game, and lots more that would take ten postcards to tell you about. Also of course I belong to your excellent Fan Club. I would be pleased to see this letter printed in the Newsletter. - Andrew Rudland.

*Oh Dear. I think you will have started something now. I will be flooded with letters from fans trying to out-do you with their ape collections. - ED.
COMPETITION RESULTS. - The deliberate mistake competition in the May letter gave a lot of trouble to most of the entries. A great many of you picked up my spelling of Zalus as "sajas" but if you remember I did say that you were not looking for a spelling mistake. In fact the answer can be found in the Live Appearances section. The sentence was......"The highlight of April must have been the Battersea Easter Parade. Ten Gorilla Warriors were there, along with Galen, Urko and his second in Command Dr. Zalus, and three human slaves."

Of course Zalus is leader of the Council, not Urko's second in command. Planet of the Apes belts have been sent to the winners who were drawn from the hat. Well done.

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION. - This time you can win a colour picture of Urko autographed by the Apes currently touring the UK. They are:- Galen, Urko, Dr. Zalus, Zako, Orack, Plato, Nero, and Virgil. Also we will get the Astros to sign it. Two pics are there to be won so have a go......

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO.......is suggest a name for Urko's white horse and say why you chose that name. The Closing date is November 1st Good Luck.

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SPECIAL NOTICE - Adhesive Tape. Due to a clerical error, the Jumbo rolls of POA adhesive tape, are not Jumbo size after all. They have been "wound down" to half size. Therefore those of you who have ordered tape will get two rolls instead of one. In future the tape will be sold at one roll for 40p(inc P&P).

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BIOGRAPHY OF A STAR - No. 1. - RON HARPER.*

Ron Harper, who co-stars as Astronaut Alan Virdon, in the TV series, was born on January 12th at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, USA. His parents, George and Mabel Harper still reside there. Mr Harper is a retired Steel-foundryman.

After graduation from Princeton University, young Harper turned down a Fellowship to the Harvard Law School in favour of becoming an actor. He performed two seasons with the Princeton University Players, then went to New York to study with the Noted dramatic coach, Lee Strasberg.

After appearing in such television plays as "Studio One" and "The Armstrong Theatre", Harper served an enlistment in the US Navy.

Following his separation from the service, Harper appeared on Broadway in "Night Circus" and "Sweet Bird of Youth" And also toured the country in The latter production.

About this time he started to get a following, and girls fell madly in love with him. He had a fan club in the USA until recently. Sadly, although he is popular in Great Britain, it appears that James Naughton who plays his side-kick Pete Burke in the tv series of Planet of the Apes, is more popular. He too had a fan club until it ceased business a year ago.

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Beyond guest-starring in many television shows, Harper has starred as a regular on 87th Precinct, "Wendy and Me" and "Garrisons Guerillas".

Harper and actress Sally Stark, a regular on the "Love of life" daytime TV series, were married on June 1st 1974. They maintain an apartment in Manhattan.

In Planet Of The Apes, Harper and fellow astronaut Pete Burke (James Naughton) become lost in space. When they return to earth they find they have passed through a time warp which advances them 2000 years in time, to when Apes rule the planet.

Ron Harper is an excellent oil painter and his diversions include, tennis, sailing and horseback riding.

BIRTHPLACE..............Turtle Creek, PA.  BIRTHDATE..............Jan 12th
HEIGHT ..................6' 1"     WEIGHT..................185lbs.
HAIR ....................Blonde    EYES ....................blue/green.

TIT-BITS (1)  Member 1127, Mark Talbot Butler has launched the first Planet Of The Apes Information centre. He is able to answer most questions about the films and TV series using the mountain of reference works at his disposal. Drop him a line with your querie, but please, include an SAE or you wont get any answer. Well you know what the postage costs nowadays. Here is the address:- The POA Information Centre, c/o Mark Talbot Butler, 6, Laurel Close, Barnton, Northwich Cheshire. CW8 4LU.

(2) Our Fight Director, Mike McCarthy was playing the part of gorilla Zako at Edinburgh, and before the end of the first show landed a broken nose. One of the astros forgot to pull his punch and hit Mike right on the conk: I am reliably informed that "By dode id geddig buch bedder awd the timbe"

MASTERMIND - TIE BREAKERS - The national Mastermind competition has been won, but before I tell you who won it here are the names of those who nearly made it.......K. Scouler, G. Ward, G. Webb, A. Lesley, A. Brooks, N. Bothem, R. Grey, P. Birtwhistle, M. Lepine, E. Holland, R. Reading, A. Jezzard, P. Madden, G. Bratton, G. Hutchinson....... Well done all of you for getting as far as you did. In fact the name of the winner is in there. THE WINNER. - Nigel Bothem. Nigel answered all the questions correctly from the beginning of the contest. He collected his prize (a day out with the apes and sundries) at High Wycombe. Nigel's report will be featured in the next newsletter. Congratulations to him and comiseries to the rest of you. Better luck next time. The Mastermind 1976 answers can be found on page 11.

CODED MESSAGES - Recent winners.
Code
U-Mark Talbot Butler, Cheshire.
E-Lee Yulle, Middlesex,
P-Paul Smith, Nuneaton, Warcs.

Code
F- Robin Tucker, London.
Robert Hargrove, London.
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION-No 1. - An Ape Mask For You To Make,

Member Gary Bratton has made himself an ape mask that is tailor-made for his face. We thought you might like to know how he did it, then have a go for yourself. Here is Gary's letter to us (with the usual Editorial cuts and changes etc)

"First of all make the shape of the ape upper face with plasticine, (keep a picture of Galen nearby to help you). Then, using a flour and water glue, stick small pieces of paper to it. Build up a thick layer before leaving it to dry.

"When it has dried, remove the plasticine and trim of the rough edges. follow the same procedure for the lower lip.

"Now comes the good part for those who like getting dirty. (Wait for it...Ed.) Using the flour and water glue....STICK PAPER TO YOUR FACE!!! (Ugh) This will make a mould of your face so the mask will fit only you... Let the glue dry and peel the mould from your face. (I recommend that this sequence is carried out under the supervision of an adult - if you are under 10 - just in case...Ed.) Stick this part into the ape face "shell". Smooth the mask over with an extra thick coating of paste and colour with paints.

To make the wig, get some wool and stick it to a "Kojak" scalp wig. Cut out the 'sideburn' shapes from paper, stick wool to them and glue them to the mask."

Well done Gary. Any other members with bright ideas?? Let me know.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION-No 2. - Girls, Make this Large Cuddly Zira/Galen.

Member Beryl Atkinson, a busy mother of two children, a daughter 15, and a son 12, has somehow managed to find time to make this lovely soft toy. She is a great Zira fan and the toy is supposed to be Zira but we feel that with a little thought, you could turn 'her' into Cornelius or Galen etc. Anyway, here is how Beryl made this delightful character.........

"The basis of the doll is a 'rag doll', made from strong white linen and stuffed with foam chips. A search in a local market produced some nylon velvet from a remnants box, in just the right shade of green. It took a bit longer to find material near enough like Zira's dress, part orange, part brown tweedy mixture. For the fur, one yard (one metre) is enough for several models. Because it is rather expensive, look out for an off-cut about 1ft.(30cm) wide. My daughter had an old mock leather skirt which she had outgrown and this I used for the collar (Readers will have to sort that problem out for themselves...Ed.)

"First I got a pattern for a rag doll. As I wanted a big model I enlarged the pattern. I made the doll, stuffed and stitched it, except for the head. I made the basic doll's head,-The head must be kept loose until all the hair etc is stuck on. - I fixed a cone shaped piece of foam - bra pads are ideal - in place as a muzzle. Then I drew a faint outline of the features and hair line and covered the lot with a double thickness of nylon stocking. This give the correct facial colour.

"The hair must be stitched on piece by piece, carefully following the hairline. Take a piece of dowelling, 1"dia. and 4" long (2½cm x 10cm) and push it into the neck opening, stitching it very firmly in place. Push the head on top and stitch the head to the body very firmly indeed. The wooden dowel will prevent the heavy head from lolling about.

"The hand are made from two pieces of stocking, padded and stitched into a mitten shape, and the feet are pieces of mock leather cut into the right shape. These were all fastened on. The fur fabric I made into tubes which covered the arms and legs. Continued.
ZIRA DOLL continued. - The dress is just a simple smock, frayed at the sleeve ends, and bottom edge. It is elasticated at the neck. Her coat is copied as faithfully as possible. I made it "edge to edge" at the front and left the sleeve seams open for the last 3" (7.5cm).

"For the collar, cut the mock leather in a circle, left open on one side and made to fasten with poppers.

"All that is left is the face. Pale apricot felt for eyelids - a pair of blue (brown) glass eyes and some stitching for the nose and nostrils, in brown cotton. A felt-tipped pen is ideal for touching up the heavy eyebrows etc. The ears are made of felt. And there is Zira. I hope this is all clear enough for anyone who wants to copy my idea. Please print my address for anyone who runs into difficulties. I will gladly help out. The whole model took about 19 hours to make and cost about £3."

Many thanks, Beryl's address is: Mrs B. Atkinson, 45 King George St. Shotton, Deeside, Clwyd, CH5 1DZ.

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THIS MONTHS FEATURE ARTICLE. The bizarre world you met last month in The Planet Of The Apes, was only the beginning....What lies beneath - May be the end!! Here it is - The story of and the story behind the second film -
BENEATH THE PLANET OF THE APES.

Astro! Brent is sent along the same trajectory through time and space followed earlier by Astro Taylor who has disappeared. Brent crashlands on the edge of the forbidden zone and near the ashes of his ship encounters Nova, the mute human taylor has befriended. Seeing Taylors ID tags around her neck, Brent joins her on her journey back to Ape City. He is stunned when he first sees the Apes and realises that the entire planet is ruled by a military junta, headed by a gorilla warrior called Ursus, whose lust for power feeds largely upon his ability to provoke the apes' fear of humans. Opposed to his plea for invasion of the Forbidden Zone is a moderate group of mininsters led by Dr. Zaius, whose opposition must be subtle as Ursus holds the power, and Zira and Cornelius, two scientists.

Brent meets Zira and learns that it was she who plotted Taylors escape. Once again Zira and Cornelius aid Nova's escape, this time accompanied by Brent. They are followed by a gorilla cavalry but manage to loose them. In the Forbidden Zone, Brent finds himself in among the ruins of New York's subway system. He proceeds through a series of tunnels and he and Nova find themselves in a stange underground city, lit by a strange white light and decorated with plastic flowers. Suddenly he finds himself with his hands around Nova's throat, trying to strangle her. He fights to restrain himself and finally wrenches his hands free. It is apparent that some superior mental force had imposed its will in his mind forcing him to do its bidding.

Leaving her, he goes on to find himself in the shell of a great cathedral. Looking about he is horrified to see, on top of the alter, a perfectly preserved shiny 21st century nuclear bomb. He watches as some sort of ritual is carried out. It is conducted by a verger who is a handsome man of indefinate age and a clear unwrinkled skin. The ritual leads Brent to believe that the gathering in worshiping the bomb. The Verger sees him and Brent is staggered when he is spoken to by the verger who utters no sound but projects his thoughts in to his brain.

Brent is taken away for interrogation. Five inquisitors face him. They are: Mendez, who leads the ruling group, Negro, Fat man, Caspey, and the very beautiful Albina, the only woman present. They seek to learn his identity and use thought projection and traumatic hypnosis - a process which makes Brent feel acute pain without being physically harmed - to find out the answers.

This stange people seek Brent's aid. Apart from their powers of illusion they are defencless against the Apes. ..........................
Beneath the Planet of the Apes - Continued.

Brent now suspects that the Atom bomb in the Cathedral is workable and intact. He knows he must save it from activation in the event of an attack by the Apes. After intense interrogation by the Inqizitiorrs, he tells them the truth, that the apes are marching on the city.

Brent and Nova are guests at a service of worship of the bomb. The Inqizitiorrs ecstatically pull off the lifelike rubber masks that have hitherto hidden their real faces, and reveal their mutated and mutilated faces beneath. This is the moment of total horror - and truth - for these genetic mostrosities, ugly to us but beautiful to themselves, are joined together in the fellowship of the bomb.

Brent asks for his release but is denied it because he knows too much and could betray the mutants. Instead, he and Nova are led to a cell where he meets Taylor for the first time.

One of the Inqizitiorrs, through thought transferrance, makes the two friends engage in mortal combat. He tooses them knives which they instantly grab. Brent hacks a wound in Taylors side and this so shocks Nova that she exhales a single word, "Tay - lor" and the effect is so startling that the Inqizitiorr momentarily interrupts his thought tranferance. This is long enough for the dazed Taylor to stab the mutant in the heart with the knife.

Brent tells Taylor of the bomb and he recognises it as a Doomsday Bomb. One bomb so powerful that it could burn the entire planet to a cinder.

The Apes press deeper into the Forbidden Zone and prove to be no match for the illusionary weapons of the Mutants. They are presented with utterly horrifying scenes of destruction and torture which so confuse Ursus that his guns are useless to him. The Apes start to "crack up" and revert to primitivism. Voices give way to roars. Zaius is first to recover and leads the Army with Ursus to the underground city. The conflict between the heavily armed Gorillas and the mutated humans forms the basis for a climatic series of events which make an urgent statement to all of mankind. THE END.

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LET'S HAVE A LAUGH.

One of our members has phoned through a joke but I'm sorry, I can't remember his name. It was:- What kind of beans does Urko eat? Answer: Human Beans!!!!

Only kidding. The member responsible for that was a certain John Ram. Grrrr. Joke Phone-in. Christmas Issue. Here's a novel Idea. On Friday November 27th phone in your favourite joke. It doesn't have to be about the Apes. the ones we like best will be printed in the Xmas issue of the Newsletter and a small prize given. PLEASE NOTE:- The phone-in will take place only between 4pm and 5pm, on 01-491 4732. NO CALLS ACCEPTED ON THAT No. BEFORE OR AFTER THOSE TIMES. You may find the number engaged so keep trying, remeber though, do not ring before 4pm or after 5pm.

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THE MISSING LINK. - As dedicated S.F. and Ape fans will know, the Ape saga went a full and frightening circle in the films, but there is still a link missing. Exactly what did happen between "Battle" and "Planet"? Why did the peaceful co-existence of Apes and humans fail? Why did the human population return to a primitive life? and why did the Apes turn against them?. Here, member Philip Madden gives his view:

"Camack was considered a peaceful village, ruled by Apes and served by man. It was, however, considered wrong because it was a day of independance. A day when men would be forced back into primitive life. A day when he would be hunted as a beast. A day when they would know limited freedom. A day when the
The Missing Link - cont.
Apes would rule outright. A day that would be sealed for hundreds of years until the destruction of the world in 3955.

The minor incident that happened in Carmack spread like a contagious disease through the Ape empires in a matter of days. The course of history had changed.

This incident happened in 2987, happened in between the films "Battle" and "Planet" (3955) I'm sure Ape experts will agree with me."

Thank you Philip. Only one point; you haven't specified what the incident at Carmack was, that sparked off the "revolution" What do you other members think about the missing link? send me your views.

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

What does this say:- myfriendgalenisaCalsothefriendoftheastronautspeteandalanandis beinghuntedbythehorridapeurkotheherkoeanddralustheoldone.

The vowels (a,e,i,o,u.) have been left out of this sentence. What should it read? "th_pl_nt_f th_p_s_s_b_st."

Here is a coded message. Use your de-coder to find out what it says.

Code N. 18./8.25.12.7.11.19.6.5.15./17.18.14.6.1./7.5./7.20.6./5.25.19.2.7./7.5./2.6.1.9./22.6./7.20.6./7.5./10.6.1./23.6.14.5.26./

I am looking for someone to compile an Apes crossword. any offers? Ed.

BEHIND THE SCENES - "BENEATH..." - If Arthur P. Jacobs had been awarded the "Man of The Year" title by the men of the Make-up world, it would hardly have been surprising. He had 26 practitioners of the art working in the film"Beneath the Planet Of The Apes." And that was eight weeks before shooting even started. They were employed in the laboritories at 20th Century Fox under the direction of Dan Striepeke, the departmental chief, and John Chambers the chief make-up designer. They were designing and manufacturing the facial appliances which turned the actors into apes and mutated humans.

When filming began the staff increased to between 85 and 90 working on high pressure days. Depending on the number of extras involved, the number of make-up men increased as high as 100. In order to fill this need, Chambers and Striepeke instituted a series of classes for make-up apprentices at the studio.

SEPT. STAR BIOGRAPHY - No 2. - BOOTH COLEMAN

Born March 8th in Portland, Oregon, USA., Booth Coleman is the son of Sol and the late Sona Vines Jerome. He had a brother, Howard, who is in the furniture business in Oregon.

Booth was educated at the universities of Washington and Michigan and he majored in Oriental studies as he wanted to become an archiologist. However during world war two, after he had served with the army in the Japanese language Corps, Coleman was drawn into acting. He made his debut in Irwin Shaw's "The Assassin" in 1944.

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Following more than a years working in various plays, The "Hamlet" opportunity presented itself. This monumental project tied him down in the part of Guildenstern for two years—so long, that he began to dream not as often as Booth Coleman as he dreamt in the character of Guildenstern.

Renowned for his Broadway interpretations, Coleman has appeared with such luminaries of the boards as Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence in "Tonight at 8.30"—Fredrick Marsh in "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep" and Basil Rathbone in "The Winslow Boy". He worked often with Maurice Evans also.

Coleman became popular throughout the country for his stage roles as Wirz, the Civil War prison camp commandant in "The Andersonville Trial" and as the sly, introspective attorney Clarence Darrow in "Inherit The Wind".

He quietly was called to Hollywood to make his motion picture debut during 1951. Producer-Director Howard Hawkes wanted him for a film "The Big Sky" with Kirk Douglas. Since then he has appeared in nearly fifty features including "Julius Caesar" "Auntie Mame" "Romanoff and Juliet" and Walt Disney's "Scandalous John".

On television, Booth has guest starred in many of the top series including "Police Story" "Kung fu" and McCloud." As far as you are concerned, he is probably best known for his interpretation of the part of Dr. Zaius in the series "Planet Of The Apes".

Among his closest friends for more than 20 years were the late commedian Stan Laurel and Evie and Boris Karloff.

A confirmed bachelor, Coleman lives in a modest Hollywood apartment. His most prized personal possession is a collection of signatures of 22 of the 37 United States Presidents.

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BIRTHPLACE........Portland Oregon.  BIRTHDATE.............March 8th.
HEIGHT..............5' 9½".  WEIGHT..................150lbs.
HAIR................Brown.  EYES......................Brown.

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STAR BIOGRAPHIES. - After the next biography (Kim Hunter) which will be in the November newsletter, we shall, if the demand is great enough, start a repeat series, beginning with Roddy McDowal then James Naughton. Please let me know if this is what you would like.

FUTURE ISSUES. This is your club and your newsletter so tell me what you would like us to do. We want newsletter contributions of any sort which we will print if suitable. Send in your Stories, Crosswords, puzzles, articles etc. to—The Fan Club Newsletter, Features Dept., Planet of The Apes, 140 Piccadilly, London W1.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDANCE FILES. Early this year we began to get letters from a little girl called Vannessa. They were really sweet and we thought that the older members, especially the married ones with children of their own, would like to read them.

To Galen. 21st Dec 75. I saw the apes at Selfridges in London but they were to different apes. Tell Urko to leave Galen alone. - Love Vannessa.

Dear Vanessa, Im Glad you saw the Apes At Selfridges. I'm sorry Urko was there but he follows me around everywhere hoping to be lead to the Astronauts. Love Galen.

Dear Galen. Galen I love you and mite marry you and always love me and I
Letters from Vanessa continued.

bet you dont no who loves you, Vanessa. And I might keep on writing if you dont write to me. But Galen please write to me. I have to go now, Love Vanessa xxxxx

Dear Vanessa, As you are such a good friend of Galen, we thought you would like to know that there is now a Fan Club for the apes. ................. Thank you for your letter and Galen sends his love.

Dear Galen, Tell Urko to stop following you around or it will be the same when we get married. He will be following us everywhere. I like you very much and please write me a long letter soon. And could you slip out without Sally knowing and come and see me. I was just thinking of you darling. The spaceship must be mended by now
Love from Vanessa.

Dear Vanessa, Galen says thank you for your letter. I am afraid that he will not be able to visit you as he will be very busy this year. Kind regards, Peter.

We have not heard from Vanessa since March. I wonder what became of her? - ED.

PRESS CUTTINGS - Our recent plea for press cuttings about the apes appearances have brought little or no response. My thanks to member John Sellars (418) for his report and cutting re Doncaster. I know that there are many newspaper snippets about the apes that we have never seen, so If you have any Please send us a copy. Please!

ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES. - In the next newsletter we shall have the story of this great film, plus a spot-the-difference competition. In this film Kim Hunter, the only star to appear in all three films, is reunited with Roddy McDowall, who played her boyfriend in the first one and her husband in this one. Both stars, in their ape make-up, get to wear fashionable clothes for the first time.

For this film, producer Jacobs added a new character, an ape who in a switch of casting is played by filmmdoms longtime favourite juvenile delinquent, Sal Mineo. These are the only ape characters in the story. Actually there is a fourth but he is a contemporary non-intelligent ape in a zoo who tries in his confused way to befriend the brilliant visitors. He is played by Janos Prohaska who specializes in portraying apes on the screen.

More about this film and the story synopsis in the next issue.

MASTERMIND 76 - ANSWERS. - How did you do?
Before you check the answers here, may I remind you that the judges decision was final. If you think that you had all the questions correct but were not included in the Tie-breaker, we will check your form for you. However it will not be possible to include you at this late stage.
CATEGORY A. - General.
1) Book - (2) Pierre Bouille - (3) Councilors, Administrators etc. - (4) McDowall & Watsor

CATEGORY B. Films.
1) Five- (1a) Planet, Beneath, Escape, Conquest, Battle. (1b) A.A., U.A.A.A. *Beneath acceptable also as AA. - (1c) 20th Century Fox. (2) Sal Mineo. - (3) A circle with Brent and Nova in a tunnel. (3a) Nova is wearing Taylors Dog-tags. (3b) 'Tay-lor' 3c) 94mins. - (4a) Breck (4b) McDonald, (4c) Kolp. - (5) a Mutant in military uniform.
Mastermind 1976.
Answers, Continued.

CATEGORY C - Television.
1) Fourteen episodes. -(1a) James Naughton and Ron Harper. (1b) Light hair.
2) 3085. (2a) A small ape boy and his dog. (2b) Humans. - (3) Urko.
(3a) White. - (4) The humans in the tv series can talk, those in the films cannot.

Well? How did you fare? The the questions that caused the most trouble were
Cat. B No. 1b and Cat C No.1 and Cat C No. 2a.

ALL ANSWERS VERIFIED BY TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX and FOX-RANK T.V.

There we are then. That just about wraps up this issue. Once again, I am
very sorry about the delay in sending out your orders. I will try not to keep
you waiting too long.

Mike McCarthy has agreed to try and find time to write a short
article about the art of stage fighting. Have you ever wondered how nobody
gets hurt in those fights in the "Apes" and programmes like "The Sweeney"?
Well perhaps Mike might let us into some of the secrets.

Badges are back on special offer at last. A new delivery has just
arrived so you can order them to your hearts content.

If you have any complaints or praise (especially praise!!! ) please
let us know. Mark letters Dept PJC for complaints and Dept MAC for praise
and suggestions.

Have you been a bit puzzled as to why we wanted to know your
favourite character when you joined the club? Then all will be revealed
in the next Newsletter. As we come up to our first birthday we are going
to publish the results of the first POA character poll. We thought at one
stage that Galen just had to win; but now we’re not so sure. It could be a
very close finish between......... Well you will just have to wait and see.

Remember... I want lots and lots of contributions from you. Letters
for the letters page, short stories, articles, reports etc etc. So get writing!!

Bye for now.

Keep On Writing.

Editor

IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

*Biography of Kim Hunter (Zira.)
*The story of "Escape From The Planet Of The Apes."
*Details of a Christmas Drawing Competition.
*A report from Nigel Botham, Mastermind Champion ’76, on his day out
with the Apes.
*And much, much more.

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