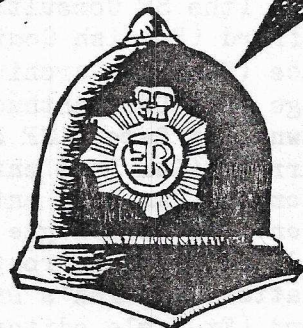
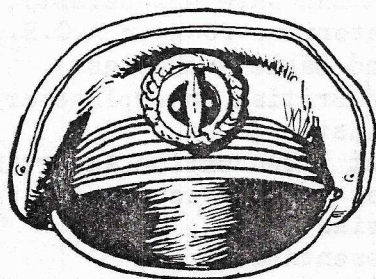
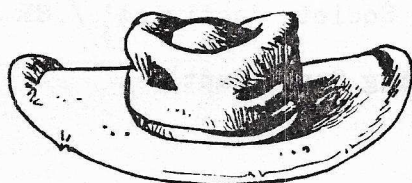


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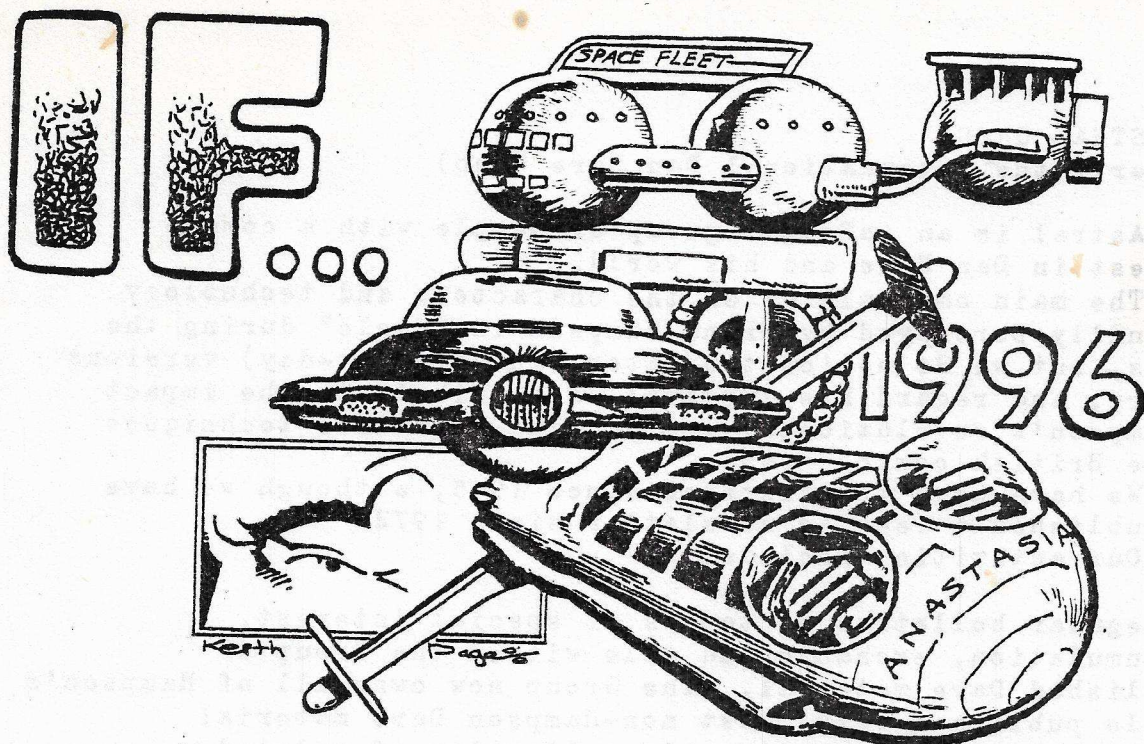
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THE ASTRAL GROUP

(formerly the International Dan Dare Club)

Astral is an informal group of people with a common interest in Dan Dare and his world.

The main emphasis is on the characters and technology originally portrayed by Frank Hampson in "Eagle" during the 1950's, but we do notice the later (and present-day) versions of Dare, and regard his survival as a tribute to the impact of Hampson's revolutionary graphic and narrative techniques on the British comics scene.

We have been in existence since 1965, although we have not published a regular newsletter since 1972.

Our activities include:

- + Irregular bulletins on topics of special interest.
- + Accumulation, exchange and sale within the Group of published Dare material. (The Group now owns all of Hampson's Eagle published work, most non-Hampson Dare material published, and a considerable collection of related quasi-Hampson Dare items and news clippings.)
- + Occasional informal meetings for exchange of news and views.
- + Lectures, panel discussions, slide shows etc. at Comics and Science Fiction Conventions, often attended by Frank Hampson and other Dare-Eagle artists.
- + Preparation of statistical and analytical articles for circulation within the Group (some of which have been published in fanzines and even in professional publications).
- + General correspondence within the Group.

Astral is a friendly and more-or-less sane group of mature enthusiasts, most of whom were readers of Eagle during its Golden Age in 1950-60. Our interest is not merely nostalgic, but also one of technical appreciation, because we consider that the quality of the original Dare strip is such as to survive today on its own merits.

We extend a cordial welcome to anyone who thinks they might feel at home in Astral.

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