

COVER IMAGES

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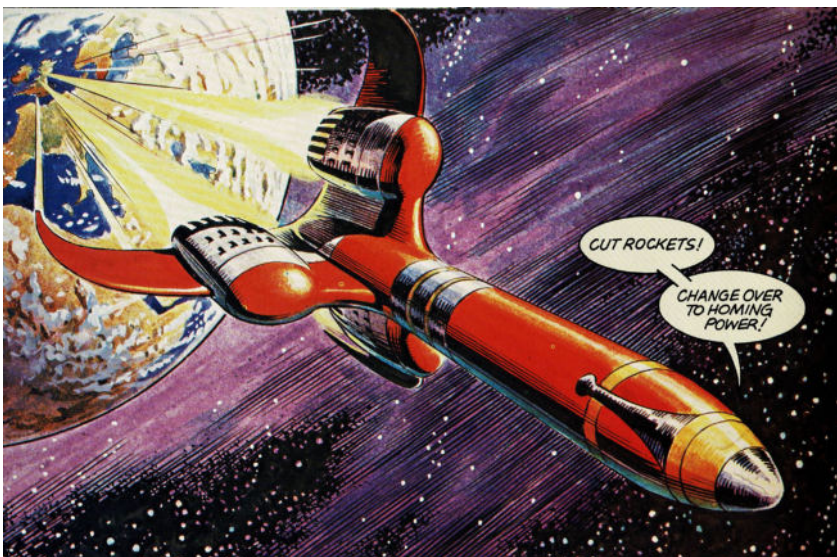
A voyage to inspire our species



In 1956 a 10 year old boy was presented with a beautiful edition of *The Kon Tiki Expedition* by Thor Heyerdahl by his older cousin. It told the story of an amusing bunch of Norwegians and one very serious Swede who attempted to prove that Polynesia could have been populated from South America to the east. Years later it was proved that the migration was in the opposite direction. But the courageous pursuit of an anthropological objective remains inspirational. Both the adventure and the migration show what humanity could achieve both 80 years ago and a 1,000 years earlier. An inspiration to all of us who aim to show that an adventure and maybe a migration beyond our solar system is feasible and may even be inevitable. The picture was taken by a member of the Kon Tiki crew from an inflatable dinghy in mid-Pacific - credit Thor Heyerdahl.

BACK COVER

The first launch of an interstellar spacecraft from the UK!



In 1955 a primary schoolboy in Warrington Lancashire was reading a story "The Man from Nowhere" in the comic, "The Eagle". In this story a Scot, Dan Dare, an Irishman, Lex O'Malley and a Lancashireman, Albert Digby fly to another star system to help their new friend, Lero of the planet Cryptos, to defend his people from the inhabitants of their twin planet, Phantos, who have themselves been enslaved by an evilly programmed computer. The Crypts have been rendered pacific by their diet while the Phants have been made aggressive by the food provided by their computer overlord.

Do I detect an echo in our present circumstances?

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