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The stars of "War of the Worlds" (L-R): RICHARD CHAVES portrays Lt. Col. Paul Ironhorse; LYNDAMASON GREEN plays microbiologist Suzanne McCullough; JARED MARTIN portrays Dr. Harrison Blackwood.

PRODUCTION UNDERWAY ON "WAR OF THE WORLDS"

Principal Cast, Director Announced

HOLLYWOOD—Production is well underway in Toronto, Canada, on "War of the Worlds." Directing the two-hour premiere and initial episode is Colin Chilvers, the Academy Award-winning special effects director of "Superman—The Movie."

The principal cast has been set as follows:

JARED MARTIN plays the brilliant astrophysicist Dr. Harrison Blackwood. An eccentric non-conformist, Blackwood has been recruited by the government to head the scientific effort against the aliens. Martin portrayed Dusty Farlow on "Dallas" and appeared on Broadway in "Torch Song Trilogy."

LYNDA MASON GREEN portrays Suzanne McCullough, a prominent microbiologist who is as serious and inflexible as Blackwood is free-spirited. Green's credits include the miniseries "Amerika" and the series "Night Heat" and "Adderly."

RICHARD CHAVES portrays Lt. Col. Paul Ironhorse, a Blackfoot Indian and graduate of West Point

whose extensive knowledge of hi-tech weaponry and military tactics makes him a valuable addition to the team. Chaves appeared in the films "Predator" and "Witness," and in the recent miniseries "Ari: The Life of Aristotle Onassis."

PHILIP AKIN plays Norton Drake, a Jamaican-born communications expert and computer genius whose job is to monitor the alien's radio transmissions. Akin appeared in the film "Iceman" and was a recurring character on the series "Bizarre."

"War of the Worlds" also stars Corinne Conley, Larry Reynolds and Rachel Blanchard.

Sam Strangis and Greg Strangis share executive producer credit via their Ten-Four Productions banner. Herbert Wright is senior creative consultant, Tom Lazarus is executive consultant, and Jonathan Hackett is producer, based in Toronto.

"War of the Worlds" is produced by Triumph Entertainment Corporation and distributed by Paramount Domestic Television.

ALIENS SPOTTED IN MAJOR MARKETS

Extraterrestrials Invade TV Stations Nationwide

NEW YORK—It's happening all over the country. Reports are flooding in from coast-to-coast that alien beings are taking over telecommunications facilities nationwide. The aliens appear to be commandeering a key television station in every major market, knocking out ordinary programming in favor of the new sci-fi/action series, "War of the Worlds."

To date, 174 stations have been affected, covering over 95% of the U.S. and all of the top 50 markets. These stations include: WPIX, New York; KCOP, Los Angeles; WPWR, Chicago; WTXF, Philadelphia; KBHK, San Francisco; WBSK, Boston; WKBD, Detroit; KTXA, Dallas; WDCA, Washington, and KHTV, Houston. Competing stations in these markets seem powerless to overcome this massive invasion.

Panic has ensued in several cities, as the frightened populace has sought refuge from the onslaught of th# @] ↔ + % ?
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Editor's note: due to unexplained electronic interference, the remainder of this wire story was garbled; attempts to regain contact with the reporter were unsuccessful. We fear the worst. Stay tuned for further information from "War of the Worlds" headquarters at Paramount.

MARS TO MAKE ITS CLOSEST PASS BY EARTH IN A GENERATION

MIAMI—This fall, Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in a generation, and stargazers say it may be the astronomical event of 1988.

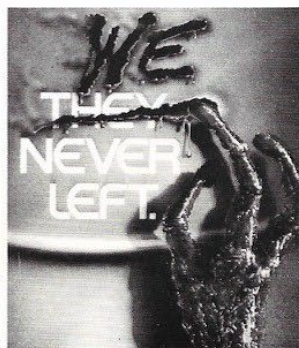
According to Jack Horkheimer, executive director of Miami's Space Transit Planetarium, a spate of UFO sightings are likely to accompany Mars' brightening, as people unaccustomed to the reddish light in the night sky mistake it for extraterrestrial visitors.

Speculation abounds that the recent rash of alien sightings in the

major television markets is related to Mars' increasing proximity to Earth. Is this a mere coincidence, or is there a chilling connection between the success of "War of the Worlds" and this planetary phenomenon? The mystery may be solved the week of Octo-

ber 7, when "War of the Worlds" unleashes its alien presence on an unprotected nation.

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