



Standing (l. to r.) Richard Chaves, Jared Martin, Lynda Mason Green and, seated, Philip Akin star in the new science-fiction/adventure series, "War of the Worlds," based on the novel by H. G. Wells. The two-hour premiere will be seen Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3. Regular hour-long episodes will be seen Saturday nights at 11:30 p.m., beginning October 15, also.

## Science - fiction/ adventure series to premiere Saturday

CHARLOTTE — Hostile aliens will take over the airwaves when "War Of The Worlds" debuts Saturday, October 15th at 8:00 p.m. on WBTV with a two-hour opening episode. The regular hour-long episodes will be seen Saturday nights at 11:30 p.m., also beginning October 15th.

Few literary works have generated as many interpretations in different media as "War Of The Worlds." The novel by H. G. Wells, published in 1898, was hailed as a brilliant work of fiction; the 1938 radio broadcast, presented on Orson Welles's famed Mercury Theatre, terrorized an entire nation; the 1953 film won an Academy Award for special effects; and now the television incarnation continues the literary legacy.

The two-hour premiere episode of the television series picks up the story of the 1953 film 35 years later, in 1988. Harrison Blackwood, adopted as a child by Dr. Forrester after his parents were killed by the aliens, has

grown to be a gifted astrophysicist. When it is discovered that the aliens have "resurrected" themselves and resumed their deadly mission, Dr. Blackwood becomes one of the few people in the world who knows the truth. It is now left to him and his team to devise a means of destroying the aliens before the aliens can wipe out mankind.

Jared Martin, best known for his role as Dusty Farlow on the CBS series "Dallas," stars as Dr. Blackwood; Lynda Mason Green portrays Suzanne McCullough, a prominent microbiologist; Philip Akin plays Norton Drake, a communications expert and computer genius whose job is to monitor and decipher the aliens' radio transmissions; and, Richard Chaves is seen as Lt. Col. Paul Ironhorse, a Cherokee Indian and graduate of West Point whose extensive knowledge of hi-tech weaponry makes him a valuable addition to the team.