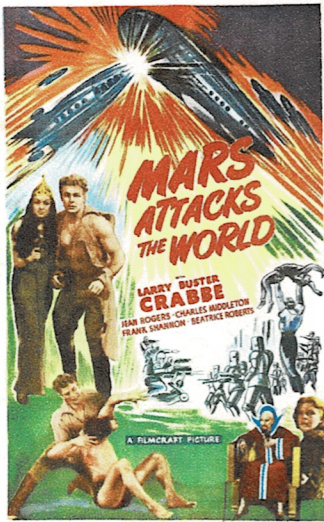


# INVADERS FROM MARS

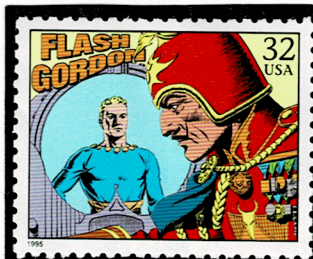


The year was 1938. On the radio, Oson Welles gave a chilling performance on the Mercury Theater on the Air of the 1897 H. G. Wells book, WAR OF THE WORLDS. Thousands of listeners thought that this was an actual invasion of Earth by Martian monsters!



Note the Slogan cancel for the 1<sup>st</sup> lander on Mars! Who were the REAL Invaders?

But it was also in 1938 that Filmcraft pictures released the first Science Fiction film about the Red Planet, MARS ATTACKS THE WORLD starring Buster Crabbe as Flash Gordon, Jean Rogers as the fainting heroine Dale Arden, Frank Shannon as Dr. Zarkov, Charles Middleton as Ming, the Merciless, and Beatrice Roberts as Queen Azura. The 79 minute movie along with the fearful radio broadcast created a double whammy of fear for many in that more innocent time.



Flash Gordon and Ming on a US Stamp