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On July 19th, Science Fiction Fans went to the pictures to see a film about some obstreperous beings from Mars invading earth. Except for a few brief moments the film showed the most brilliant sequence of destruction shots I have ever seen, such things as the sight of a tall stately building being hit in the middle by a Martian heat-ray and subsequently collapsing amidst leaking flames and flying masonry, a Martian anti-grav machine moving serenely down the main street of Los Angeles, spreading death and destruction with great impartiality to all comers, whether human or artifact. The only thing that marred this film is that we didn't see the toppling down of the Empire State Building - but still.

Can you imagine seeing the destruction of worlds? Can you imagine inconceivable forces flaring a spaceship's impenetratable screens from dull red through the spectrum to ultra violet? Can you imagine a filming of the "Grey Lensman"? I can, or keep hoping Fans.

It has come to my attention that there will be no convention in 1955. This is very confusing as I have heard a lot of talk and noticed a lot of organising ability being directed to this end by a certain "breakaway group". But Mr. Stone in his report states at title the words "No Sydney Convention for 1955". Of my two alternatives I can accept Mr. Stone's statement as true, and attribute this convention talk to a prospective 1957 convention. But it does seem strange that this-er- "breakaway-group" would devote such a considerable part of their time to organise a still prospective 1957 convention.

On the other hand I could suppose this-er-"breakaway group" to be really organising a 1955 convention and that Mr. Stone has received no notification of this. If this be the case I propose that this-ah hum-"breakaway group" formally notify Mr. Stone and that organisation which he represents. An apparent conflict of data such as this would doubtless cause a person, not immediately associated with fandom a considerable amount of consternation. I would suggest this incoherence be cleared up in the near future.

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