

Greenlanders See Many Sky Lights

GODTHAAB, Greenland (AP) — Since the first of the year, residents along Greenland's west coast have been reporting seeing bright objects in the sky.

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Lt. Col. H.V. Jensen, acting commander in chief of Denmark's military forces in Greenland, said not a single observation of the unidentified flying objects had been made from planes or ships.

Meteorologist Leo Thorsager said he thought the many strange observations had to do with a lengthy and unusually strong depression, and with large temperature differences between various atmospheric layers.

"Such conditions are known to sometimes create strange light phenomena which may give the viewer an impression of an object in motion," he said.

Neither the failure of military authorities to confirm any of

the sightings nor the theories put forward by meteorologists have done much to convince Greenlanders that they are just witnessing some unusual atmospheric phenomena.

There is no count of the observations reported. But since New Year's the newspaper Groenlands-Posten has been carrying a regular flow of reports, often filed by many people observing the same thing at the same time.

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The observations range from a twin flying object to an oval vehicle with lighted portholes. Teachers and students at a high school reported watching two objects scanning the sea, the fjords and the high school with strong searchlights.

More than 100 people, some of them with binoculars, watched a luminescent object hovering over another area, moving up and down and changing into the shape of a blue cigar as it disappeared at high speed.

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