

That Strange Light in the Sky

Hundreds of people telephoned the Weather Bureau, police and newspaper offices last night when a strange and almost continuous spasm of lightning lit up the south-eastern sky.

Weather Bureau officials said the lightning was of a tropical type that was rarely seen in Melbourne.

A moist stream of tropical air from northern Queensland had apparently helped to cause the phenomenon.

"Lightning such as this," officials explained, "is gene-

rally caused by an electrical discharge between two clouds. When the clouds are very close together the lightning appears as a continuous flash."

One person who rang "The Age" Office described the lightning as being like "a huge open-air picture show in heaven."
