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# *Mystery object is seen by thousands*

A BRIGHT object with a green and yellow tail was sighted by thousands of people along most of the U.S. eastern seaboard last night. It was not immediately known where it came down.

The chairman of New York's Hayden planetarium, Dr. Thomas Nicholson, said it was an exceptionally bright meteor, probably 10,000 times brighter than the brightest star.

Newspaper offices, police headquarters and broadcasting stations were jammed with inquiries.

Police, coastguard and federal aviation authorities also said they thought the object was a meteor.

Police lieutenant William H. Ristau said he saw the object while on patrol. It seemed to be powered and emitting an occasional coloured exhaust. The light lasted for about a minute.

Mr. William Slota, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, said he saw the object "coming all in one streak and break up in many different pieces."

The "meteor" was also seen in Toronto, heading north.

Of the thousands who saw it, many thought it was a plane coming down.

Others had even wilder explanations, like the caller who told the Asbury Park, New Jersey, Press: "I could see a head peering out of the porthole."