

Swarms of Fiery Rocket Bombs Pass Over Mystified Stockholm

(By Cable to The New York Times and The Gazette)

Stockholm, August 11.—A swarm of rocket bombs passed over Stockholm at 10 o'clock tonight. The course as usual was from the southeast to the northwest. Reports to the Swedish General Staff stress the bombs as resembling a fireball with a long, luminous tail but some observers have seen a cigar-shaped bomb at 1,500 feet travelling at a rather slow speed. Some even report having seen the bombs crash and the General Staff was working at highest pressure tonight to determine their origin.

Sweden Seen as Target Area

Stockholm, August 11. — (P)—Ghost rockets—mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely-controlled missiles.

Since July 1 newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

In the beginning many believed excited eye-witnesses had seen nothing more ominous than meteors. However, between July 9 and July

12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that time added reports have poured in daily.

Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. Official quarters declined to speculate on the source of the missiles, but it was believed elsewhere that the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears that a missile might do damage in a densely-populated area have not been realized.

Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparations against Sweden, but the people here are puzzled at Sweden's being in a target area when an unlimited amount of uninhabited area must be available for experimentation.