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SWEDISH SEEKING ORIGIN OF ROCKET SHOWER

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12 (B.U.P.) The Swedish Army sent investigators to central Sweden where rockets were reported to have crashed last night during a veritable shower of the mysterious missiles.

The first reports seeping through a military blackout indicated the Army investigators found nothing at the scene of the reported explosions. They gave rise to a theory that the rockets are made of material of which little or nothing is left when they explode in the air.

The strange rockets zoomed through the Swedish skies in greater number than ever before. An Army source said the visitation was regarded as "most serious". He said the time had come for an all-out effort to establish origin of the rockets.

Most unconfirmed theories were that the Russians were experimenting with rockets or flying bombs and German scientists were helping them with their work. The Baltic was the favorite testing zone for the Nazi V-weapons during the war. Peenemunde, village in Pomerania near the Baltic, was one of the Nazis' biggest bases for secret weapons.

Rockets were reported to have crashed at three points or more in central Sweden last night. In dispatching investigators, military authorities hinted that they were seeking information upon which to base protests against firing of the missiles over this country. They refused to go into detail.

The rockets streaked in over Sweden beginning about 9 o'clock last night. Newspapers in south and central Sweden were besieged with calls from alarmed and curious citizens. Hundreds of callers reported the passage of the comet-like objects within an hour's time.

The Army was maintaining a blackout over exactly what happened. But spokesmen who declined to be identified made it plain that high authorities were coming around to the view that a showdown might as well be sought in the rocket firing which has been going on for weeks.

Witnesses said that one of last night's rockets passed directly over Stockholm and exploded north of the city. An editor of the newspaper Aftonbladet, one of the many persons who reported seeing it related: "A brilliant light suddenly appeared on the southern horizon on a straight course at an altitude of some 800 feet. Although it could be seen sharply against the dark night sky, a determination of its size and construction was impossible because of its blinding, sparkling tail of blue fire."

60 Feet in Length

A Swedish Air Force lieutenant, after seeing one of the rockets in central Sweden, estimated the length of the body at some 60 feet. He said it was shaped like a cigar, with a bluish-green and the sides white. It moves "terribly fast" at a low altitude, he said.

Many experts think the things which crashed in Sweden were not bombs, but the accumulation of what is left of propulsion material, with the rockets themselves being radio-directed back to base after a tour of Sweden.