Northern Lights Present Vivid Display Over City

One of the most spectacular displays of the aurora borealis in the last decade was visible last night, beginning shortly after sundown, over a wide section of New York State and Canada. The skies above the metropolitan area were ablaze with color, the display being particularly vivid to watchers in Westchester County and Long Island.

George V. Plachy, executive secretary of the Amateur Astronomers Association, who lives in Woodhaven, Queens, reported that from his vantage point 75 per cent of the total color and activity of the lights was concentrated during most of the evening in the northwest and west. He said the predominant color was red, with "arches," "curtains" and "streamers" of light sweeping the heavens.

The local Weather Bureau said it had received many telephone calls for information on the phenomenon.