

AURORA PUTS ON DISPLAY IN NORTHERN SKY

A spectacular display of red and greenish-white lights in the northern sky, a phenomenon known as the northern lights or aurora borealis, was observed last night by thousands of Chicagoans.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica cites two theories to account for the borealis. One is that the cause lies in negative particles shot off by the sun and caught in the magnetic field of the earth. The second is that alpha particles with a positive charge come from radioactive substances in the sun.

The aurora borealis blacked out radio communications last night between the United States and the rest of the world. In Canada, the weather bureau in Vancouver described the display as "one of the most spectacular in recent years." Telecommunication circuits all across Canada were disrupted.