

Skies Brilliant in Northern Lights Display

Skies glowed with brilliant red light in desert and mountain areas north of Los Angeles last night as nature staged one of its most spectacular displays of aurora borealis, or northern lights, in half a century.

The display was continent-wide, being seen from Boston and New York to the State of Washington and as far south as Nashville and Tulsa.

While the lights were not visible from Los Angeles proper, they were seen from points as close as Mt. Wilson and Big Bear.

Fire Suspected

In many areas the entire northern horizon was colored a fiery red. The lights rose halfway to the zenith, silhouetting mountains to the north.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies checked for possible fires until an airplane in the area reported the sheet of color was from northern lights.

At Big Bear, Barstow and Bishop, the lights began to glow faintly pink about dusk then became a brilliant red.

The great display heavily affected such earthly affairs as radio transmissions and teletype wires.