

## **Aurora Borealis lights the sky**

It was hardly the end of the world but many Chicago residents who bombarded newspapers, radio and television stations, and police departments with calls last night were startled by the splashes of green and yellow lights in the northern sky. It was nothing more than the well known **Aurora Boreales** sometimes known as "northern lights."

A spokesman for the National Weather Service explained that the northern lights are actually visible many nights of the year

in Chicago if one looks for them, but they were particularly brilliant last night because of a clear sky and recent solar storm.

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environmental Laboratory in Boulder, Colo., said the solar storm caused the earth to be bombarded by an almost continuous shower of energetic atomic particles and greatly enhanced radiation from the sun.