

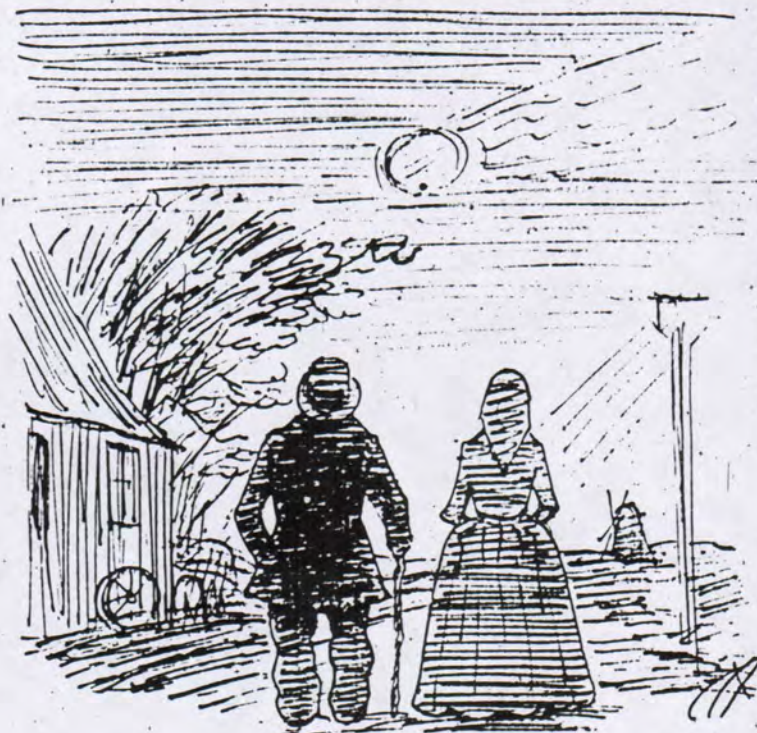
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Dagens Ærbødigt

Det meddeles fra Høng, at man har observeret en af de mystiske Spøgelsesraketter over Byen.

Man blev lidt opskræmt i Høng forleden. Der opstod Uro i Menigheden. Det var, som om en stor Meteor i en Bue hen over Egnen fo'r.

Man tænkte straks paa disse Raketter, der farer saa mystisk i lyse Nætter af Sted som en lysende Stjernesol, som om den var indsvøbt i Staniol.



En Uhyggestemning bli'r der tilbage ved saadan en lysende Spøgelsesdrage, der farer forbi i de særeste Slyng. Men man kan vist være rolig i Høng.

Det var ikke en Stormagt, i Færd med at ruste. Det var en af de landskendte Høng'ske Oste, der var blevet lidt for levende igen og tog sig en Tur over Tagene hen.

Ærbødigt

„Spøgelsesraket“ over Sjælland

En iagttagelse paa Slagelse-Egnen Lørdag Eftermiddag

Fra vor Korrespondent

SLAGELSE, MANDAG AFTEN

De mystiske „Spøgelsesraketter“, der i den sidste Tid gentagne Gange har vist sig over Sverige og givet Anledning til mange Gisninger i hele Verdenspressen, synes nu ogsaa at skulle iagttages fra Danmark.

I Høng Nord for Slagelse saa flere af Beboerne saaledes Lørdag Eftermiddag en blank, sølvglinsende Genstand af Form som et Projektil, der med stor

Hastighed gled over den klare, blaa Himmel med Retning fra Syd-Øst mod Nord-Vest.

Dette skete meget hurtigt, formentlig i Løbet af ca. 10 Sekunder, og ingen af Øjenvidnerne var i Stand til at redagere for Enkelthederne i det overraskende Syn. Iagttagelserne med Hensyn til Tidspunkt og Udseende stemmer imidlertid nøje overens, og der var Enighed om, at der ikke kunde være Tale om nogen Flyvemaskine, ligesom der heller ikke viste sig Ild eller Røg i Forbindelse med Fænomenet i Modsetning til, hvad der var Tilfældet i de Legemer, der har været iagttaget over Sverige. Maa ske skyldes dette den skarpe Middagssol, men det taler afgjort til Gunst for Iagttagernes nøjagtige Syn, at ingen har udstyret „Projektillet“ med Omstændigheder, som paa Forhaand var kendt fra svenske Fortilsælde.

Berlingske Tidende
Copenhagen Denmark
July 30, 1946

New York Times

Aug 21 1946

DOOLITTLE, SARNOFF STIR SWEDISH TALK

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20—Two United States experts on aerial warfare, Gen. James Doolittle and David Sarnoff, arrived in Stockholm today, apparently independent of each other. The official explanation is that General Doolittle, who is now vice president of the Shell Oil Company, is inspecting Shell branch offices in Europe and selling oil and gasoline, while General Sarnoff, who is president of the Radio Corporation of America and a former member of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's London staff, is studying the market for radio equipment.

The two men arrive here as reports on "phantom bombs" are more numerous than ever. The Chief of the Swedish Defense Staff, Col. C. R. S. Kempf, said tonight he was extremely interested in asking the two generals' advice and, if possible, would place all available reports before them.

General Doolittle, who arrived from Oslo, where he saw King Haakon of Norway, said on his arrival that he was merely on a business trip but was willing to place his knowledge and experience at the disposal of Swedish authorities in case they wanted his advice. He pointed out that it had been possible in England during the war to detect the range of German planes, the place where they took off and their height. He was highly surprised that the Swedes had not yet found a trace of a rocket and also that no theory had been advanced.

General Sarnoff said definitely that it was possible today by means of radar to detect the range, height and even the place from which rockets are fired. He said he was willing to give advice if the Swedes wanted it.

New York Times

Aug. 22, 1946

DOOLITTLE CONSULTED BY SWEDES ON BOMBS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 21—Swedish authorities consulted Gen. James H. Doolittle today on the mystery missiles that have been coming over Sweden. General Doolittle met the commander of the Swedish Air Force and several of his staff to discuss the phantom bombs and he read the reports that the Swedish General Staff had received.

Simultaneously a spokesman for the Swedish Defense Staff stated that the Swedes had obtained "certain results with radar, which registered the presence of bombs over the country."

Registrations were made during days when reports on the bombs were most numerous. It is believed that in the near future they will reveal the type and identity of the bomb.

General Doolittle said he was unable to make any statement, as it was up to the Swedes to publish anything about military happenings in their country.

A Swedish spokesman said that action had been discussed and certain new measures suggested.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Aug. 21—The Swedish Government, in an effort to trace the source of rockets that have been falling on Swedish territory over the last three months, has approached Great Britain with a view to buying radar equipment.

At the moment British experts are demonstrating radar to Swedish emissaries and there is not much doubt that a deal will be made and that both equipment and operators will be shipped to Sweden in the near future.

Washington Post

Aug. 12, 1946

Swedes Count 'Ghost' Rockets By Hundreds

Stockholm, Aug. 11 (AP).—Ghost rockets—mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

Since July 1, newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

Between July 9 and July 12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that time reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. It is believed the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparation against Sweden.

In general, the ghost rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great height and vanishes within a few seconds. Eyewitnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 600 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

There is no comparison, however, with the rocket bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square. The bottom of the object appeared to have been painted red, eyewitnesses said. Some observed these missiles flying extremely low.

Washington Post

Aug. 10, 1946

Phantom Rockets Zip Over Sweden

Stockholm, Aug. 9.—A phantom rocket which a foreign power, presumably Russia, has been shooting

over Sweden almost daily since late June, exceeds 875 miles hourly, and has been seen at points of nothern Sweden 1500 kilometers from Peenemunde, the probable launching site, it was learned today.

Thus they are of considerably longer range than the German V-bombs which did not exceed 500 kilometers. Close examination of the burst fragments by the Swedish defense staff revealed little. But a government spokesman said that he is still in doubt whether they emanated from rockets. There is no longer any doubt, however, that Sweden has become the testing ground for the new weapon and that the matter has entered upon a new and serious stage.

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London Daily Telegraph

Aug 7 1946

SWEDEN'S 300 ROCKET REPORTS

SOUTHERN APPROACH

From Our Own Correspondent
STOCKHOLM, Tuesday.

Reports that radio-controlled rockets which cross Swedish territory generally come from the south and leave in an easterly direction were confirmed to-day in a statement by the Swedish Defence Staff.

The announcement declares that the majority of nearly 300 reports of rockets are probably exaggerated, but enough reliable evidence remains to enable the conclusion to be drawn that some rockets are being sent.

No rocket parts have been found, but eye-witness accounts indicate types similar to German and other radio rockets known to have been completed at the end of the war.

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London Daily Telegraph
Aug. 17 1946

LIGHTNING LED TO "V" REPORT

From Our Own Correspondent
STOCKHOLM Friday.

Window panes were broken in Tromso, South-West Sweden, to-day, by an explosion which was at first thought to be due to a rocket projectile.

Meteorological authorities consulted by the Swedish Defence Staff, however, considered that the incident was due to lightning. 17-8-46

Spökraket sågs över Köpenhamn

Från Dagens Nyheter's Köpenhamns-
korrespondent.

KÖPENHAMN, torsdag.

En spökraket observerades vid 19-tiden på torsdagen över Köpenhamn. Den gick från söder till norr och dess hastighet uppges ha varit betydligt långsammare än ett flygplan. Höjden uppskattades till 4.000—5.000 m. Saken har inrapporterats till Ost-Själlands marindistrikt. Santidligt har Nationaltidende anordnat en tävling för danska amatörfotografer att ta den bästa bilden av en spökraket. Tävlingen har utlovat 500 kr. till tävlingvinnaren.

F. H.

London Daily
Telegraph
Aug 22 1946

London Daily Telegraph
Aug 31 1946

BRITAIN TO SEND RADAR TO SWEDEN

By A Diplomatic Correspondent

The Swedish Government has asked Britain to supply radar equipment for plotting the flight of rocket projectiles which have been reported to be crossing Swedish territory. Britain has agreed, and is also sending technicians to train Swedish personnel in the use of radar.

The Swedish Defence Staff confirmed two weeks ago that the rockets were radio-controlled and that they generally came from the south and left in an easterly direction.

Rocket 'Hush-hush'

To prevent technical information from being obtained from the firing of rockets over Denmark, the Danish Government has asked newspapers not to name areas where the missiles have been seen, said A.P. yesterday. Only the words "Northern," "Central," "Eastern" should be used.

London Times
Aug. 7 1946

SWEDISH INQUIRY INTO "GHOST ROCKETS"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6

A preliminary report on investigations by the Swedish defence staff of the "ghost rockets" observed in many parts of the country during recent weeks was issued to-day. It states that there is evidence that radio-controlled rockets, possibly of various types, are being directed across Swedish territory, though in small numbers. No rocket parts, however, have been found so far. The missiles usually come from the south and are travelling eastward when they leave Sweden. The announcement adds that the results of the inquiry cannot yet be regarded as conclusive.

London Daily
Telegraph
Aug. 13, 1946

ROCKETS OVER SWEDEN AGAIN

DAILY TELEGRAPH

SEARCH FOR SOURCE

STOCKHOLM, Monday.

Troops to-day started thorough investigations in Central Sweden following reports of the fall of more rockets, it is learned. Many are reported to have been seen flying over Sweden from the south last night.

Observers said that to-day's investigations may supply the authorities with sufficient information to tell them the exact source of the missiles.

They added that there was reason to believe that a statement may be issued shortly. It would be followed by a strong protest to "a certain foreign Power."

Several rockets have been seen from Mariehamn, on the Aaland Islands, between Sweden and Finland, it is revealed. They were similar to those seen over Sweden.—B.U.P.

13.8.46

London Daily Telegraph
Aug 15 1946

ROCKET PARTS FOUND IN SWEDEN

From Our Own Correspondent
STOCKHOLM, Wednesday.

Mr. Hansson, the Swedish Prime Minister, said to-day that Sweden had not yet made a demarche to any foreign Government about the "ghost rockets" which have been reported over the country because the nature and origin of the missiles was still uncertain.

Swedish military authorities were investigating to-day what are believed to be the metal parts of rockets which were seen to explode recently. One of the metal pieces is said to be about six inches long and to bear fragments of letters and figures from manufacture markings.

DAILY TELEGRAPH

Daily Post

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NORWAY BANS DISCUSSION OF ROCKETS

REPORTS FOR HIGH COMMAND ONLY

From OSSIAN GOULDING,

Daily Telegraph Special Correspondent

OSLO, Friday.

The discussion of the flight of rockets over Scandinavia has been dropped in the Norwegian newspapers since Wednesday.

On that day the Norwegian General Staff issued a memorandum to the Press asking it not to make any mention of the appearance of rockets over Norwegian territory but to pass on all reports to the Intelligence Department of the High Command.

Military security and political nervousness appear to be responsible, in equal proportions, for this measure. In Sweden the ban is limited to any mention of where the rockets have been seen to land or explode.

Two of the projectiles have been seen over Oslo during the past week, and two are reliably reported to have landed in Lake Mjoesen, north of the city. Unfortunately the lake is too deep for the authorities to be able to hold out any hope of dredging the pieces.

The Norwegian military authorities, while disturbed and keenly interested in being the first to secure a complete model, know considerably less about the rockets than Swedish experts.

"NEW EXPLOSIVE" THEORY

The Swedes' latest theory is that the rockets may contain a new explosive which dissolves the missile into small particles of dust when its range is exhausted.

Swedish radar has recorded that in many cases the rockets' flight has ended abruptly in the area in which a puzzling explosion has been reported approximately at the same time. Yet on searching with special metal detecting equipment, they have been unable to discover even the smallest fragment.

31.8.46

Sweden Sees Phantom Rockets 930 Miles From Peenemuende

Missiles, Presumably Launched by Russians at German Base, Have Much Longer Range Than Nazi V-Bombs; Speed Reported 875 MPH

By Homer Bigart

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STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9.—Phantom rockets which a foreign power, presumably Soviet Russia, has been shooting over Sweden almost daily since late June have been seen at points of northern Sweden,

930 miles from Peenemuende, Germany, the probable launching site, it was learned today. (Peenemuende is near the Baltic coast of Pomerania, less than 100 miles from Sweden.)

These rockets are of considerably longer range than the German V-bombs, which did not shoot more than 310 miles. Close examination of the burst fragments by the Swedish defense staff has revealed little. A government spokesman said he is still in doubt whether the missiles emanated from rockets.

There is no longer any doubt, however, that Sweden has become the testing ground for the new weapon, which is said to have a speed of 875 miles an hour, and that the matter has entered upon a new and serious stage. Release of a photograph of a rocket by the Swedish defense staff two days ago convinced all Stockholm newspapers except the Communist "Ny Dag" and the liberal "Expressen" that the rockets are a reality.

The reaction of the Communist paper is particularly interesting. Hinting that the photograph was faked, the "Ny Dag" said there was nothing to prove the rockets were not American, and added in an attempt at humor that "in a few weeks their foremost long-distance bombing expert, General Doolittle, will visit Sweden on an urgent errand."

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Rockets

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course of the projectiles. They come in over the southeast coast of Sweden in an arc-shaped course, veering eastward.

Whether the rockets change direction is still disputed. An air force officer said he saw one flying south over central Sweden Tuesday night at a height of 1,500 to 3,000 feet.

The Swedish press continues to speculate on the motives of "serious violation of the country's territorial integrity." The Stockholm "Morgontidningen" said: "Intrusiveness must not be allowed to continue."

Few papers so far have named Russia. The theory that Russia is using the bombs as a psychological weapon to obtain easier terms on the trade agreement with Sweden is explored in "Aftonbladet" and "Aftontidningen."

"Aftonbladet" finds it "difficult to suspect Moscow of such a mad thing," and says the campaign would have quite the opposite effect.

"Aftontidningen" recalls that Sweden entered upon trade negotiations long before the rockets were seen, and nervously concludes, "Our policy must be to reject any siding with one or other bloc of powers; and we must realize that neutrality must be an armed one."

Nazi Research Center

Peenemuende was a site of rocket research by the Nazis during the war. Experimentation on the V-bomb was carried on there by several hundred experts. Although bombed by the Royal Air Force during the closing months of the war, Peenemuende was not damaged beyond repair. According to a former Wehrmacht rocket expert who now lives in Frankfurt am Main, the rocket-launching site were untouched when he and the entire staff were evacuated from the Baltic experimental station in the last weeks of the war.

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Sweden Sees New War Hint

Object Lesson For West Is Opinion of Others

By DONALD BELL

NEW YORK (ONA)—Throughout the Middle Ages, our European ancestors believed that the appearance of a comet was a bad omen foreboding imminent war.

Nations today are not so superstitious. The Scandinavian peoples are especially noted for their excellent education and scientific training, but when the Swedes anxiously scan the sky each night to discover whether some mysterious body is travelling through the air, leaving a giant-tail of fire, they cannot help thinking of war.

THE LUMINOUS bodies crossing the Swedish skies during recent weeks and months were too frequent to be classified as meteoric swarms. They always came from the same direction—the South—and they exploded somewhere in mid-air without leaving a trace.

The Swedes remember that similar symptoms were observed a few years ago when the Germans were experimenting with their V-weapons. But at that time, these celebrated bodies did not travel so far to the North. And they did not completely disappear. Fragments were found, revealing that this was not a bombardment from beyond

the stratosphere, but that German rockets, shot from the scientific station at Peenemuende on the German shores of the Baltic Sea, found their way to Swedish soil.

WHEN THE Russians occupied Peenemuende, the German rockets over Sweden disappeared. But a year later, they came back, or that is at least the generally accepted explanation for the symptoms now worrying the Swedes.

It seems that the new rockets have a much greater range than their predecessors. If the Swedish reports are correct, despite the fact that they are unofficial and that Swedish military authorities refuse to reveal details, the new rockets have a range of between 600 and 900 miles.

THESE MISSILES have no explosive warhead, and they consequently can cause damage only by accident, that is to say, by a direct hit. They have some internal mechanism for complete self-destruction so that no Swedish scientist may reconstruct the original missiles.

It is understandable that the Swedes are getting nervous. As things stand at this moment, there is only one explanation for the strange appearances in the Swedish

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 Daily News
 Sept 16 1946*

Portugal Spots Ball of Flame

LISBON, Sept. 15—(AP)—Residents of Portugal's Alemtejo Province reported seeing at dawn today a strange bluish ball of light in the sky and speculated that it might have been an aerial weapon.

It appeared to descend slowly over Casabranca station, then suddenly changed its course southwards. It was visible for over five minutes.

In the last few months there have been many reports of "rockets" over Sweden, France and Greece. Most of the reports have come from Sweden, where the supposed missiles never have been satisfactorily explained.

The Milwaukee Journal - Sep 13, 1946

French Report Seeing Strange 'Lights in Sky'

Nancy, France—(AP)—Mysterious "lights in the sky" were reported streaking over Lorraine Thursday night by inhabitants of the region, and the French news agency quoted them as saying the objects could not possibly have been either shooting stars or fast moving airplanes. The first reports came several days ago from Longwy.

*Kingston Jamaica
 Daily Gleaner
 Sept 14 1946*

Mystery Lights

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Rockets

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skies: the Russians have resumed the experimental work at Peenemuende, they have improved the rockets which were invented by the Germans and they have succeeded in constructing a new weapon which travels with incredible rapidity and explodes at enormous distances, as far distant from the German Baltic coast as Lapland in Northern Scandinavia.

THIS IS a technical explanation of the phenomenon. But here begins the political mystery. It would have been easy for the Russians to remove all the scientific installations from Peenemuende and to rebuild the whole apparatus at some remote place in Siberia where nobody could have discovered what was going on. It is axiomatic that the Russians prefer to conceal their military preparations from an interested world. They certainly are anxious to hide new weapons when they are still in an experimental stage. Why, then, did they abandon their principle of secrecy in the case of Sweden.

IT IS FEARED in Stockholm that the Russians are trying to exert pressure on Sweden, possibly to secure better terms in the pending trade negotiations, and possibly even in preparation for political demands in the near future.

But that seem unlikely, for no Soviet general would propose to conquer a thinly populated country like Sweden with rocket bombs or similar weapons. The Red Army stands near enough to Swedish territory to wage a conservative-style war of occupation, especially since the Finnish barrier no longer exists in a military sense. Russian land power is quite sufficient to impress all Scandinavian nations. The Norwegians, for instance, are very careful at the Paris Conference not to incite the wrath of their Eastern neighbors.

IT IS, HOWEVER, just this state of affairs which may explain the swarms of Russian rockets over Swedish territory. Let us assume for a moment that the Russians have diplomatic reasons for informing the world of their progress in rocket weapons. They could then invite foreign observers to some place in Siberia, as we invited many nations to attend our Bikini

tests. But it would be politically unwise to send out such invitations without demonstrating something very new and startling.

In other words, if and when the Soviets intend to and are capable of showing an atom bomb of their own, the invitation would be worthwhile and would have the proper diplomatic effect. Otherwise, the demonstration would prove to be more of an anti-climax to foreign observers.

If the Russians, however, want to inform the British that another war might destroy London and Liverpool even if it were not an atomic war, the Russians must dispatch their missiles to some spot where the whole world can look and watch. It would create a highly unpleasant situation if such rockets should appear, let us say, over Paris or London. Britain and France would be aroused and not simply intimidated. As a result, they might quickly orientate themselves toward the United States and form the bloc that the Soviets are trying to prevent.

A WEAK NATION like Sweden might protest, and the Russians would then stop their experiments. But Sweden could not join a Western bloc in order to protect herself against an overwhelming power in the East. And the test would have achieved what they had been intended to do: to warn Western Europe against over-confidence in a new weapon, the atomic bomb.

The Russians obviously believe in the doctrine of Count Schlieffen, the leading German military theoretician of the beginning of this century, who said that all modern nations have equal chances in the construction of new weapons. The Soviet observer at the Bikini tests, Professor Simon Peter Alexandrov, said only a few days ago that "the Soviet Government is planning some time to have a demonstration of the atomic bomb; I was sent to Bikini to see how it was carried out." He added that the Russian A-bomb would be ready "in a measurable time."

The Swedish mystery may be intended to remind Western Europe of the Schlieffen doctrine that all modern nations are more or less equals in so far as science and technique are concerned.

Albert Lea, Mn.
Evening Tribune
Sept 13 1946

Mysterious Lights Shoot Over Lorraine

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GHOST ROCKETS SHOWER SWEDEN FROM BALTIC

Stockholm, Aug. 12, (AP)— Swedish military authorities plan to publish within the next few days a communiqué on an investigation they have been making of the "ghost rockets" that have been streaking daily over Sweden since early June, leaving little doubt that the country has become an experimental target range.

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Sault Out Daily Star
Wednesday, August 14, 1946
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Near Casualty By Ghost Rocket

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The newspaper Aftonbladet said yesterday that two "ghost rockets" were observed in Sweden Monday and that one of them almost caused casualties. A couple boating on a lake in central Sweden were nearly hit by a diving bomb which burst into many parts and disappeared beneath the water, the newspaper said.

Ghost Bomb Explodes Over Swedish Lake

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The newspaper Aftonbladet said yesterday that a "ghost bomb," bursting over a Swedish lake, had nearly caused casualties and criticized military authorities for their failure to explain the nature of the missiles, which have been reported almost daily by observers for the last two months.

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The paper also reported that a rocket had been observed near Goeteborg by a group of boy scouts, who saw the flying missile turn and then return to its original course.

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In retort Aftonbladet said "it ought to be possible to state whether they are meteors or not, and if they are rockets, one should be caught."

The paper added that if they were rockets and of Russian origin, as has been suggested, there were two possible explanations for their appearance over Sweden:

1. "Sweden is systematically being dotted in on a Russian artillery map."
2. "Sweden is being used as an object of demonstration, directed not at us, but to the big world."

Aug 13, 1946
Sault Out Daily Star

"Ghost Rockets" Destroy Themselves

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—A trained observer described in the Stockholm Aftonbladet yesterday how a "ghost rocket" he saw Sunday exploded in a blinding one-second flash after it had stopped in the air and began to drop to the ground. His description seemed to bear out previous reports that the rockets are equipped with self-destruction devices which account for failure to find trace of them. Military officials believe Sweden is in a target area for experiments with remotely controlled missiles apparently sent from the German Baltic coast.

North Bay Ont. Daily Nugget
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'Ghost Rockets' Face Exposure

Sweden Plans Publication on Missiles Flying Daily Over Land

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"Spökbomberna" börjar krevera

Vid 22-tiden på söndagen iaktogs åter en rymdprojektil i Köpenhamns norra omgivningar. Till skillnad från de föregående framkallade den starka explosioner, vilka utlöste stora eld-kulor. Farten var som ett långsamt gående flygplan.

HELSINGFORS, måndag.

TT. I lördags morse iakttog man från Järnvägsstationen i Träskilöden några Helsingfors en spökraket, som flög i ost-västlig riktning. Höjden var ungefär 500 meter, och raketen om-gavs av ett klart sken, som påminde om en magnetlamblixt.

Spökbombkrevad även över Mellanaverga.

Även över en mellanaverga stad iaktogs omkring kl. 23 natten till tisdagen en luftkrevad som ett par observatörer antog vara en exploderande "spökbomb". Fenomenet hade utacandet av ett blåvitt intensivt ljus, som gick fram ett kort stycke i vägrikt riktning och därpå försvann. Ungefär fem sekunder efteråt hördes en skarp knall som av ett avlångt kanonkott.

«Spøkelsesrakett» over Nord-Jylland

Eksploderte i et veldig lyshav.

KØBENHAVN I GAR

(NTB fra RB). En lysende «spøkelsesrakett» ble sett over en liten by i det nordlige Jylland i går kveld. Et merkelig gulaktig lys farget husene i landsbyen ved 21.30-tiden i går, og i neste øyeblikk suste en lysende gjenstand innover byen og eksploderte i et veldig lyshav som så ut som et tusentallig stjerneskudd. I neste sekund høstes et veldig brak. Også i det østlige Danmark kunne en observere en rakett, men denne gikk meget høyt.

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Guided Mystery Rockets Showering Sweden

By Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11—Ghost rockets — mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

Since July 1, newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

In the beginning many believed excited eyewitnesses had seen nothing more ominous than meteors. However, between July 9 and July 12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that

time added reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues.

Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so the senders would not be provided with important data. Official quarters declined to speculate on the source of the missiles, but it was believed elsewhere the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears

that a missile might do damage in a densely populated area have not been realized.

The Stockholm Tidningen labeled a recent editorial "ghost rockets and future war," and said the appearance of the missiles pointed up a necessity for preparedness.

In general, the ghost rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great heights and vanishes within a few seconds. Eyewitnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Newspapers recently carried a picture of the rocket, secured accidentally by a cameraman who was photographing a landscape.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military personnel have been busily dredging a small lake in Lapland.

Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 600 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

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GHOST ROCKETS GIVE SWEDEN THE JITTERS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13.—(UP)—Another "mystery rocket" reportedly zoomed over southern Sweden last night and anxious citizens urged the government to determine immediately what country is responsible for filling Swedish skies with the man-made meteors.

A spokesman for the Swedish defense staff said people throughout the nation apparently had been "seized by a real ghost-bomb psychosis" and that preliminary investigations had proved useless.

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter

said the latest missile was observed moving across southern Sweden from the northwest last night.

"Shaped like a giant torpedo and emitting a blinding light from its foremost part, it moved soundlessly with great speed and at a high altitude," the newspaper said.

Similar "cigar-shaped" missiles were sighted Sunday over central Sweden. Still another rocket was reported at two different points along the east coast of southern Norrland Sunday night.

Informed sources said government officials were watching all developments closely and were waiting for "supplementary" evidence upon which to base possible diplomatic protests. Press comment indicated the government might be forced to take "resolute steps" to clear up the situation.

Rumors circulated that the Russians were experimenting with rockets and flying bombs, possibly in Estonia on the Baltic, but there was no confirmation from Swedish (Please turn to Page 9, Col. 3)

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army officials who have been conducting secret investigations.

Two fishermen on the southeastern coast said they saw a large rocket come out of the northern sky Sunday night and disappear southward over the Baltic sea. Other reports said the rocket observed Sunday night moved from south to north.

In middle Norrland, a farmer reported seeing a rocket explode at a low altitude—just over a river. He said the rocket "disappeared." Searchers could find none of the remains.

Defense staff officials said many of the "reports" may be "pure flights of the imagination." Some witnesses of rocket crashes have been unable to designate the exact spot. Others, however, have removed all doubt that the missiles were rockets, officials said.

A veritable shower of the "mystery rocket" was reported Sunday night. Officials said it was still impossible to determine just how many were sighted. Some observers said the total probably was no greater than on other occasions, but that the display came later in the day and could be seen more clearly against the sunless sky.

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ROCKET KILLS SWEDEN AIRMEN

MILITARY PLANE HITS GHOST BOMB IN AIR

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14.—(UP)—Sweden declared an open season on unidentified rockets today as three airmen were reported killed in a head-on crash with one of the missiles.

Government authorities prepared a nationwide "rocket-hunting" program and alerted all military units, air bases and radar stations to be on the lookout for the cigar-shaped "ghost bombs."

The newspaper Aftenbladet quoted "investigators" as reporting that three fliers were killed yesterday when their military reconnaissance plane crashed into a rocket near Vaggeryd, in southern Sweden. The dispatch said radio contact with the plane was broken just before the crash and that the front of the ship was "completely crushed" by the impact.

Witnesses have reported seeing the rockets change their course in mid-air and one informed source said it was known that they were radio-controlled.

One reliable source said the Swedish defense staff had learned that some of the rockets cruised in a wide semi-circle over southern Sweden. He said it was believed the missiles possibly proceeded over Finland, towards the Russian Kola peninsula.

Earlier reports said most of the bombs went from south to north, but one "witness" reported sighting an opposite flight.

Investigators have indicated that the rockets destroy themselves after falling. No fragments have been found, despite the large number of missiles reportedly seen in flight.

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France Sees Rocket Streaks

PARIS (AP)—Residents of Chatillon-sur-Seine in Burgundy said today they had seen "enormous projectiles" racing across the sky, trailing orange-red lights and emitting piercing whistles every night for the last week.

Paris newspapers speculated whether these were flying bomb experiments similar to those reported in Sweden, or meteors.

Chatillon-sur-Seine is northwest of Dijon. (The direction of flight was not indicated in this dispatch.)