

Red Rocket May Be Visible Over Isles

Islanders may get a good look tonight or tomorrow at the rocket which launched Russia's first Sputnik.

The satellite's rocket will pass over Hawaii at 7:04 tonight in the east, Dr.

CLOUDS MAY HIDE VIEW OF ROCKET

Cloudy weather may obscure the rocket of Sputnik I tonight, because of the angle of the rocket's position, a U.S. Weather Bureau spokesman said.

The best chance of seeing the rocket from Hawaii will be tomorrow evening, he said, when the rocket is almost overhead and not likely to be blanketed by clouds.

Walter Steiger, head of the Territory's moonwatch team, said today.

The rocket will be heading southeast.

It will be a bright object, like a star, but will be moving fairly fast, he said.

He estimates that the rocket will

take three to four minutes to cross the sky over Hawaii.

Dr. Steiger received a bulletin yesterday from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory giving data that the rocket will be visible from Hawaii today through Saturday.

The best opportunity for sighting the object will be tomorrow, Dr. Steiger figures.

At 7:15 tomorrow evening the rocket will be passing almost over the Islands, heading southeast, he said.

The time and position of the rocket are "almost perfect" for seeing it in the heavens, he pointed out.

The time and positions of the rocket for the rest of the week are as follows:

Thursday, 6:56 a.m., in the east, heading northeast, and 7:23 p.m. in the far west, heading southeast.

Friday, 7:03 a.m., almost overhead, heading northeast.

Saturday, 7:06 a.m., in the west, heading northeast.

Meanwhile, Moscow Radio said yes-

terday that Sputnik I still was going strong.

But it said the rocket that carried the satellite aloft, and went into orbit at the same time, is expected to drop to destruction in the dense layers of the earth's atmosphere during the first 10 days of December.

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