

THE TUNGUSKA EVENT



TWO OLD PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW TREES KNOCKED DOWN AND BURNED BY THE TUNGUSKA EXPLOSION

At 7:17 A.M. on June 30, 1908, above the Tunguska River in Siberia, Russia, an **explosion five miles up in the atmosphere**, (of an asteroid or comet nucleus), **flattened 850 square miles of forest below**. This was followed by additional shock waves, a firestorm and black **molten metal rain**. The first scientific expedition into the remote area was 19 years later.



RECENT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF TUNGUSKA WITH **WEATHERED TREE TRUNKS**, KNOCKED DOWN A CENTURY AGO, AMID LIVING TREES (BOLOGNA UNIVERSITY)

The *Space Rocks* set of meteoritic specimens that you hold in your hands, includes a black metal raindrop and piece of bark from a spruce tree knocked down by the Tunguska explosion.