

Carbondale's UFO found to be hoax

CARBONDALE, Pa. (AP)— "A gigantic hoax," is the way Carbondale's police chief described a 43-hour ordeal that aroused this eastern Pennsylvania community with talk of possible unidentified flying objects.

The incident which drew thousands of curiosity seekers to the area ended at 2:34 p.m. yesterday when scuba diver Mark Stamey of Auburn, N.Y., retrieved a railroad trainman's lantern from a four-acre silt pond near an abandoned coal breaker.

Sgt. Francis Dottle, the community's acting police chief, showed the faintly lit lantern to the assembled throng of newsmen and later quipped "we have a nice shiny trainman's lantern. It was working."

Later, Dottle had told a newsman, "If I ever find out who the hell threw it in . . ."

The case started early Saturday night when three teen-age boys told Carbondale police they had seen a brightly shining object flash across the sky, and seconds later saw a light shining in the pond. Police discounted the report.

But moments later, sighting of an object that "spun like fireworks on the Fourth of July" was reported at other locations near here and in an adjacent county. Patrolman John Barbaro was dispatched to the scene, and he fired at least four shots at the shining object.

Police tried to retrieve the object with poles Saturday night and early Sunday, but it fell to the bottom of the pond. No other attempts were made until yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, word of the possible UFO spread through the area north of Scranton and hundreds of curiosity seekers arrived Sunday, as well as newsmen and authorities involved with the study of UFOs.

The area was cordoned off with Civil Defense volunteers keeping all but newsmen and the UFO people out. One reporter said the scene was like "a carnival."

Dottle decided yesterday to empty the lake, which was done by pumper fire trucks, and the Talerico Construction Co. transported a large backhoe in from several miles away to dig a channel at the end of the pond.

At 2:24 p.m. diver Stamey and a companion got into a small rubber boat. He swam around the pond underwater once, surfaced, went down for about 30 seconds and came up holding the lantern, still shining.

Dottle had high praise for his men, some of whom he said had been up "two days working on the case." He blamed the news media for blowing the incident out of proportion.

"If they had left us alone, we could have taken care of it quickly," Dottle said.

"But all these people came in . . ."

Matthew Graber, affiliated with the UFO Center in Philadelphia, said "a lot of wind was knocked out of it (the story)" by discovery of the lantern.

"It's quite possible the kids saw a shooting star and saw the glow in the water," Graber continued. "They did lose sight of the thing for a few seconds."



Photos by Steven Adkins McCurry

'Come into our chamber'

NO, IT'S NOT A BLIMP with doors. It is the department of art's MEM Chamber, now featuring the documentary "On the Road To Dingman's Ferry." The chamber uses slide projectors, television and quadrophonic sound, and seats 60 people at a time, on the floor. The audience enters through rubber doors to see the documentary focusing on the

environmental problems the small Pennsylvania town of Milford now is facing. The presentation was created by Penn State students, faculty and staff, as well as many Milford residents. Showings in the MEM Chamber will continue until Sunday. Admission is free.

Soviets break SALT treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Aviation Week yesterday published a U.S. satellite picture of a Soviet submarine base near Murmansk which it said was camouflaged with huge canvas covers to hide construction work.

The concealment of construction sites for Delta class submarines was only one of a number of Soviet violations of the interim U.S.-Soviet strategic arms agreement and the antiballistic missile treaty, the publication said.

The Pentagon has maintained that "we have no evidence that the Soviets are violating the agreement."

But Sen. James L. Buckley, C.N.Y., now visiting the Soviet Union, said in a speech in New York Oct. 31 that "intelligence agencies are ac-

quiring mounting evidence that will support the charge that the Soviets are utilizing new means of concealment to make it more difficult for U.S. spy satellites to monitor Soviet compliance with the SALT accords."

Aviation Week said: "The U.S. has detected Soviet efforts to conceal with huge canvas covers construction sites for Delta class submarines at Severomorsk, near Murmansk."

"The covers not only prevent an accurate count of the vessels under construction but also deny observation of the submarine-launched ballistic missiles they are being armed with."

The magazine listed these other Soviet arms treaty violations:

— Continued attempts to

jam U.S. electronic equipment used to monitor Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile test activity.

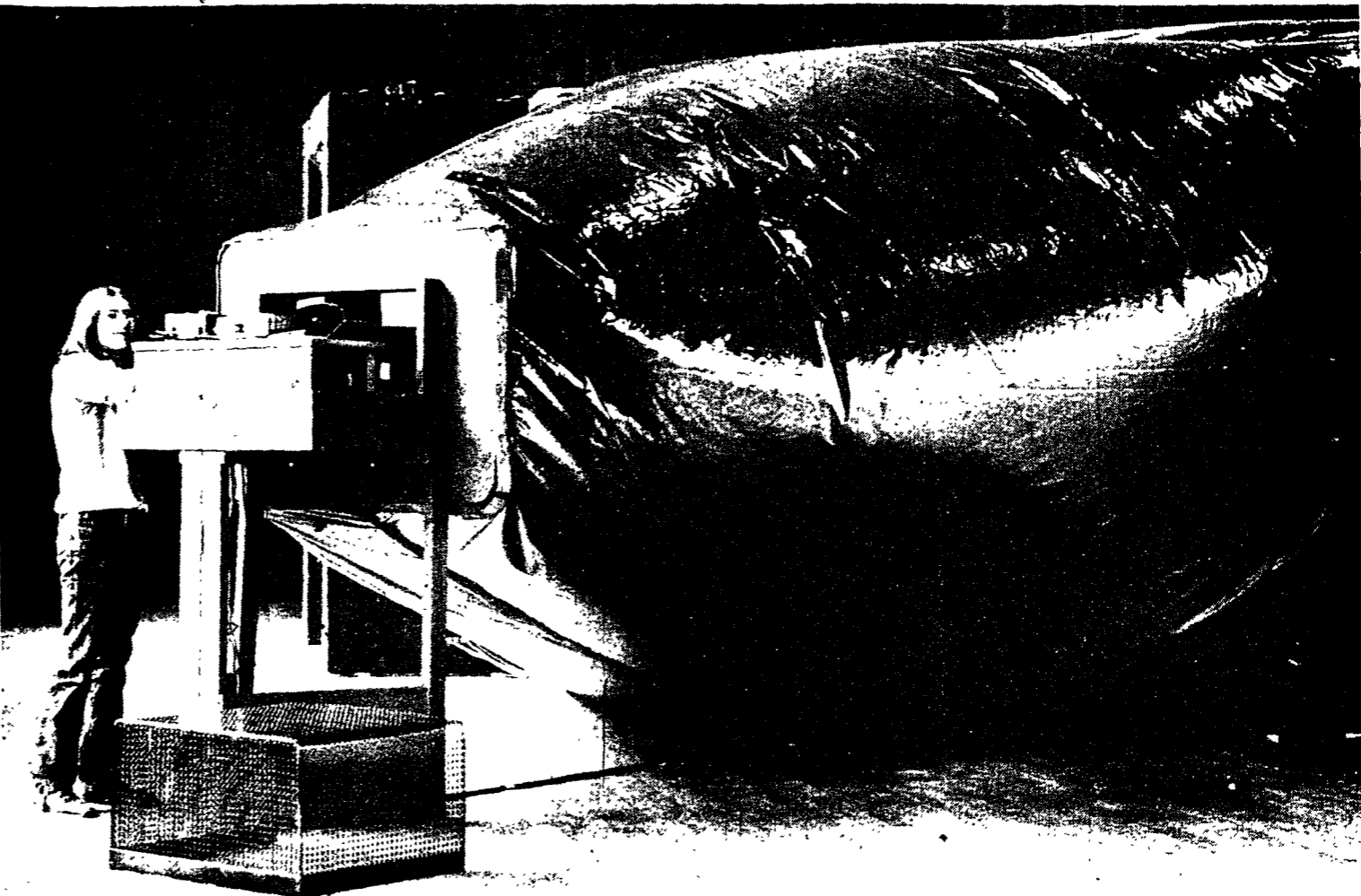
— Concealment of ICBM silos, which the Soviets are falsely labeling command and control centers.

— Increased activity in development of a "transportable ABM anti-ballistic missile phased-array radar" near the Sino-Soviet border.

Aviation Week published a photograph of the Murmansk area taken from an altitude of 567 miles by the U.S. Earth Resources Technology Satellite.

It showed work areas covered "to prevent U.S. reconnaissance satellites from photographing activity there."

"At the same time the Soviets are concealing strategic weapons development from U.S. satellite detection and are jamming monitoring devices; they are calling for major U.S. concessions to withdraw nuclear arms from Europe," the magazine said.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

University Theatre, "Lemon Sky," 8 p.m., Pavilion Theatre.
Gallery Talk on "Living American Artists and the Figure," by William Davis, assistant director of the Museum of Art, 10:30 a.m., Museum of Art.

SEMINARS

Biochemistry, 11:10 a.m., Room 101 Althouse. Dr. Robert C. Krueger, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, on "Nuclear Ribonucleoproteins as Inhibitors of Mammalian Polymerase."
Engineering Acoustics, 4 p.m., Room 71 Willard. Leslie D. Frank on "The Contributions of Bark and Ground Absorptions to the Attenuation of Radiated Vehicle Noise within a Forest."
Physiology, 3:55 p.m., Breazeale Nuclear Reactor. Dr. W. Jester on "Biological Applications of Neutron Activation Analysis."
Psychology, 7:30 p.m., Room 101 Chambers. Dr. James Martin on "Value: Its Place in a Unified Theory of Mind."
Geosciences, 4 p.m., Room 26 Mineral Sciences. Dr. M. L. Keith, geochemistry, on "Plate Tectonics, Ocean Floor Spreading (?), and Submarine Igneous Intrusions."

MEETINGS

ARHS, 7:30 p.m., Room 309 Boucke.
University Faculty Senate, 2:10 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

FILM

Hetzl Union Board, "Search for Ulysses," 11 a.m., HUB assembly room.

EXHIBITS

Museum of Art — Living American Artists and the Figure, Galleries A and C. Twentieth Century Pottery, Gallery B.
Zoller Gallery — Fiftieth Anniversary of the Surrealistic Manifesto, paintings and other art objects. Graduate Show.
Rare Books Room, Pattee Library — Rare books, manuscripts, letters, journals related to Surrealist Movement.
Cultural Center, Walnut Building — "The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, 1770-1800," a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit.
Kern Gallery — Shirley Sturtz, watercolors, drawings.

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