

Carbondale UFO Tur.

aturday, November 9th! It was a 1 night, but nothing could be ler than the wind blowing out of east, the direction from which IT ne over Salem Mountain.

nobody believed the first witness. Calls to the police department ially fell on deaf ears: "It ldn't be what they think. IT must a shooting star or something." nobody would admit the terrible th, that what they had always aded had again come to pass - a tern had been spotted in the skies r Carbondale.

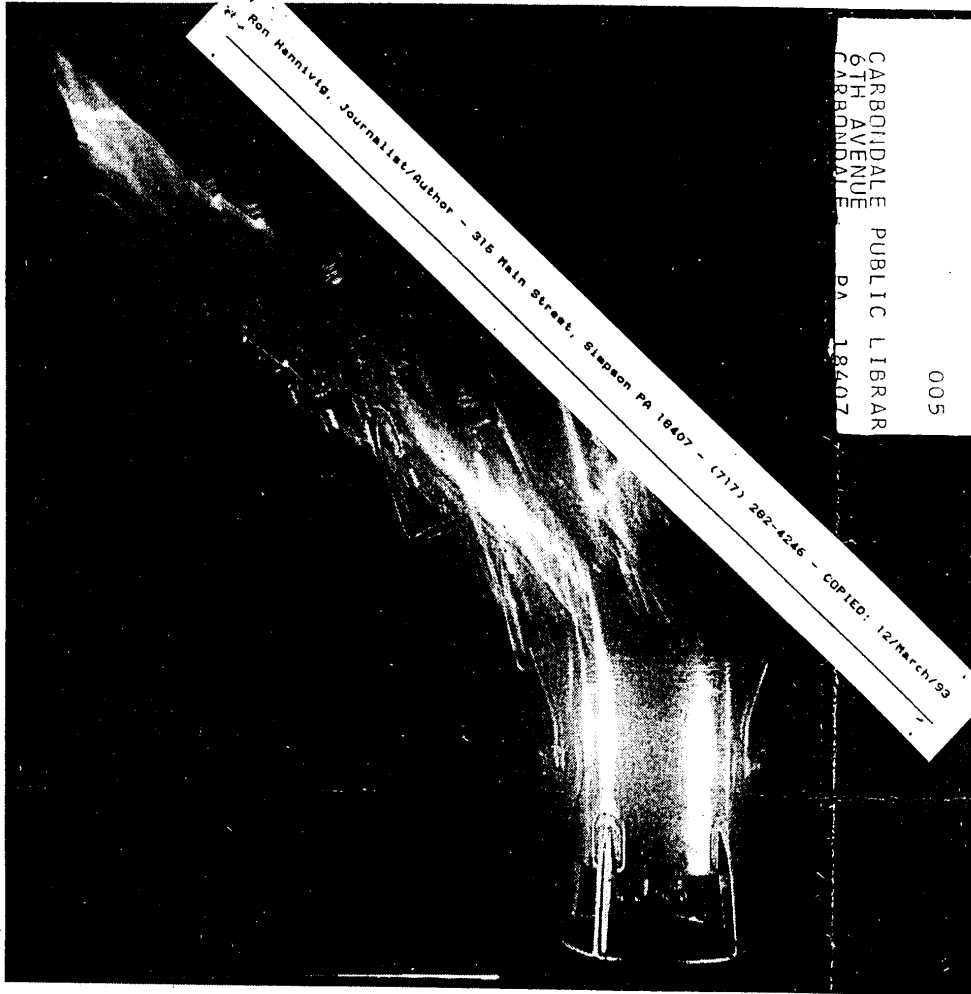
he truth would not, and could not, accepted. Everybody remember- what had happened when the first tern landed back in 1918. Oldtime bondale residents recall with or the fate of Ike Balforio that y night at the No. 4 dam. The ic memories of that incident e too tough to bear. People made uses: IT must be a flash light in a le, or something, but not a tern!" "God help us if IT is!" ut the calls became too icious to ignore. It soon became too obvious that a Lantern had e again made its precarious earance over the Pioneer City. only thing that could be hoped now was that a landing had not a accomplished.

hat hope was dashed against the n-strewn shores of a silt pond ind Russell Park, as anxious s reported the sighting of a ing glow from beneath the es of the tiny body of water. The v was said to dim, and then to then, in regular and repeating rvals.

arious citizens rushed to the site as terrified observers fled the a after seeing the mysterious v in the pond. Several witnesses ar that a police officer fired his l at the bizarre source of nination in a futile effort to nguish IT, although acting chief olice Francis Dottle contends to day that no shots were ever l.

expert on UFOs who rushed to scene from his office in udsburg expressed relief that of the bullets struck whatever as that was emanating the light. IT is a lantern, and we don't v that for certain yet, you never v what the reaction might be to a aliber slug," said the unidentifi- expert. The elderly but still getic expert expressed doubt, ever, that the object was a ern "It's not normal for Lantern alsate at the frequent intervals h this one is exhibiting, but we t be certain until we recover

he glow lasted for a reported nine s, leading to speculation that if ally was a Lantern then surely



ONE LANTERN LANDING— For all those who missed this event The Miner, through the magic of time lapsed photography recreates the night landing of "The Lantern."

those instruments must have been improved since 1918, when Ike Balforio watched a glow at No. 4 dam for three hours before reaching his untimely end.

Spectators from near and far began to arrive, including several other UFO experts. These included Matthew J. Graeber of the UFO Research Information Center in Philadelphia, Robert D. Barry of the 20th Century UFO Bureau, and Doug Dains from Binghamton, who represented Dr. Allan Hynneck of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Chicago.

These experts expressed excitement that at last they had gotten a chance to obtain what they had always been searching for - a concrete example of previously unexplained aerial phenomena. Little did they realize on Sunday that during the next day their wildest

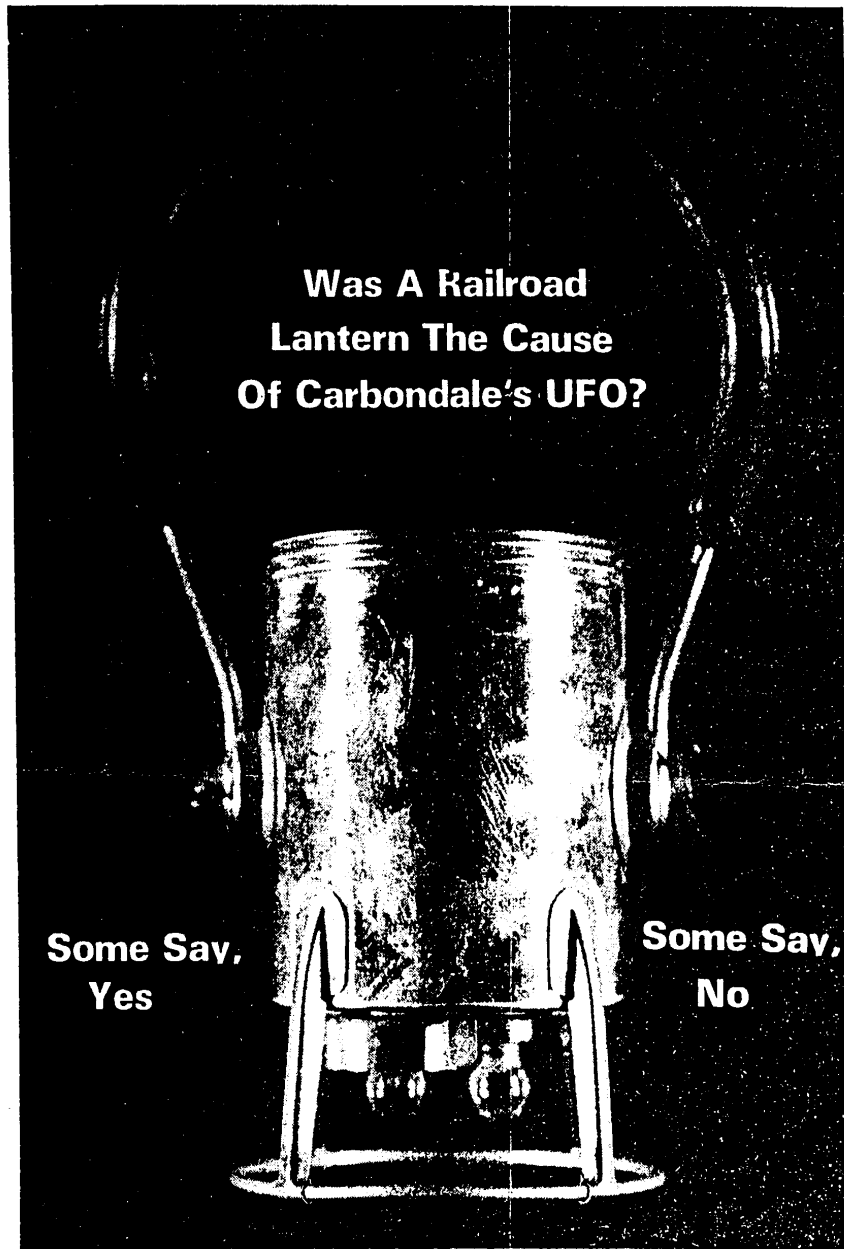
dreams would become reality with the extrication of the unknown object from the pond.

An attempt was made to retrieve the object with a net, but the thing was lost in the grimy depths after momentarily being grasped. Geiger counters were used to try and establish the existence of any abnormal radioactivity. (A high reading might indicate the presence of a nuclear-powered lantern.) Nothing definitive could be determined from the tests, however, since none of the experts knew what level of radioactivity was normal for Carbondale. At any rate, the geiger counters showed nothing dramatic, confirming the fact that, if the object in question was in fact a Lantern, then IT must surely be conventionally powered.

Some anxious moments occurred on Sunday afternoon at the site when

Carbondale Police and members of the Civil Air Patrol cleared the immediate area. Spectators did not want to leave the site, hoping against hope that they would witness the recovery of something shocking - perhaps even a Lantern. What was termed by some onlookers as a "near riot" broke out between some reluctant civilians and the C.A.P. Meanwhile, down at City Hall, Sgt.

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THIS is just part of the crowds that came out to see first hand what the UFO sighting was all about. Despite the fact that the Carbondale Police Department ter-

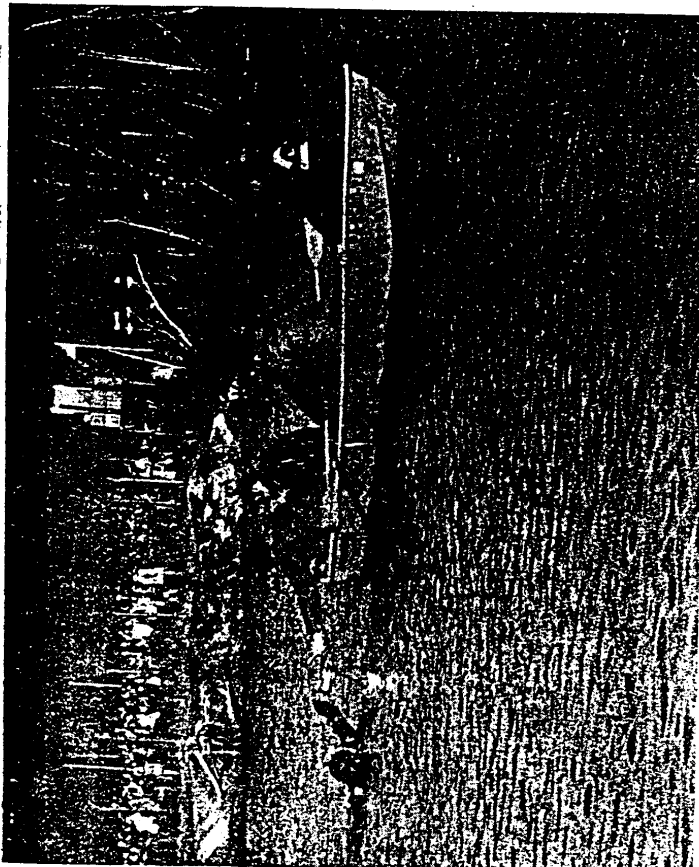
minated the search Monday afternoon, onlookers were still in the area Tuesday morning. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)



ACTING CHIEF of Police Francis X. Duffie (right) makes a point to Douglas Dain (left) of the UFO Network

Association in New York City. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)

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(reversed) View Nov 14 1974

SCUBA DIVER holds railroad lantern for
geiger counter reading by Jerome Gillott
Jr., Monday afternoon. Lantern ap-

parently ended almost three days of UFO
search. For story and other photo see page
one. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)

