

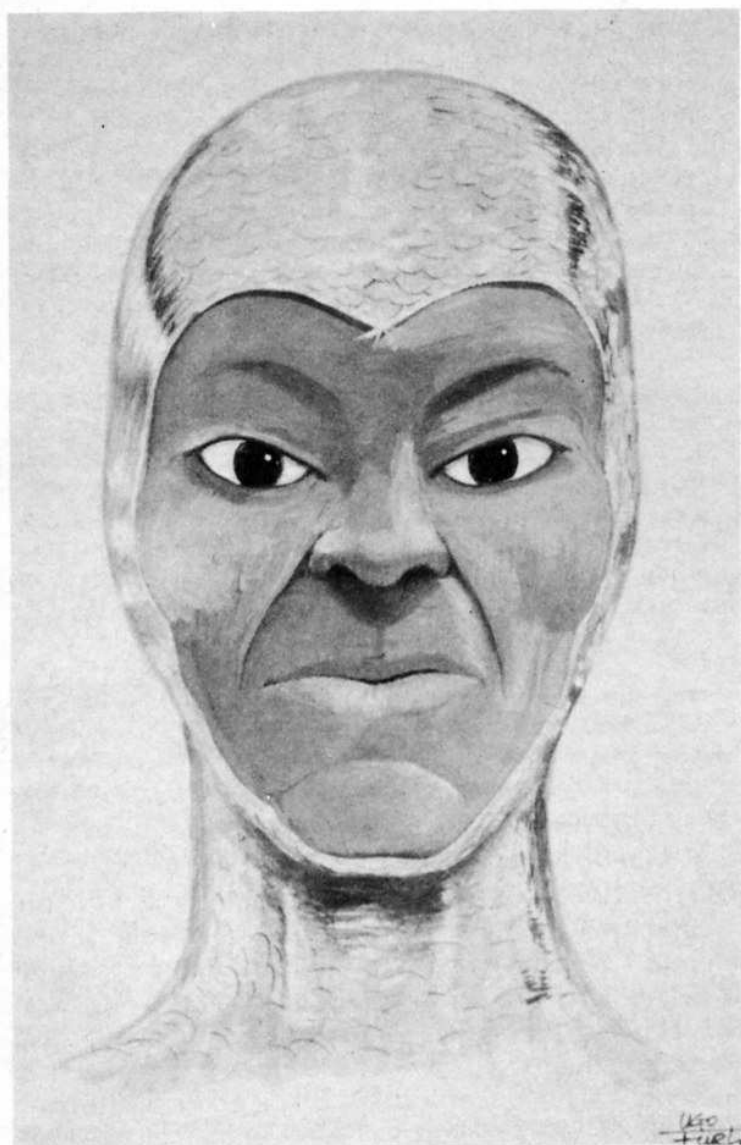
archives of the provincial Texan newspaper *The Dennison Daily News* of January 25, 1878. It contained an account, under the heading *A strange Phenomenon*, of how, on the previous day, January 24, 1878, a local farmer named John Martin, described by the paper as "a gentleman of undoubted veracity", had seen a dark flying object travelling "at a wonderful speed" over his property six miles north of Dallas. He said that

when it was right overhead, it looked "about the size of a large saucer." (He was of course referring to its *appearance*, whereas Kenneth Arnold in 1947 would be referring to the *pattern of flight*, but all the same this story from Dennison is not without great interest, and those who say that farmer Martin was lying in 1878 will have to explain why he should have made up such a tale.)

## MAP AND POSTSCRIPT TO THE CASE OF "THE LITTLE ORIENTAL AIRMAN"

BY an oversight, as has now been pointed out to us by author Antonio Chiumiento, we used, for our illustration of this entity's face (FSR Vol. 28, No. 5, page 8) one of Ugo Furlan's *preliminary* sketches, which is however not now held to be as accurate as the final drawings made by this artist after lengthier discussions with the eyewitness Signor Giorgio Filiputti.

We offer herewith the corrected picture.

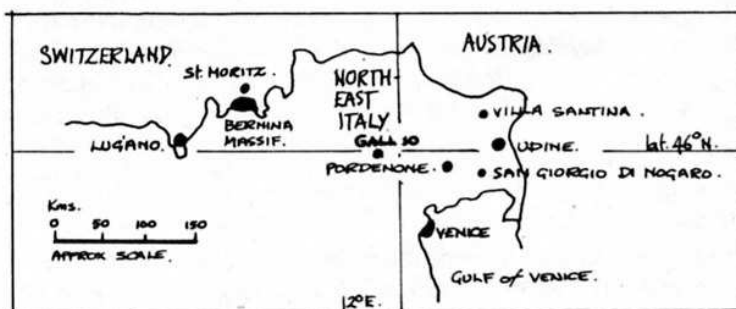


It should also be noted that the name of the hamlet where this encounter took place is *Melaria*, and not Malaria as given in the original report. (The nearest larger place to Melaria is San Giorgio di Nogaro.)

We take this opportunity to include a map which will show approximately where these various places in North-Eastern Italy lie in relation to each other. These are, firstly, Pordenone, which we include as it happens to be the home-town of Antonio Chiumiento himself. The other key-places shown are (2) the *Bernina Massif*, on the glacier of which the Italian engineer Giampiero Monguzzi claimed he took a series of photos of a landed UFO and an entity, on July 31, 1952; (3) *Gallio*, home of Signor d'Ambros, who claims that on November 24, 1978, at a place near there called Gastagh, he encountered the two "rat-faces" described in Antonio Chiumiento's second article (*Encounter with "Rat-Faces in Italy"*, in FSR Vol. 28, No. 6); (4) *Villa Santina*, where, on August 14, 1947, Professor R. L. Johannis claimed to have encountered a landed craft and two small beings; and, finally (5) *San Giorgio di Nogaro*, near where, at Melaria, on September 18, 1978, the railway-worker Giorgio Filiputti claims to have seen a landed craft and, walking about on its surface, a small being (features as shown above) which seems to us to bear a remarkable resemblance to the creatures seen by Johannis at Villa Santina.

It is not suggested that the entities or craft in all these four cases resemble each other in any way, for they do not appear to do so. But we think the entities and craft reported by Johannis and Filiputti (4 and 5 respectively) do merit very careful comparison.

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

### The alleged "Lundy Island" naval sighting

Dear Sir, — With reference to FSR Vol. 28, No. 3, page 23, Footnote No. 5, I have checked the *Navy Lists* for the mid-1950s, and can find no mention of the name "Chelwan." It is possible therefore that this name is a pseudonym, as used in the original German newspaper report.

However, it is also possible that the Royal Navy just do not have commanders who see UFOs on the water, let alone take pictures of them. It is not cricket, old chap, and would upset Their Rollicking Lordships no end.

Yours sincerely,  
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July 5, 1983

*[We are grateful to Mr. Hampton for his help. We confirm that, so far, our efforts to throw light on this story have been quite unsuccessful. Reader A. Calvert of Barnet recalls that the identical story — word for word so far as we can see — appeared in the New York magazine Man to Man for April 1969, but without comment, and he was good enough to send us a photostat of it. An-*

*other reader has written in, pointing out that the name "Chelwan" "sounds a bit Indian (i.e. Hindu)", but I cannot agree that I see anything "Indian" about it myself.*

*There is certain other information that might be adduced in support of the authenticity of the story, but I regret that I am not prepared to divulge it, as it came to me in strict confidence from another former British Naval Officer (Commander). He told me (about 15 years ago) that the Admiralty took a deep and serious interest in UFOs and had a lot of documentation about them. I am not prepared to risk trouble for this Officer from the direction of Their Rollicking Lordships. — EDITOR.]*

### The "E.T." Plague, and UFO Shapes

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Two points regarding your Vol. 28, No. 4 issue, which I received today.

First, concerning your editorial, it should be mentioned that U.S. film makers have also produced some horrifying motion pictures depicting extraterrestrials as hostile monsters. Especially notable are **ALIEN** (1979) and the re-make of **THE THING** (1982). How do these fit in?

Second, the objects in the drawings on pages 18 and 20 would seem to have at least a family resemblance to the one reported by Dean Powell, described on pages 13-16 of Frank Salisbury's widely neglected classic, **THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY**. A drawing appears on the second page of the photo section of that book.

Sincerely,  
**Robert Davis**,  
3012 Lovers Lane,  
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April 13, 1983

### Humosaurs?

Dear Sir, — With reference to Dr. Bernard Finch's article *Dinosaurs... Not Humanoids?* (FSR 27/4), and subsequent correspondence (FSR 27/6 and 28/3), I enclose for your perusal, and for possible further discussion, the cutting of an item which recently appeared in one of our daily papers.

Yours sincerely,  
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