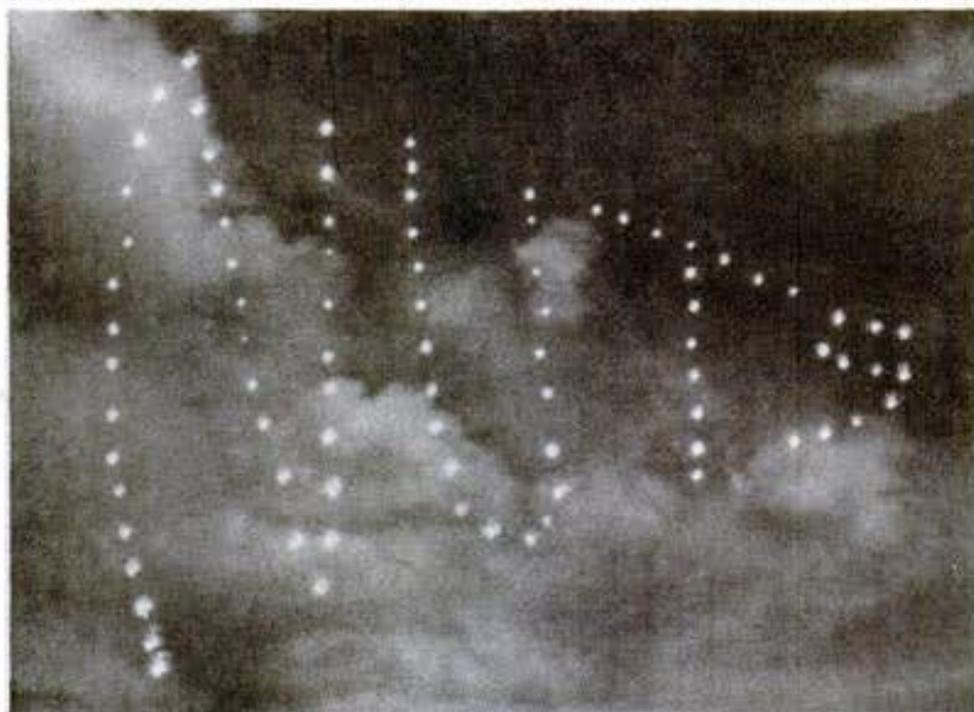




**BUZZ SAW-BLADE DISK** with "gadgets and some wires" attached hit the lightning rod on Rev. Joseph Brasky's church in Grafton, Wis. and exploded, he says, with a roar. He notified the FBI.



**DISKS IN FORMATION**, supposedly roaring through evening sky, spell out "NUTS" in trick picture contrived by Photographer Stanford Calderwood of Manchester, N.H. *Evening Leader.*



**ALUMINUM DISK**, complete with fake jet-propulsion units, crash-landed in a street in Shreveport, La. Witnesses who saw it come down say that it flew out from behind a nearby signboard.



**AIRLINE PILOT E. J. SMITH SAW DISKS IN IDAHO**

## **SPEAKING OF PICTURES . . .**

### **. . . A RASH OF FLYING DISKS BREAKS OUT OVER THE U.S.**

On June 25, Mr. Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho took off in his private plane and flew northwest into Washington. As he passed between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, Mr. Arnold saw nine saucerlike objects flying in formation at 1,200 mph. That started it. In the next 10 days flying disks were reported over 10 states and Canada. Captain E. J. Smith (*above*) of United Airlines said he consorted with five disks on the Fourth of July near Boise, blinking his lights at them in the dusk. In Texas, Farmer Victor Wenmoth turned from milking his cow Gussie and saw three big, black-bellied disks hovering 300 feet overhead. In Chicago a housewife stood on her porch and watched an airborne object "about the size of a saucer, with legs." She had the feeling that it was about to swoop down and slap her face, so she ran into her house and slammed the door. In Seattle, Wash., Mr. J. William Sheets said, "Why, they come through our yard all the time." Near Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Walter Johnson saw "eight flying washtubs, each about the size of a five-room house." By July 10, disks had been reported in 43 states and the District of Columbia. Nowhere, however, did any of the saucers pause long enough in their flight to be photographed.

Explanations of the disks soon came from many sources. At Harvard University, Anthropologist Ernest A. Hooton said they were "misplaced halos searching for all the people who were killed over the Fourth of July." In Chicago Mr. L. M. Wendorf said the disks were merely hallucinations which would disappear if U.S. citizens followed a correct diet. He recommended a menu including 50 dandelion blooms a day. A San Franciscan, Ole J. Sneide, explained that the saucers were space ships sent out by "The Great Master," who left the earth in disgust after the fall of the Roman Empire and now resides on the dark side of the moon. Throughout the U.S. scientists pointed out that the disks were symptoms of scintillating scotomy, or spots before the eyes. Some said they were only red corpuscles passing across the retinas of sky-watchers. Others replied that the saucers were weather balloons, airplanes, clouds or reflections, although a few hinted that the strange missiles were American or Russian secret weapons.

To clear the air LIFE asked Artist Boris Artzybasheff for the correct explanation. Artzybasheff, who tracked down World War II's gremlins (LIFE, Nov. 16, 1942), speaks from long experience with pixyish interplanetary phenomena. His explanation: obviously the residents of the planet Neptune, having attained a civilization far in advance of that now enjoyed on earth, are shelling the universe with crockery (*opposite page*). Nothing else remains for them to do. Furthermore it may take another 10,000 years before the people of the earth, at their present rate of progress, will join Neptunians on this last pinnacle of culture.



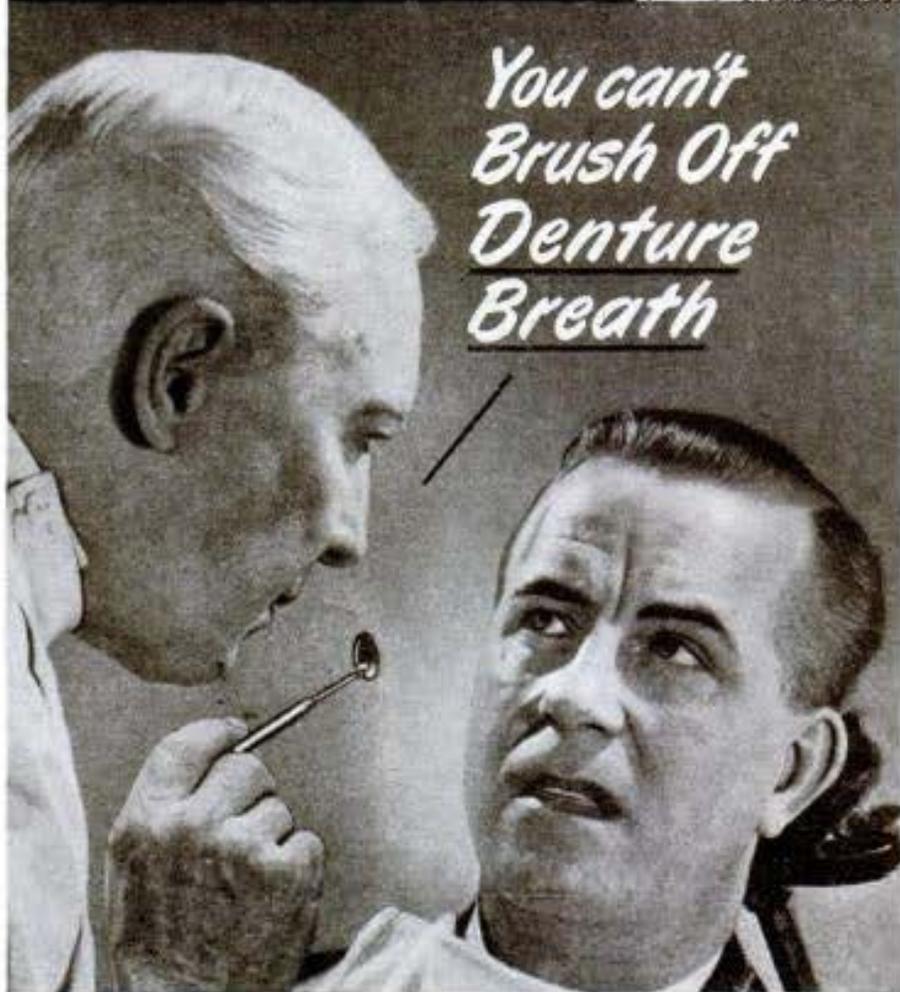
**THE EXPLANATION** of the flying disks, drawn by Boris Artyzbashoff, shows residents of the planet Neptune gleefully bombarding the universe with stacks of crockery

fired by atomic saucer-launchers. Neptunians thus far have aimed only saucers at the earth (top) but more favored planets have been shelled with teapots and dinner plates.

# False Teeth?

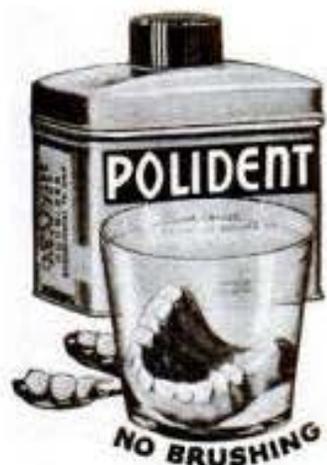


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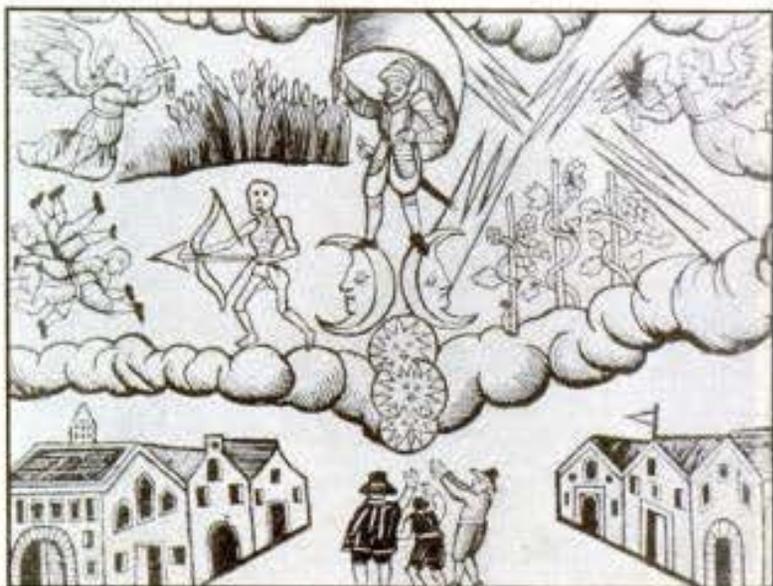
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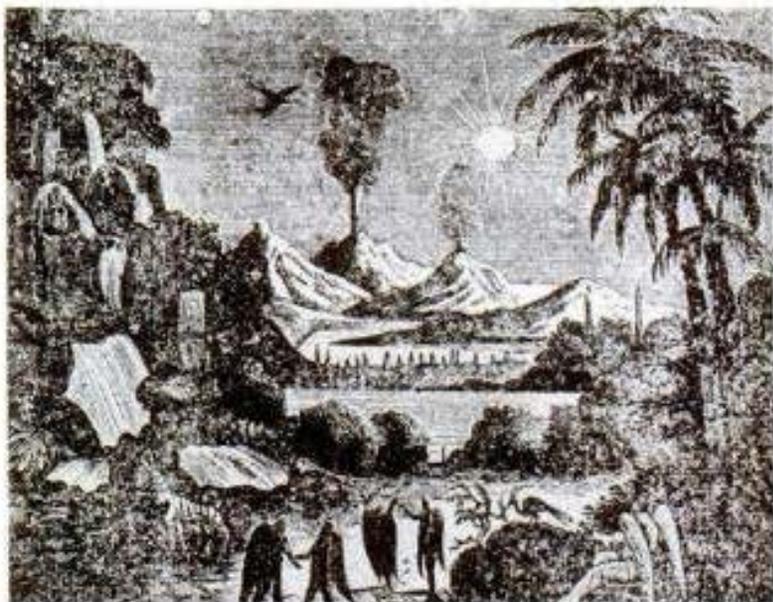
## SPEAKING OF PICTURES

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### OTHER TIMES, OTHER BEASTS



**SKELETONS IN THE SKY** were "seen" in the 17th Century by frightened peasants, who also imagined people, angels and even grape arbors flying about among the stars. These were interpreted as prophecies of hard times to come.



**MAN-BATS ON THE MOON** were described in 1835 by Richard Locke, who wrote about them in the *New York Sun*. Thousands of Locke's gullible readers, hoaxed by this drawing, stared at the moon and thought they saw man-bats too.



**THE LOCH NESS MONSTER** showed up in Scotland in the '30s "when the tourist trade began to fall off." This happy occurrence stimulated business, but the monster bashfully submerged (above) when a photographer came along.