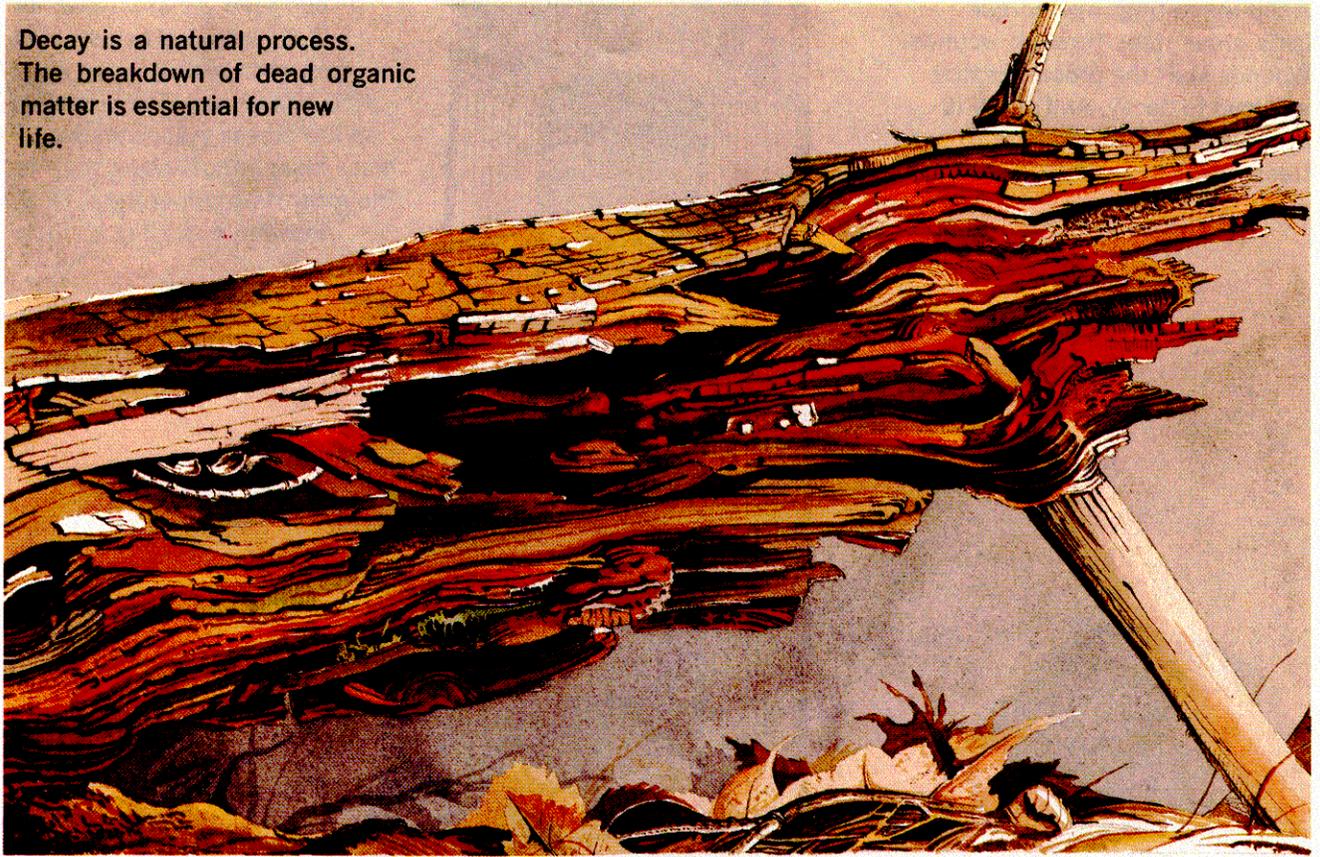
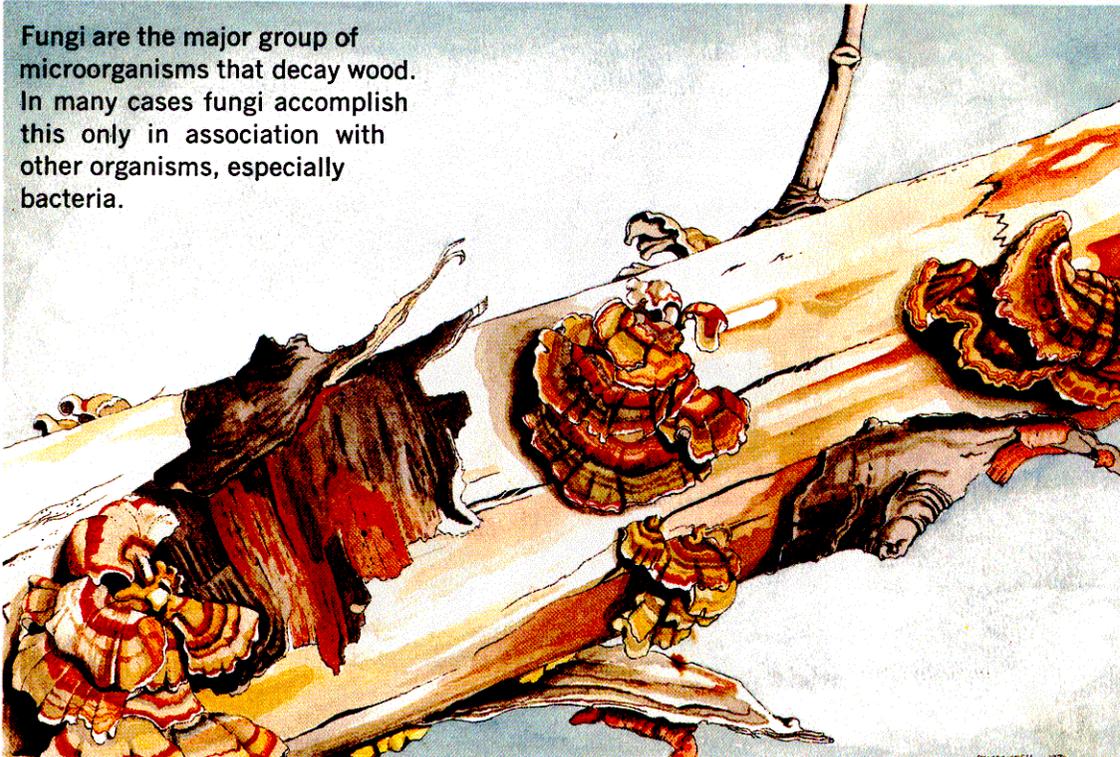


Decay is a natural process.
The breakdown of dead organic
matter is essential for new
life.



Fungi are the major group of
microorganisms that decay wood.
In many cases fungi accomplish
this only in association with
other organisms, especially
bacteria.



Wood-inhabiting microorganisms enter trees through wounds. Wounds start the processes that can lead to decay. And decay is a major cause of damage to trees.

