



# *Doings of a Democracy*



BY HAROLD HELFER

- ✓ Mrs. Victoria Rennison of Northampton, Massachusetts, bought a newspaper advertisement to thank voters for defeating her husband, Edwin, who ran for state representative. "Now he can stay home and mind his business," she said.
- ✓ Yasushi Sekiguchi of Tokyo, visiting the United States under State Department sponsorship, stated he had become at least half Americanized during his five-week stay. He said he had a dream "half in English, half in Japanese."
- ✓ Edward Rademacher, mayor of Calipatria, California, protested to the governor that since the town was situated in a one-time ocean bed 184 feet beneath sea level, it was "outside the jurisdiction of the state and subject to marine law," and therefore was being unjustly taxed.
- ✓ Bill Terry, new head of the Sally Baseball League located in the deep South, let it be known that he'll fly the Confederate flag from every ball park. And he also indicated that his umpires will wear Confederate gray instead of the conventional blue.
- ✓ In Fort Worth, a man telephoned police headquarters and asked what would happen "if you caught me burglarizing a building." He was told in no uncertain terms. "Thank you kindly," was the polite rejoinder before the man hung up.
- ✓ A Malone, New York, garbage collector filed a complaint charging that several unlicensed collectors were "getting the cream of the garbage," while he got the "leavings."
- ✓ For failing to deliver unaddressed third-class "junk" mail, a San Jose, California, postman was placed on one-year probation. "Maybe he was performing a public service," the judge said.
- ✓ Judge James C. Shannon of New Haven ordered an immediate mistrial after a juror fainted and was revived by a doctor — the defendant.

# The Big **LIE**



## **A DOCUMENTED STORY**

*By Ruth A. Inglis*

**L**IFE on the Communist propaganda front is just one big lie after another. The current big lie handed out by the Kremlin is wrapped up in a package labeled “peaceful coexistence.” It is addressed to American liberals. The concealed big lie is, of course, the suggestion that Stalin’s passing (a term broad enough to cover his murder or his death from natural causes) marked a new day in Kremlin policy, a change of heart toward the capitalist world.

The authorship of the big-lie technique is usually ascribed to Adolf Hitler or Josef Goebbels. The big truth about the big-lie technique, however, is that Lenin, the Communist, taught its use as a political

maneuver while Hitler, the Nazi, was still an unknown house painter in Austria. In after years, Hitler and his propaganda minister, Goebbels, became nothing more than rank amateurs in the art of mendacity by comparison with Lenin and his successors who were and remain to this day, the really professional technicians in the business of big-scale, mass-production, assembly-line, streamlined lying.

The big difference between the Hitlerian and the Leninist big-lie artists is the difference between abject failure and notable success. The former never found more than a negligible handful of American believers — mostly crackpots and