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WORD MEANINGS

(By Benjamin DeCasseres In The Washington Herald)
Many of the words we use nowadays have ceased to have any meaning.

The word democracy for instance is now used by the Communists. Democracy means the rule of the people. Communism means the rule of the proletariat—that is, rulership by only one class of people, the very lowest. And they propose to exterminate the middle classes. That is not democracy (which means all the people) but oligarchy.

The "radicals" call fundamentalist and institutionalist Americans "reactionaries", whereas a reactionary means one who seeks to return to ancient and outworn forms of social and political organization—such for instance, as those that make the state all powerful and abolish the common rights of individuals.

Reactionaries are actually thus Fascists, Communists and Socialists.

A liberal used to mean one who was opposed to centralization and regimentation in those matters that concern the individual alone. Today men call themselves "liberals" who support every crackpot scheme to make the individual a parasitic growth on the general public. They now call these schemes "social legislation."

The dictionary is, however, still a good guide in defining one word and that is individuality. There is no mistaking what that word means. It means an independent man, two words hated by all Communists, Fascists and reactionary liberals and Socialists.

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Images of Olympic Game Heroes

Towards the latter part of the Sixth century B. C., it became the custom to set up images of the victors in the Olympic games. The custom apparently gave one of the earliest impulses to Greek sculpture, which resulted in splendid presentations of the male figure. Since high honors were heaped upon victorious athletes, sometimes even divine worship and honor, the greatest sculptors were proud to immortalize the victors in stone and bronze.

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What We Should Do That Really Pays

By E. M. GOLDER

Whatever motor vehicle you drive, be careful—drive sensibly and at a moderate rate of speed, and when it's raining, don't drive faster than when the sun is shining. At night drive a little slower than you would in the day time. Always be on the alert as you just can't tell what "the other fellow" is going to do, and if the other fellow also is as good a driver as you should be, there would be very few motor car accidents.

And, be sure that your house is insured and your policy kept in force, as you cannot tell when a fire will come your way. No person is anxious to experience a house fire, but there are many things that are liable to cause them, defective chimney, or wiring, sparks from the stove igniting loose paper or cloth and dozens of other things. . . . so in addition to keeping that insurance policy in force, take all precautions to prevent fires and never go away leaving little children unaccountable in the home alone as something might happen. It pays to be careful and be insured.

When you are about to walk across a highway, stop and look both ways and make sure that you feel a clearance and then get a move on and get across when you have that clearance without waste of time. Fast cars can travel nearly half a mile while some folks are getting across a wide highway. If you are cautious it gives the ordinary careful driver a chance as most car drivers do not want to hurt or kill any person. When you are walking along a highway walk on the side the cars are coming on and the paved portion or on the shoulder if you feel safer. The law says you must walk on the left side of the highway or the side on which cars are coming—facing you.

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strike, there is no doubt you would rather continue to work at your job at the good pay you have been receiving than to be out and earning nothing, thereby taking down your yearly average of earnings. Nearly all union men would much prefer being on the job, especially when they have families dependent upon them for support, but they have to abide by the dictates of a handful of leaders and have little choice in the matter. This big pay stuff does not always hold up well unless the work is fairly steady—figure it out for yourself and don't be afraid to speak your opinion about the matter, for after all, you are working for your family regardless of where your work is. But be courageous and advocate, each one of you affected by union tie-ups, that peace be restored in our industries, and to carry on peacefully, all these labor troubles and disputes MUST BE ARBITRATED and a refusal to arbitrate on the part of either side is against the peace and dignity of our land. A strike of any industry affects others who are in various lines of endeavor as the workers' buying power is cut down, and in turn all must suffer.

If you have half an acre, a full acre or two or three of them or more and have a family of healthy growing boys get them interested with you in getting more out of the soil than you have heretofore in whatever way you see is best and with your leadership, the family can help themselves by helping you to produce some of the eats and most of the family support and if you hold a job elsewhere, your savings will be greater—all this pays.

Draconian Laws in Greece

The Draconian laws in ancient Greece are noteworthy primarily for their cruelty. The death penalty was attached to almost all crimes, even the petty ones. This code of Draco is said to have made the first legal distinction between voluntary and involuntary homicide and to have made a murderer liable to punishment by the state. Theft was made punishable by death and debt exposed a man to the danger of slavery. The 51 ephetae or special judges were probably Draco's creation.

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Many myths have grown up about the Hanukkah lamps which at first burned outside the Jewish homes as the festival Feast of Lights was celebrated in the streets of Jerusalem and the other cities of the ancient world. Later, the festival of Hanukkah became primarily a home festival, and this, coupled with the fear of persecution, drove the lamps indoors.

The ceremonial of the Feast of Lights, as explained by an authority, follows:

On the first night one light is lit, on the second two, and on to the eighth. The lights are set in a place where people on the street may see them, in the window or by the door. They are considered sacred and must not be employed for any ordinary purpose. For this reason a "servant light" (shammash) is placed next to them, which is used in lighting them.

Rabbinical tradition accounts for this feature of the feast by the story that when the priests entered the sanctuary after the Syrians had been driven out, to light the perpetual lamp, they found a vial of sacred oil unpolluted, which, under ordinary circumstances was only sufficient for one night, but by a miracle lasted for eight nights, until new oil could be prepared for the lamps for the candlesticks.

There are exhibited examples of common clay lamps from Graeco-Roman times and brass, pewter, silver and gilded lamps of more recent history, ornamented with historic and religious motifs. There are the upright lamps which were used in the synagogue and hanging lamps for the home, whereon the imagination of the designer was given free rein to embroider the tales of Jewish history and myth and the everyday objects of his life.

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