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# THE MAIL BAG

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## Words as Weapons

To the Editor:

I found George Sokolsky's "Words Used as Weapons in Power Struggle" most interesting. He writes of "Nazi" and "anti-Semitism" and "McCarthyism." He spoke of the concept of the theologian who uses the words "It is God's Will" as the Marxist uses the words "historical necessity." Says Mr. Sokolsky, "Words as weapons are being used on all sides, like sown seeds. Sometimes they blossom into magnificent beauty, sometimes they grow into weeds that clutter our lives and fill the world with misconceptions and misery."

Without a keen desire to recognize differences and to break down words of "compound" or "collectivistic" meaning into their parts, there can be no scientific approach to our problems. "Natural laws" will not be observed and we will thereby be poorer in good results, spiritually as well as materially.

The Marxist is a hide-bound collectivist. There is no science in "socialism." There are no words less scientific than Marxist "surplus value."

A Marxist would say too many highballs made the man drunk; the scientist would say alcohol in the highballs made the man drunk. The Marxist collectivises these words, land, labor and capital—words of fine workable scientific designation—into the hash-like phrase "implements of production," of which nothing could be sloppier. Oddly enough most American economists, even if they pay some respect, after a fashion, to science in the meaning of terms in the fore part of their textbooks, generally hash-it-up in the end by twisting their writing to conform to custom—to what is, and not to science—to what should or might be. They call "taxes" sources which, actually, they are not, there being unlimited "taxes" but strictly limited (scientific) sources of public revenue. They use the words capital property, and profits as Marxists use "implements of production" in many instances.

Fortunately chemists know that "compounds" are not elements and so, in their science, are not Marxist-collectivists and they get somewhere and serve the people.

NOAH D. ALPER.

## To Help Koreans

To the Editor:

In behalf of the Korean people of this area, please accept sincere thanks for your valuable donation of package of clothes. The garments have been distributed, at a most opportune time.

The weather in Korea has become very cold. Many, many thousands of people here—men, women and children—are destitute and desperately in need of shoes and clothing. It is impossible to describe their situation in words.

My office will be happy to distribute packages of clothing, etc. (sent in my care by parcel post to the above address), for these unfortunate, deserving and appreciative people.

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## What He Needs

To the Editor:

Barnacles can sink the mightiest ship and a combination of labor and capital monopoly-barnacles can wreck the finest economic system ever evolved or known to mankind.

We hear much talk of what the American working man needs. What he needs is a good letting alone by monopolists—labor or capitalistic breeds; what he needs is unadulterated freedom, a freedom based on "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

It is odd that those who could coin much about nothing in "four freedoms" created more, not less, monopoly, the anti-freedom barnacle.

PRO-WORKING MAN.

*Noah D. Alper*

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