

Technocracy has always pointed out that social change on this continent can come about only by peaceful, orderly means and has never advocated change of government by force of any kind. They have never advocated the overthrow of government in any way, shape or form. For these reasons I submit that Technocracy Incorporated as an organization and Technocrats as citizens have been and will remain patriotic and loyal citizens of the country in which they live, and that the action declaring Technocracy Incorporated illegal was a mistake in the first place, and that mistake should now be rectified so that Technocrats will not still carry the stigma that is now upon them. In that connection I might state that any known former Technocrat has three strikes on him before he starts, if he wants to do anything to help Canada's war effort; because as long as the government of Canada considers that Technocracy Incorporated is illegal under the Defence of Canada Regulations, he is under suspicion as far as the local authorities, etc., are concerned.

In closing I would say this: that for some reason unknown to ourselves there seems to be a concerted action across Canada on the part of officials of either the R.C.M.P. or the Justice Department to place a further stigma upon former officials of the organization. After practically two years since the organization was declared illegal, they have appeared at the homes of dozens of former officials and searched the premises--and in many cases made arrests -- at the following places that I happen to know of myself, and there are probably many more: Vancouver Island, Trail, Nelson, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, London, Toronto, Brockville, Ottawa, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

BY MR. BENCE:

Q. Did they make arrests in those places? A. No. They carried out searches and confiscated any file copies of