

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee resumed at 4 o'clock.

Mr. MacKinnon - Acting Chairman.

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN: We have a quorum, and we shall now recall Mr. Norris.

Mr. Norris, you had some remarks to make at the lunch hour when we adjourned.

MR. CHARLES G. NORRIS, recalled:

WITNESS: After the discussion this morning I thought that probably the way to expedite matters the most would be if I gave you in concise form a few of the reasons why we consider that Technocracy Incorporated should never have been declared illegal in Canada and that the ban on that organization should be lifted at the present time.

I mentioned this morning that all Technocrats in Canada were citizens of Canada; that Technocracy had consistently advocated greater defence for this country and this continent; that at the outbreak of the present world conflict the members of Technocracy telegraphed Prime Minister Mackenzie King stating their willingness and that they stood ready to defend this country against any attack; that in June 1940 when it became apparent that the course of the war had changed that Technocrats in Canada had publicly called for total conscription in Canada and that the Technocrats in the United States had done the same thing shortly after that; in June 1940 it was made a requisite of membership in Technocracy Incorporated in Canada that the member be able-bodied and at least become a member of one of the home defence or the reserve forces; that in the United States in July 1940 and November 1940 Technocracy Incorporated called for a general defence and outlined a good many of the requirements of defence of this continent, a few of which are: they called