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VAN HOUTEN EXPOSES FANS AND TECHNOCRACY

WEST COAST FANS EXPOSED

(May 1st) Fandom was shocked this month to learn that some of their members had unwillingly been supporting a movement that has been proven to be a menace to our country.

For the last few years, Technocracy has been the "all-holy" of the West Coast fans. They passed it on to all stf fandom as the aim of "all" stf fans. Some fools fell for it. Did these West Coast fans know what they were doing? We think not! They just wanted something - to spread over fandom, something they could be the "big cheese" of. Technocracy was right up their alley; they chose it; and now they are the "cheese".

As for the few eastern fans that followed the movement, they, long ago, proved their lack of brains. First they tried to shove communism into our midst, when that failed they took to Technocracy, and the "fire". They tried hard to be superior than the "common" fans and all they did was make "superior fools" of themselves. Better had they stuck to science fiction and left things they didn't understand alone.

Fantasy Reporter reprints the whole issue of Van Houten Says, so that all of fandom can read and beware in the future of dragging into science fiction alien objects that don't belong there.

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TECHNOCRACY EXPOSED

Technocracy has gained a rather strong foothold in the science-fiction fandom of the United States. Many prominent and influential fans have proclaimed their adherence to Technocracy. Among these prominent fans are T. Bruce Yerke, Robert W. Lowndes, Donald A. Wollheim, J. Chapman Miske, Russell J. Hodgkins, John B. Michel, and Ray Bradbury.

T. Bruce Yerke authored "Science-fiction's Chance to Live" in #1 MIKROS, in which article Technocracy was described as "the one organization that is doing something to bring about the Scientific Civilization which we have often read about". This person also demonstrated his belief in Technocracy in numerous other publications, including his own, THE DAMN THING.

Robert W. Lowndes describes himself, in the credit-line of "Take It or Leave It", an article in the June, 1940 SCIENCE FICTION FAN, as "TECHNOCRAT" Doc Lowndes. The article goes on in such a manner as to leave no doubt that the author is really a Technocrat.

Donald A. Wollheim, along with John B. Michel and Chester Cohen, is described as a Technocrat in the April, 1940 issue of the SCIENCE FICTION FAN, under the heading of "Vagabondia, or Doc's Ditherings", undoubtedly by Robert W. Lowndes, a close friend of all three.

J. Chapman Miske states on page 16 of #2 FUTURIA FANTASIA: "I'm for Technocracy."

Russell J. Hodgkins (in collaboration with T. Bruce Yerke) writes two articles in #6 MIKROS in such a way as to leave no doubt as to his inclination toward Technocracy.

Ray Bradbury, editor of FUTURIA FANTASIA, is characterized by T. Bruce Yerke in the first issue of that magazine as "a new recruit to OUR (Technocracy's) ranks."

There is no doubt that a careful examination of the various fan publications would bring to eye other statements by these and other fans, widening the influence of Technocracy still further. The nub of the matter is, however, that there are people in science-fiction who believe in Technocracy, and that these people are articulate and in a position to make their opinions heard.

Technocracy secretly put forth a Fascist program from its earliest days, a fact which reveals it as a living menace to every section of the American people. Appearance of this program undoubtedly came as a shock to hundreds of well-meaning people who were attracted to the "scientific" patter of Howard Scott's doctrine in the early days. The clue to Technocracy's 1942 program was dropped in a full page advertisement which appeared in about a hundred papers, including the NEW YORK TIMES, in which the Technocrats demanded suppression of

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T H E TIME STREAM

by Sam Moskowitz

The writer has just received a copy of Van Houten Says. And this is not just an ordinary issue, it is a quietly constructed bombshell that will clean house

in the ranks of stf fandom and kick out the key stone of all the scatter-brained "causes" that fans so love to applaud.

For this article proves conclusively, with factual evidence that Technocracy is but a fifth column phase of facism, designed to weaken the peoples belief in democratic principles, and clearly endorsed and allied by similar movements in both Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

The time has come to speak plainly. For years serious minded science-fiction lovers have been plagued by the erraticisms of "nuts", who desiring self importance and an aura of "intellectualism" have not merely plugged any and every new movement that came along, but actually tried to cram it down the throat of all stf fandom.

The cry of "intellectual bankruptcy" (pilfered lingo of abler men) is still warm in our minds. The Michelists screamed it at every fan who refused to adopt their doctrine. Michelism soon evolved into pseudo-communism and communism was cast aside as soon as the boys thought it might interfere with their professional "careers", and to win the support of the Los Angeles "screwballs", they became Technocrats. What a too, too unfortunate choice. Of course they didn't know that Technocracy was linked up with Facism. Neither did the Los Angeles group. There is no question in the mind of the writer that Forrest J. Ackerman, Morojo, Hopkins, Bradbury Yerke, Lowndes, Wollheim, Michel and others who championed Technocracy, th-

ought they were honestly promoting a better world system.

But their very ignorance!---- Their willingness to accept and promote any new movement that came along for self glorification. Their nauseating reams of technocratic literature. Their insane desire to have the entire field embrace the doctrine, have contributed substantially towards helping Hitler win this war!!



Moskowitz

We can exonerate them without trial of any implicit in a willing, knowing, deliberately seditious campaign. But can we forgive their ignorance. Can we forget how many, many times we have begged them to take their undemocratic Michelism and Technocra-

cy, which they could not understand or explain to anyone's satisfaction, and please not torture us with it any longer.

The report has come thru that stf discussion is banned at the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. The report emanates from no less an authority than Forrest J. Ackerman himself! WHAT IS DISCUSSED AT THE LASFA?????????

EDITORIAL

This is the first issue, since January. War conditions prevented it from appearing before this. Conditions also forced us to change our name and policy. We hope that in the future we'll be able to publish this paper monthly, but with present conditions all we can say is that we'll do our best.

VAN HOUTEN SAYS

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national minorities, continental insularity, and an end to our aid to the Allied Nations!

On Nov. 2, 1933, the UP carried, under a Rome dateline, a dispatch which said that Mussolini, then the "Iron Man" of Italy, had "adopted" Technocracy. The Technocrats responded immediately. On Nov. 3, 1933, they joyfully proclaimed their gratification.

"The significance of the news dispatch from Rome," their press release declared, "is not yet apparent to political leaders in this country and Europe. Mussolini has once again demonstrated his capacity for initiative and leadership. His position in the vanguard of European social action places him as probably the only figure in the Western European political world who has both the vision and the dynamic will to initiate the first national move away from the old traditional structures in the management of human affairs....."

October, 1933 was ten months after Hitler came into power in Germany. On March 24, 1933, the notorious Enabling Act was passed by the puppet Reichstag, making the Nazi dictatorship complete. It was thru this act that Hitler abolished free speech and the free press. Yet, in October, 1933, a magazine called "TECHNOKRATIE" was still being published by the Georg Seimens Gesellschafft of Berlin.

In the October, 1933 issue of that magazine is an article which declares: "The new national food supply law of September, 1933 introduces into rural economy a radical turn away from the system of unregulated, liberal market economy..... With this measure, which from the Technocratic viewpoint deserves the warmest welcome, Germany is the first civilized country to break thru the 'price system'..... The Gordian knot.....has now indeed been hewed thru by the Hitler government."

It is now apparent what Howard Scott's loud crusade against the "price system" amounts to.

Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's ace Jew-baiter, is also quoted: "Condemnation of Technocracy," he says, "is simultaneously condemnation of German genius of invention."

Inside the back cover of the same magazine appears this cute little trick, reprinted from the Berliner Boersen-Zeitung: "State Councillor Verlohr spoke against the misconception that the word 'technocracy' is linked with Marxism. Nothing is more false than that. Using repeated quotations from Gottfried Feder, the leader of the German Technic, the speaker emphasized that Technocracy.....corresponds fully with the spirit of National Socialism(Nazism), since Technocracy is national and autoerchio....."

"Though the idea of Technocracy originated in America," the article goes on, "the German Technocrats have collaborated with the Americans already for a year and a half."

Technocracy, then, is an approved movement under Hitler. They are granted the rare privilege of publishing a magazine, which praises Hitler's hewings thru of Gordian knots. They adulate Mussolini in no uncertain terms. They believe that Hitler's National Socialism is a vast improvement over America's "price system" economy. And there is "collaboration" between the German and American Technocrats.

In the light of this evidence, it is obvious that the "monad" is nothing more than a sweetie in disguise.