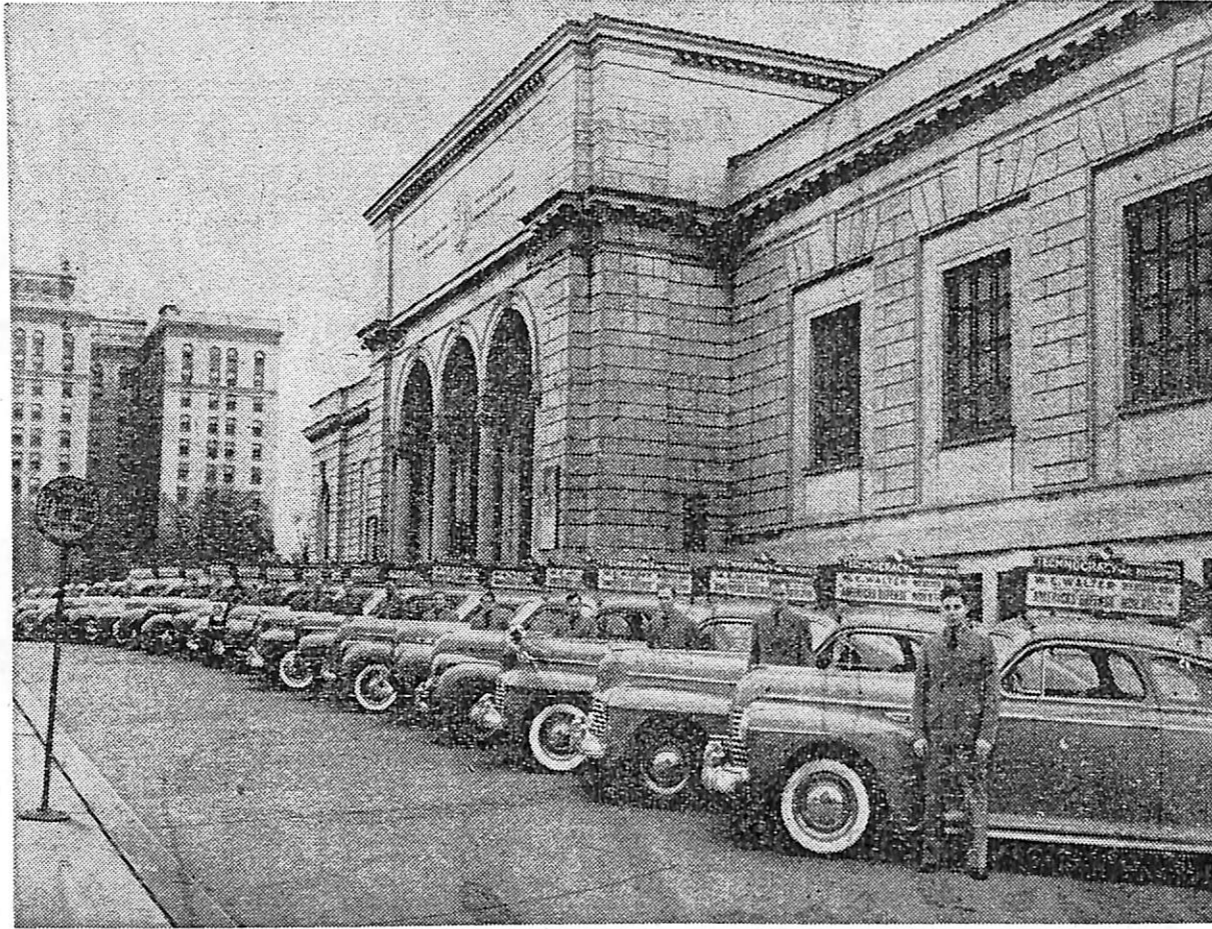


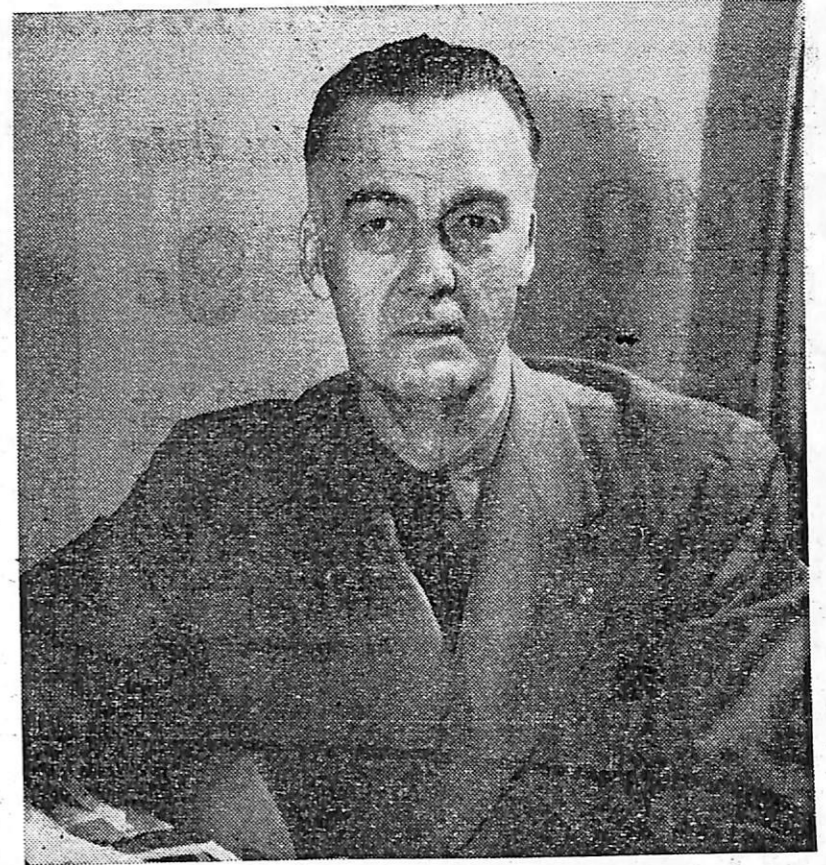
Technocracy Revitalized

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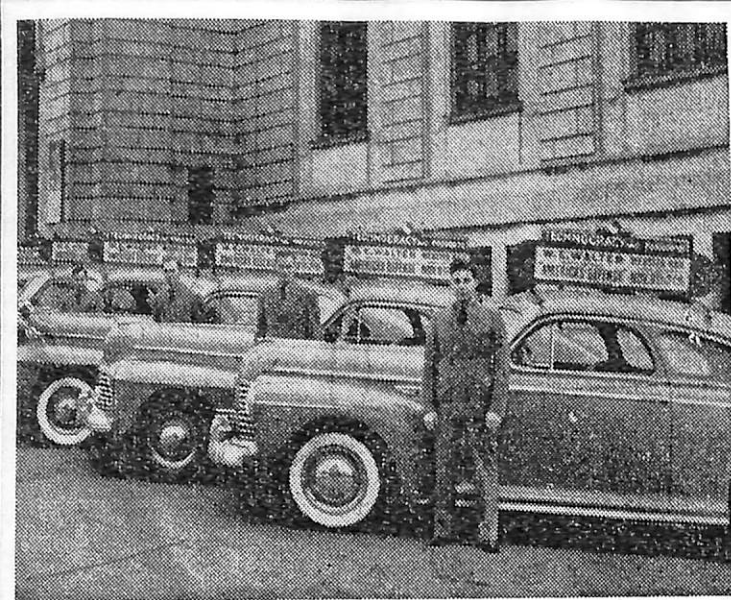
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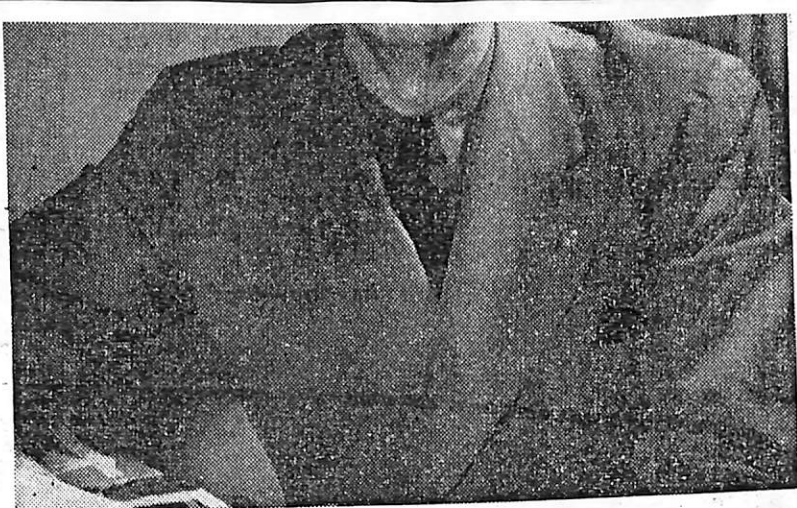
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The organization, administered in the District thru frequent meetings in the Mt. Pleasant Branch of the Library, gained national recognition in the panic following the crash, when economic straws were in the wind. It flourished for two years, then died under the New Deal, which, President Howard Scott says, diverted the public from political and economic cure-alls.

Based on a four-hour-day, retire-when-you're-45 financial structure, which pays off in direct proportion to effort output, the system uses numerical tags for everything. An area of the projected "Technate of America," reorganized North and part of South America, is designated a M-3775969846084. The method of assigning number designations is mysterious.

'ALL TOO DETAILED'

According to devotees of the movement, the whole thing is "too detailed to explain properly in a few sentences," and is not explained at all.

Questioned about the sudden burst of prosperity, which made possible the purchase of full-page advertisements in 100 national newspapers, and a radio campaign which has cost nearly \$20,000 to date, Mr. Berman said the money came solely from "members' contributions." Asked the approximate membership of the organization nationally, he answered, "Those figures are unavailable."

Asked the number of local members, Mr. Berman replied: "There are very few members authorized to know those figures, too. Only the director and secretary of branches know them."

"What is the significance of the monad, and what is the purpose of the uniform?" he was asked.

"The monad is merely an old symbol and signifies nothing, at least as used by the organization," he said, "and the uniform was adopted only to make members known to the general public."

AN ANCIENT EMBLEM

According to Webster's Dictionary, the monad, a circle with a curved diagonal line thru its center, is emblematic of "an individual elementary being, psychical or spiritual in nature, reflecting within itself the whole universe."

Mr. Berman was asked if the propaganda campaign, calling for total conscription of men and machines, and plugging President Howard Scott for the job of co-ordinating the conscription, were forerunners of economic alteration of the American Government.

"Absolutely not," he snapped. "Technocracy, Inc., is not a political party, and has no intention of acting as such. The campaign is simply the stand the organization takes on the war effort."

President Scott in a recent statement said that if "Technocracy takes political action it will be the last political action, as it will be for the abolition of present price systems and their accompanying political administrations, and to force the transition into a functional mechanical Technate." A Technate, Mr. Scott adds, is a technocratic state.

Mr. Berman referred to Mr. Scott's statement as a "hypothetical remark, not predicting any move on the part of the organization."

'NO SUDDEN WEALTH'

During an interview in "Continental Headquarters" in New York recently, President Scott, questioned about his movement's sudden wealth and a fleet of gray-painted cars inscribed with the monad, replied: "This is no sudden wealth, and was contributed by those in the organization. The autos are privately owned by members who decided to paint them uniformly."

Mr. Berman said that no members in the District have painted their autos, and added that only about 10 per cent of local followers wear the gray uniform. Both Mr. Berman and Mr. Wilkinson, District organizer for the movement, wear the uniform. Neither would reveal the names of other members here.

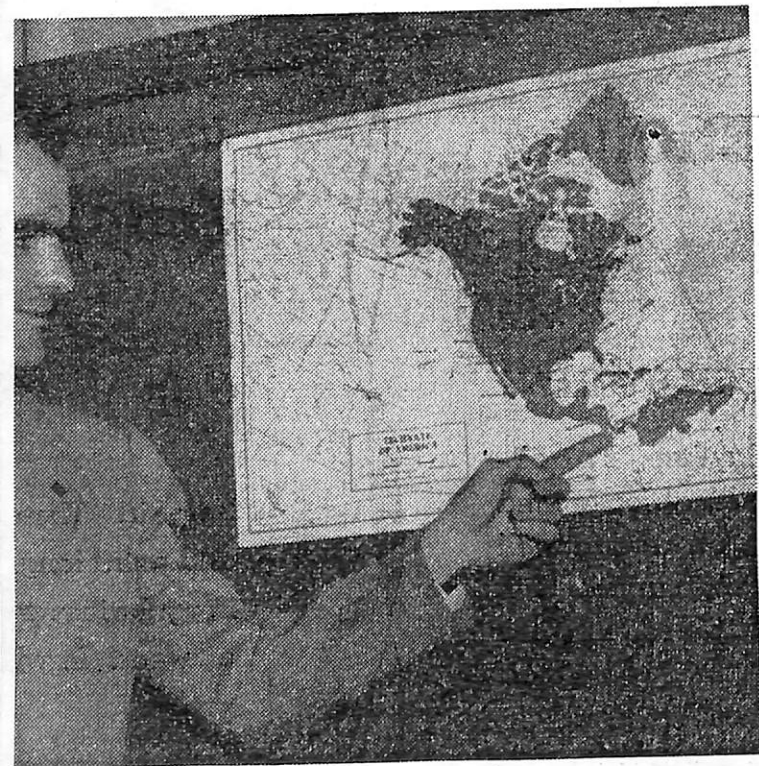
William Mann, 1230 Euclid-st nw, former organizer in the District and an employe of the War Department, would add nothing to the interview with Berman and Wilkinson.

"I am no longer a member of the movement," Mr. Mann said, "but still believe in its principles. My resignation was accepted when my job made too many demands on my time."



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...nd District director of the movement, speaking to a group
...ant Library.



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Nelson Berman, 2010 Channing-st ne, look at Technocracy's
Mr. Berman is a War Department employe.