

Title: An Abstract by Technocracy Inc. - Scientific Functional Governance for North America

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Abstract

'Whatever the future of Technocracy one must fairly say that it is the only program of social and economic reconstruction which is complete intellectual and technical accord with the age in which we live' The Encyclopaedia Americana

'Technocracy has always insisted that the type of social operation it offers is not just desirable; it is necessary. Man cannot continue to live at all on this Continent without drastically changing his method of management'

ENERGY ACCOUNTING

Functional governance would put into operation a scientific control of all flow lines of production and distribution. To measure the total amount of energy used by the North American Continent in a given time period.

A STATISTICAL SYSTEM

A Continental Statistical System that would record the needs and desires of every citizen in their choice of consumable goods and services. This system would do the following things:

- (1) Register on a continuous 24-hour-per-day basis the total net conversion of (a) the availability of energy for Continental plant construction and maintenance, (b) the amount of physical wealth available in the form of consumable goods and services for consumption by the total population during a length of time sufficient to allow all industrial processes to complete a cycle.
- (2) Make possible a balanced load on industry and services by means of the registration of energy converted and consumed.
- (3) Provide a continuous inventory of all production and consumption.
- (4) Provide a specific registration of the type, kind and quality of goods and services, (5) Provide a specific registration of consumption of each individual, plus a record and description of the individual. This system will probably allow a Continental, instantly available, health care information service for every person.
- (6) Allow all citizens the widest latitude of choice in consuming their individual share of Continental physical wealth.
- (7) Distribute goods and services plentifully to every member of the population.
- (8) All goods and services, educational, recreational, health maintenance, transportation, and etc., available as right of citizenship.

Such technology as 'smart cards', voice prints, or other record keeping innovations could be put to use enabling citizens to withdraw goods and services as they prefer. All withdrawals to be electronically recorded to facilitate replacement.

MONEY IS INADEQUATE

Due to the fact that money is a species of debt, and hence cumulative, the amount would have to be continuously increased, which, in conjunction with its property being negotiable, would lead inevitably to concentration of control in a few hands and to general disruption of the distribution system that was supposed to be maintained.

A Continental Energy Accounting System is not a medium of exchange or subject to fluctuation of value. It is not subject to theft or loss or hoarding or gambling; not is it a means of wealth or prestige nor a means of creating debt.