

Minutes of CPS Management Board held on Tuesday, 11th April 1978

Present : KJ, AS, NV, SW and DY. PK was present for part of meeting.

Apologies from : GF and MB.

1) GF's note of meeting held on Tuesday, 28th February was approved.

2) Matters arising :

KJ said that the private meeting at Oxford at which he gave his unemployment speech went very well. It was a distinguished gathering and there were a number of heads of colleges there. Only Lord Goodman was critical; he said that the policy made good sense but would cause a revolution.

NV said that he had spoken to Arthur Seldon who confirmed that the IEA intended to put on a seminar on make-work in the autumn.

KJ said that AS was engaged on a major work on unemployment.

KJ and SW suggested that journalists might be asked to lunch to discuss the subject of unemployment.

MB was to be asked to speak to KJ about Michael Cockerell of Panorama.

KJ's unemployment speech was to be circulated.

- 3) Reporting on the specialist committees, AS said they were moving towards the report stage. Any member of the Board was welcome to attend meetings and see the papers that had so far been produced. KJ had taken over the chairmanship of the Health Group.

- 4) NV introduced GF's paper on the student seminars. AS suggested that the seminars should not be restricted to students, but should include managers, candidates, and so on. KJ said that we wanted to be in the position of having people queueing up to come to the seminars. It was agreed to discuss this broadening of the catchment area with GF.

- 5) Reporting on the financial situation, NV said that the position remained unchanged. We were still looking for between £5,000 and £10,000 in donations. There would probably be a small donation gap arising in July/August. Rocco Forte's donation had not yet arrived. KJ and DY were to see Mr. H. E. Sansom of Marlow Steel Works with a view to a possible donation to the Centre. KJ said that he would approach other people if necessary.

- 6) The libertarian bookshop: NV said that a deposit had been paid to secure the lease of premises in Covent Garden, and our solicitors had been instructed to go ahead, though they were told to proceed slowly. The bookshop would have no overt links with CPS. NV said that a very good man had been found to run the shop, but had now backed out. KJ said he knew of someone who might be interested and he would make enquiries. NV would advertise if

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necessary. A name for the bookshop had yet to be found, and DY would use his solicitors to check the availability of London Libertarian Library, Libertarian Press, etc.

7) AS reported that Peter Smaill had been paid £100 towards expenses he incurred while writing his paper on FCS. A further £20 might be due and would be paid if so. The paper had been reproduced by NAFF, on plain paper, and Peter Smaill himself was distributing it, and had apparently distributed copies at the FCS Annual Conference. PK had edited the paper and said that it was not very good. KJ said he was not happy about the apparent conspiracy attached to the production of this paper.

8) Reporting on publications, PK said that she had been in contact with Frank Broadway about his Textiles paper, which he promised would be sent to her by the second week in May.

The Rolls Royce manuscript by Colin Jones was expected in mid-April.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne's page proofs had been revised.

NV suggested that we produce an Intervention book, comprising of the three intervention studies put together. PK said that this was impractical as the books would not be ready for publication at the same time. She suggested that a promotional leaflet could mention all three books, as well as the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders and Aluminium studies.

The Film Industry study was going ahead. KJ asked to see a copy of this.

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders was being reprinted.

Barry Bracewell-Milnes' draft manuscript, provisionally entitled 'Industry under attack' is due at the end of April.

1,000 copies of Tim Congdon's 'Monetarism' were being reprinted. The book had been widely reviewed.

Robert Miller's paper was being sent to Tim Congdon for his views. NV thought that the paper was more suitable for the IEA to publish; he also thought that there were significant gaps in the paper. SW suggested that it might be better to have it printed as a pamphlet.

On the Burton paper, NV said that this was more important than anything else. KJ said he would write to Burton asking him to see Jewkes as soon as possible.

Fingleton had been dropped as the author of the new version of 'Why Britain needs a social market economy', as he had not produced anything. John O'Sullivan could do it, but not until September. The question of whether we could wait till then was to be raised at the next RAP meeting.

NV suggested that KJ should have a small number of Centre books and booklists to distribute at his speaking engagements.

Sales : PK said that sales had reached £1,965 over the last 3 months, when no new books had been published, and an average of £1000 per month in the past 6 months. She would circulate details in the near future.

KJ brought up the subject of the Zweig book and its failure. He asked whether it could be re-issued. PK to make enquiries. AS suggested that Mrs. Thatcher might write a foreword to it. KJ said he wanted the timing left up to him.

PK mentioned that occasional papers were to be published by CPS under the title 'Palace Street Papers'.

9) Any other business :

Reporting on the Manager's Handbook, which is being financed by FEE, NV and DJ pressed for this, not least because of its use as a fund-raising mechanism. SW agreed to telephone Sykes to check on progress and content. A sub-committee meeting comprising NV, DY and PK (who was preparing estimates for a 12,000 word, a 36,000 word and a 50,000 print out) will be held at 12 o'clock on Thursday, April 20th. Copies of the draft were to be distributed.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th May at 11.00 a.m.

Distribution : KJ GF
 AS MB
 NV PK
 SW
 DY