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Minutes of meeting of CPS Management Board held on Tuesday, 24th
January 1978

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

1. GF's note of meeting held on December 21st 1977 was approved.
2. Reporting on progress in arrangements for the student seminars GF said that the first would take place on February 11th and 12th. It would be introduced by KJ. The Times had expressed a desire to run a story on the seminar programme and a press release would be issued on or around February 1st.

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3. On plans for an International University of the Open Society to be held in 1979 GF said that there was now an organising committee of nine which would soon be approaching the FEE trustees for an initial grant of £250. Subject to the availability of funds the committee hoped to employ a professional conference organiser on a part time basis.

4. Reporting on the work of the specialist committees AS said that all four existing committees - Land and Housing, Energy, Transport and Health - were working their way to report stage. It would be up to the Management Board to decide how to use the committees' papers.

5. The Board unanimously agreed to donate £100 to further the work and aims of FEVER (The Friends of the Education Voucher Experiment in Representative Regions). DY said that the sum should be recorded as payment for FEVER's progress report.

6. On finance NV said that, allowing for donations which had been pledged, the Centre was still £20,000 short of its target. DY suggested that companies who might have difficulty in making contributions be asked to finance publications. AS said this should not apply where there was any risk to editorial independence. DY said that another effective way of raising money

would be to ask a number of companies which were unable to afford the full £1,000 yearly donation to pay £250 - £500 approx. on a subscription basis. It was agreed that NV and DY should approach companies to this end.

7. Urging members of the Management Board to accept the recommendations of his paper on backgrounders GF said that such papers would have the following advantages over other publications :

- i) topicality;
- ii) flexibility over publishing times;
- iii) greater impact on the media.

AS argued that backgrounders would not achieve anything not accomplished by the present publishing programme. There was also the risk of embarrassment to KJ and MT. It was agreed that GF be asked to produce a trial background paper on a subject of his choice.

MA (C) 8. On progress of FEE MB said that the Market Street film series was now in circulation at universities and schools along with the Incredible Bread Machine. KJ said that FEE had succeeded in finding a publisher for Banfield's 'The Unheavenly City Revisited'. It was to be produced in this country by Macmillans (subject to satisfactory agreement with the original American publishers).

9. Any other business : Members agreed to invite the IEA directors to a supper meeting along the lines of those held previously.

NV suggested that some reply be made to the Reith Lecture by Halsey. AS agreed to read and consult with KJ.

10. Reporting on publications PK said that sales were continuing to grow at a fast rate. In October gross sales reached a record figure of 1,892. Total net sales for the quarter ending December 1977 were 3,600.

The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Tuesday, 28th February at 11.00 a.m.