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Minutes of CPS Management Board held on Tuesday, 28th February

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

Apologies from NV.

- 1) GF's note of meeting held on Tuesday, January 24th was approved.
- 2) Matters arising :
 - (a) Backgrounders; GF said that he hoped to produce a trial background paper by the next Management Board meeting.
 - (b) He reported that the International University of the Open Society had been scheduled for July 1979 and would take place at Cambridge for approx. 500 students. At present the event was being organised by a steering committee consisting of Michael Ivens, Madsen Pirie, Martin Bendelow, Mike Forsyth, himself and others.
- 3) Reporting on publications PK said that Tim Congdon's paper 'Monetarism: An Essay In Definition' was to be published on April 3rd. The printing order was for 1,500 paper back copies and 500 hard back copies.

It was agreed that in future PK should only expect to be examined on detailed sales progress at quarterly meetings.

- 4) AS said that RAP had explored the possibility of publishing a paper on ways to de-nationalise either by direct commission to an author or by setting up a committee on the subject. KJ said that Nicholas Ridley had recently completed a paper on the subject for the Party which would be published soon. It was agreed that RAP should see Ridley's paper before taking the matter further.

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5) Reporting on the seminar programme GF said that the first of the seminars had been held successfully on February 11th and 12th with 12 students present. Both speakers and students said they found the seminar stimulating and valuable. However, despite considerable publicity and advertising, the second seminar which had been planned for February 25th and 26th had been cancelled because of lack of applications from students. Responding to suggestions that he should aim the seminars at other groups, GF said that it would be defeatist to change the programme so soon and it would reduce the quality if the speakers had to try to pitch their talks at a level which was understood by all comers. The seminars would still be aimed at undergraduates but all others who wished to attend would be made welcome on that understanding.

6) KJ said that there was particular need to educate the Party and the public on the way in which the labour market operated. He was making a speech on the subject very soon but believed it would be useful if the Centre or the IEA could arrange a seminar on the subject. AS agreed to consult Ralph Harris.

7) Reporting on FEE, MB said that the Wiseman paper on poverty was expected within the next few weeks; the Manager's Handbook by Sykes and Livingstone had been held up but could also be expected soon and we could hope to publish within 9 months. He also reported that the FEE trustees had agreed to make an initial grant of £250 towards the running of the International University of the Open Society.

8) Reporting on the financial situation, KJ said that there had been 4 or 5 donations since the last Board meeting totalling £7,000 approx.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th April at 11 a.m.

Distribution : KJ AR
NV GF
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