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Minutes of CPS Management Board meeting held on Wednesday,
31st January 1979

Present : KJ, NV, DY, AS, GF and, for part of meeting, PK

Apologies from : SW, AR.

1. GF's note of meeting held on Thursday, December 14th, 1978, was read and approved.

2. Matters arising :

- (i) GF said that the Alternative Bookshop was to be opened on March 1st by Paul Johnson but was already open for business.

3. Seminars : GF presented details of the next 10 seminars. He said that despite the fact that some 50 academics and journalists had already spoken at the seminars there was no fall-off in the quality of speakers who had agreed to take part in this year's programme.

4. Expert committees : AS reported that 3 committees, Energy, Health and Transport, had finalised their reports and these had now been sent to members of the Board. It was agreed that there would be a special meeting to discuss the ways in which the reports might be used to greatest effect.

5. Publications : PK said that net sales for the period August-December 1978 totalled £1,513. This was slightly down on the corresponding period the previous year. This was due to the fact that fewer publications have been brought out during this period. Bestsellers had been Tim Congdon's 'Monetarism: An Essay in Definition' (134 copies), 'Conditions for Fuller Employment' (92 copies), and P.T. Bauer's 'Class on the Brain' (120 copies). Our next publication was John Burton's 'Job Support Machine' which was due out during the first week of March.

AS said that he was still seeking financial support for his proposed study on trade union finances to be written by John Wakeham.

6. Black Papers : GF said that he had heard from Professor Cox who had said that he had already made a start on planning a Black Paper on trade unions. It was agreed there would be a meeting between Professor Cox and the Centre's staff to see whether we could usefully assist.

7. Meeting with Dr. Wiener of the Anglo-German Foundation : GF said that Dr. Wiener had made it clear that the Foundation would give sympathetic consideration to applications for finance to support individual publishing projects. It was agreed that AS should continue to try to obtain substantial finance for the study on trade union finance. It was also agreed that GF should contact the Richardson Foundation to see whether they might help with the project.

8. Conservative Party Conference : GF said that this year's conference was taking place at Blackpool from 9th-12th October, assuming that it did not clash with a general election. A room had been booked at the Winter Gardens for 180 people for Thursday, October 11th. It was agreed that Hayek should be invited to be the speaker.

9. Bibliography: GF said that despite repeated promises that publication was imminent, FEE had totally failed in their commitment to bring out a second and enlarged edition of the Bibliography. It was agreed that the Centre should now assume responsibility for the publication.

10. Finance: NV said that we still needed to raise a further £15,000 during the present year. It was too soon to gauge the success of the present appeal for new donors.

11. The next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 14th at 10.00 a.m. This earlier time is due to the fact that the Board meeting is being incorporated with a meeting to discuss the reports of the Energy, Health and Transport committees.

Distribution :

- KJ AS
- NV GF
- DY MB
- SW PK
- AR