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Minutes of CPS Management Board meeting held on Tuesday, 24th  
October, 1978, at 11.00 a.m.

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

Apologies from : SW, MB.

1) GF's note of meeting held on September 12th was read and approved.

2) Matters arising :

(i) Fringe meeting: GF said that the Centre had had a successful meeting addressed by Hugh Thomas and attended by more than 200 delegates. Approx. £100 worth of CPS books had been sold at the meeting.

(ii) Unemployment speech : KJ said that Mrs. Thatcher was anxious that the message should be repeated in speeches and in articles. He intended to meet with AS and GF to discuss this. KJ said that he had had no reply from the BBC, to whom he had complained about lack of coverage on the speech. Nor had he been satisfied with the response from MSC, who had called for a public debate on unemployment. The reply by Sir Richard O'Brien was evasive and superficial and he had pointed this out in a subsequent letter to the MSC chairman.

3) Publications: Presenting her annual report, PK said that book sales showed a steady growth (approx. £4,000 up on previous year).

The next publication would be Peter Bauer's 'Class on the Brain' (provisional publication date December 4th).

4) University CPS groups and seminars: GF said that Manchester University had been given permission to form a CPS group and he was discussing the project with its chairman on October 27th. There were possibilities of two further groups being set up - at York and Kent.

There were four more seminars before Christmas and although applications for the first of these were insufficient in number, there was considerable interest in the remaining three.

5) Managers Handbook: GF said that he now thought that he had found a suitable author for the project. He was Michael Jefferson, chief economist at Shell, and initiator of the IEA's long debate on poverty publication.

6) Matters arising from the special meeting to discuss the future of CPS :

a) Black Papers : GF said that Ralph Harris and Stuart Butler and others had agreed to attend a meeting to discuss explaining the Black Paper technique.

b) MPs lunches and dinners: GF said that he had reserved a dozen dates for KJ to meet Parliamentary colleagues. He had drawn up a list of suitable names with Norman Lamont.

(c) The broadcasting initiative: KJ said that he was continuing to consult friends and colleagues about ways of encouraging less biased coverage of political and economic affairs on television and radio.

(d) Anglo-German Foundation: NV said that it would be useful for KJ to meet Dr. H. B. Weiner, Projects Director of the Anglo-German Foundation. GF to invite.

7) Finance: NV said there was still £20,000 to be found.

The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch.

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