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Minutes of meeting of CPS Management Board held on Wednesday, 21st December 1977

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

1. GF's note of meeting held on Tuesday, 25th November was read and approved.
2. Reporting on progress of specialist committees, AS said that the inaugural meeting of the Housing and Land Committee, which includes Michael Latham and Sir Frederick Corfield and is chaired by Professor Denman, was to take place on 18th January 1978.

The Energy Committee was nearing the report stage and a sub-committee meeting had been convened for January 10th 1978 to produce a first draft.

The Transport Committee, which was also nearing report stage, was also meeting on January 10th.

AS also reported on the setting up of a number of non-Centre committees with the aim of politicising the Party. He hoped there would be a committee on the insurance industry, a Jewish advisory committee, a media committee and a committee on the subversion of the Christian church.

3. KJ said that since his debate with Tony Benn on socialism and freedom, he had written to The Times (letter appeared 16/12/77), inviting interested organisations to stage a further debate between himself and a leading Socialist minister on the subject. He had received such an invitation from the Institute of Directors and from Newcastle Polytechnic. He had also
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been invited to take part in a television debate with Benn by John Dekker. The Cobden Trust were to publish the human rights debate.

4. Reporting on progress of plans for an International University of the Open Society, GF and MB said that a working committee consisting of themselves and Andrew Chalk, Peter Booth, John Blundell and David Robertson had been formed. They planned a week-long event for some 500-750 students from the UK, US, W. Germany, France, Italy and Spain. NV suggested that because of the enormity of the organisational task the committee should consider employing a firm of professional conference organisers such as Angex.

5. AS said that he did not believe that scrutiny of the Department of Trade bankruptcy figures would provide the basis of a regular publication which illuminated the Centre's purpose or beliefs. He suggested that the IEA might be asked to publish on the subject.

DY said that he believed KJ's idea for backgrounders would more effectively fill the need for a regular CPS publication. It was agreed that GF should produce a paper outlining proposals for such a publication to be discussed at the subsequent Board meeting.

6. Reporting on finance NV said that in addition to donations received or pledged the Centre needed a further £20,000. This would enable them to avoid depleting funds intended for the following year.

7. On publication plans PK said that RAP proposed to publish the three intervention studies on Meriden, Rolls Royce and Textiles in one volume under the title 'Three Lame Ducks'. KJ said that this title was unduly flippant and asked the committee to reconsider.

PK said that Desmond Fingleton of The Sun had been asked to do a new improved version of 'Why Britain needs a social market economy'. While this was being produced a small number of the existing booklet were being reprinted in order to meet demand. NV said that these should be

distributed free of charge to members of KJ's student audiences.

8. Any other business: GF said that the student seminar series comprising 20 seminars was due to begin on February 11th/12th. Speakers will include Hugh Thomas, Udi Eichler and Professors Minogue and Flew.

The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Tuesday, 24th January at 11.00 a.m.

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