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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the CPS Management Board held on
Tuesday, October 25th 1977

Present : KJ, NV, AS, GF, AR and MB and, for part of meeting, PK.
Apologies from David Young and SW.

- 1) GF's minute of meeting of September 27th to be approved.

- 2) Matters arising :
 - a) GF said that despite an unsuitable choice of venue, the Centre's 'fringe' meeting had been successful with about 80 delegates attending. It was hoped that both Prof. Bauer's paper and the paper given by Arianna Stassinopoulos could be published.

 - b) MB said that Prof. Sykes and Dr. James Livingstone had now started work on the manager's handbook. A first draft was expected in the new year.

 - c) GF said the 'University of the Open Society', originally the idea of FCS, had been broadened in concept. It was now hoped that the event would be organised by an ad-hoc committee of prestigious academics, economists and media commentators and approx. 500-1,000 students would attend from Britain, Europe and the U.S. It was agreed that GF and MB should continue to assist in organising the project.

- 3) AS reported that the Energy and Transport committees were nearing the completion of their work. PVE had agreed to take on the extra work of servicing the proposed health and housing committees.

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- 4) KJ reported that the AEI had asked whether the Centre could accommodate a visiting scholar, Dr. Miller, during summer '78 while he carried out research into 'social regulation' (sic). It was agreed that Dr. Miller should be welcomed, but advised of the limited CPS facilities.
- 5) Backgrounders : AS said that KJ's proposal that we publish 'backgrounders', i. e. briefing papers, on the lines of those produced by the Heritage Foundation was not practical for an organisation with close Conservative Party connections. AR suggested that instead of continuing with the suggestion the Centre might produce a published analysis of several proposals contained in the Queen's speech.
- 6) PK reported that we had sold 350 out of 500 hardback copies of 'Let Our Children Grow Tall' and 800 paperback editions.
- 7) MB was given authority to make a preliminary search for new premises.
- 8) NV said that there is a need to top up donations. For the sake of economy he repeated his request that, where possible, staff should moderate their claims to expenses.
- 9) The meeting accepted treasurer's report and accounts for year ended September 30th 1977.
- 10) The Board fixed auditor's remuneration at £175 in their capacity as auditors, and £1,700 for accountancy, tax services, book-keeping, payroll and secretarial services (estimated) £1,700.
- 11) The retiring director, KJ, was re-elected.

The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Tuesday, 29th November 1977, at 11 a.m.

Copy to : KJ, NV, AS, GF, AR, MB, PK, SW.
David Young