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Note of meeting of CPS Management Board - 25th January 1977

Present : KJ, NV, AS, SW, MW, GF, MB and, for part of meeting, PK. AR was absent.

- 1) MW's note of meeting held on 21st December 1976 was approved.
- 2) KJ reported that a longish letter had been sent to Mr. de Vigier of Acrow Ltd. explaining the Centre's proposed new departures to reach the unconverted with the aid of Mr. de Vigier's generous donation.
- 3) MW reported on the RADAP exercise, which was henceforth to be known as POP (Policy Option Papers). The three housing papers had been edited and would be going to printers very shortly with a publication date envisaged for end-March. Housing would shortly afterwards be followed by publication of the studies on a) the railways and b) the nationalised industries. Education had proven problematical and publication would be delayed till mid-year. Because of a variety of problems beyond the Centre's control, the health service study had not even got off the ground and it might perhaps be wise to replace it with another subject. RAP would consider the proposal. MW also reported on the success of the CPS seminar on indexing for inflation; on the report that KJ was about to send to the BUI with the aim of enlisting their financial assistance for a further three years; and on the forthcoming Party Political which Central Office had asked GF, MB and MW to help devise. KJ asked MW and MB to discuss with Economic League J.C. Bamford's suggestion that a study be done portraying the realities of life in Marxist-Leninist societies. Bamford thought some other body - eg. Aims or Economic League - should pursue this. MW reported that he and MB were shortly to visit Economic League's office to establish diplomatic relations.
- 4) AS took the meeting through the publications programme. He said that the next publication would be either Colin Jones's aluminium study or the McFadzean paper on Galbraith which PK was editing. AS undertook to draft a foreword for KJ to sign for the McFadzean study by early February. It was

hoped to publish McFadzean in early March. After Jones and McFadzean, it was hoped to publish Max Wilkinson's paper on education by end of March. It had been decided to drop the Lynn paper and AS would be writing to tell him so. KJ expressed some concern that the public reaction to F. Zweig's 'New Acquisitive Society' had been so mixed.

5) SW reported on FEE. The appeal was proceeding and FEE now had more than £10,000 committed. SW and MB were to meet soon to take the programme forward. A trustees meeting had been arranged for end-March.

6) AS agreed to put forward a paper to RAP suggesting studies of the public sector which GKN might agree to finance in accordance with Basil Wood's offer. After Board clearance, KJ would then write to Wood.

7) GF introduced his proposal to investigate the merits of establishing a CPS quarterly journal. Despite strongly expressed reservations from AS, it was agreed that GF would continue to explore the idea and report back to the Board.

8) GF introduced his paper on the weekend seminars for students. The programme received general approval and GF was asked to proceed as planned and report back after the events.

9) After some initial disagreement, it was decided that PK should continue to attend Board meetings for discussion of publications and sales as and when the Board wished to seek her advice.

10) The next meeting of the Management Board will be held at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, 22nd February 1977.

cc KJ GF
NV MB
AS PK
SW
AR
MW