

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Management
held on 8 March 1994 at the Westminster Theatre, London SW1**

Present

Mr G W Craig	Mr C F Evans
Mr J M Hore-Ruthven	Mr A S Kiaer
Dr J S Lester	Duchess of Montrose
Mr E Peters	Mr P Riddell
Mr R Ruffin	Dr M Spooner
Mr P Vickers	Mr G Wise

In attendance

Ms C Hutchinson	Ms C Kawamoto
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Apologies for absence

Mr M Henderson	Miss M Lean
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1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December having been circulated were approved and signed.

2 Matters Arising

- a) Retired Full-Time Workers: Dr Lester reported that he had written to Ian McCulloch regarding the welfare of full-time workers, but as the specific case he had in mind had been satisfactorily dealt with, he had not pursued the matter further for the time being. It was agreed to ask Ian McCulloch for a reply to the letter.
- b) 54 Lyford Road: The Council noted that Mr G W Craig had been living at 54 Lyford Road, in furtherance of the Group's purposes, at the time of his election to the Council. They required him to continue to live there, in pursuance of the purposes of the Council.
- c) Westminster Theatre: The Council also noted that Mr A S Kiaer had been required to live at Flat 1, Westminster Theatre for many years prior to his election to membership of the Council. They reaffirmed this and required him to continue to live at Flat 1, Westminster Theatre in pursuance of the Group's aims.
- d) 12a Norham Road: The Council recalled the circumstances that had led to the purchase of a lease on 12a Norham Road, and the purposes for which it

9 Cyprus Statement

Mr Hore-Ruthven recalled that following the Consultation in Cyprus last November by an international group concerned with MRA, a statement entitled "MRA - Initiative For Change" had been issued.

Lord Blanch, the former Archbishop of York, had written of it:

"As for the Cyprus document, I applaud it without reservation as an inspiring description of the MRA adapted to the consensus needs and aspirations of many people around us.... The document sets out a view of 'mission' in line with the New Testament and the early practice of the church. So congratulations to the authors. Barnabas, the Cypriot, would have found himself at one with them."

Mr Ian McCulloch of Bircham & Co, the Group's solicitors had also approved the text of the document.

Mr Hore-Ruthven presented a printed copy of the Cyprus Statement. It was agreed that "MRA (Moral Re-Armament), 12 Palace Street, London SW1" should be added and sufficient copies be printed for six months' projected use.

The Council asked that it be incorporated in the Minutes.

10 Foundations For Freedom

The Council reviewed and endorsed the Rules setting up a separately administered Fund under the name of Foundations For Freedom (see rules below).

Mr Peters and Mr Evans had circulated the prospectus on Foundations For Freedom to members of the Council. A total of £22,000 had been received or promised toward the budgeted target of £50,000 including a grant of £14,500 from the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and \$10,000 from the MRA body in the United States. It was agreed that membership of the Foundations For Freedom Committee should until further notice be: Mr Eric Andren, Mr John Bennett, Mr Chris Evans, Mr Mike Lowe, Mr Edward Peters, Mr Roy Paige, Miss Ann Rignall.

Rules of Foundations For Freedom

1. The name of the fund shall be "Foundations For Freedom" (FFF).
2. FFF has been established by The Oxford Group as a means of furthering its objects, and the actions of FFF shall at all times be consistent with the objects of The Oxford Group.
3. FFF is concerned to advance the Christian religion by emphasising the importance of, and encouraging a commitment to, the moral and spiritual values which underlie true personal, political and national freedom. It recognises that this commitment is implanted in the individual by God, and finds its highest

expression in a life lived under His guidance. To promote such commitment FFF shall expend its funds in:

- (i) initiating, organising and supporting meetings, training programmes and other activities to the above ends
- (ii) working with people of goodwill from all faiths who share its belief in the supreme importance of moral and spiritual foundations of true freedom
- (iii) building up a network of individuals committed to the above values
- (iv) cooperating or associating with other organisations or bodies carrying on similar work
- (v) agreeing and paying honoraria, stipends, allowances or salaries to those who carry out tasks on behalf of FFF (other than members of the Council of Management of The Oxford Group) at the discretion of the FFF Committee.

4. FFF may obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, legacies or any other legal method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trust or not).

5. FFF will be under the day to day management of a Committee appointed by the Council of Management of The Oxford Group and containing at least two Members for the time being of that Council, one of whom must be present, with at least two other members of the Committee for the creation of a quorum of the Committee. The Committee will be answerable to The Council of Management of The Oxford Group, and will report on its financial position and future plans to the Council at least every six months.

6. The accounts of FFF will be consolidated and audited with those of The Oxford Group each financial year.

7. In the event of a dissolution of FFF, its net assets shall accrue to The Oxford Group for its general purposes.

8. These rules may from time to time be amended by the Council of Management of The Oxford Group.

11 Caux

- a) 1994: The Secretary reported that a young university graduate, Mr Neil Mackay, had initiated a scheme to enlist undergraduates to help staff the conferences at Caux, in exchange for their travel costs. Advertisements were being placed with the careers departments of universities, and all applicants would be subject to a stringent application process. The Council approved the initiative particularly as it should cut down the high cost of Swiss labour at Caux, and agreed to launch a fund to make it possible for young students to travel there.
- b) 1996 - 50th Anniversary: Mr Ruffin spoke of the 50th Anniversary of Caux, two years hence, and the necessity to plan now to create a conference of