

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NCROPA SUPPORTERS HELD ON THE 19th MAY 1981 AT 6 BREWER STREET W1

David Webb, the organiser of Ncropa, was in the chair. He reported to the meeting that he had ordered and paid for the agreed advertisement to be published in the "New Standard" of Thursday 21st of May 1981. He said that Ncropa had had to pay the sum of £1,800 for this. He said that Ncropa had already collected the sum of £1,300 from supporters. Therefore he pointed out that there was a short-fall of £500. Two supporters of Ncropa who were at the meeting, namely Messrs Gold & Lindsay, informed the meeting that they would both contribute £250 to Ncropa to make up this short-fall. Supporters of Ncropa who were at the meeting were asked to inform other supporters that the advertisement would appear in page 5 of the New Standard.

Ted Goodman, a lawyer and member of the committee of Ncropa, read out the text of the agreed advertisement. He also read out the minutes of the meeting of Ncropa supporters held on the 29th April 1981 which were approved by the meeting. He also reported on his meeting on Wednesday 6th May 1981 with Mr Albert Gerber, the President of the First Amendment Lawyer's Association of the USA. Ted Goodman also informed the meeting that Switzerland and Greece were in the process of Liberalising their publication laws so that only three countries were left in Western Europe which still sought to suppress publications and films, namely the United Kingdom, The Republic of Ireland, and Belgium.

David Webb, the Organiser of Ncropa reported to the meeting on the reply that he had received from the Home Secretary. He also informed the meeting that he was writing to the new GLC councillors so that sympathetic members of the Greater London Council could be invited to the meeting that was being arranged with members of parliament and members of the City of Westminster Council. Mr Webb said that as soon as the time and place of this meeting had been arranged supporters would be informed. He pointed out that this meeting would cost money. The meeting agreed that Mr David Sullivan and Gold Star Publications should be approached for contributions to the costs of this meeting. Mr John Perrin, a supporter of Ncropa, said that he would make this approach on behalf of Ncropa.

The meeting agreed that while Mr Webb was arranging the meeting with politicians, Ncrope should continue its attempts to gain more publicity. It was agreed that after the advertisement had appeared in the New Standard on the 21st May 1981, Ncrope should follow this up by more publicity. ~~The representative at the meeting of the Sarnioke Cinema Club pointed out that he was already showing Ncrope advertisements in his films shown at this club.~~ Representatives of other cinema clubs at the meeting stated that they would do likewise. Mr Geoffrey Gold, asked Ncrope to prepare a poster consisting of extracts from the Williams Report. Mr David Webb, the organiser of Ncrope, said that he would draft such a poster and bring it to the next meeting of supporters so that they could approve the final wording. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be fixed by Mr David Webb when he had received replies from the GLO councillors to whom he had written.

Several representatives of cinema clubs at the meeting pointed out that they were being raided by the police and prosecuted for showing films which had already been cleared by juries regarding other cases. Mr Nigel Lay, a barrister, who was present, pointed out that a list of all such films which had been cleared by the juries should be prepared. Then if any supporter of Ncrope was prosecuted for showing such a film, an application for an injunction could be made to the High Court to prevent the Metropolitan Police from mounting a prosecution regarding that film. The representatives of the cinema clubs at the meetings therefore stated that they would each compile a list of ^{their} films which had been cleared by juries. It was agreed that these representatives would bring these lists to a meeting of supporters to be held at 6 Brewer Street, London W1 at 7pm on the evening of Thursday 28th May 1981. Mr Ted Goodman, stated that he would attend this meeting on the behalf of Ncrope and receive details of these lists so that Ncrope could prepare one master list and then any supporter who was being prosecuted for showing a film could contact Ncrope to check if the film was on that masterlist of films which had been acquitted. In that event Ncrope would advise the supporter and if necessary instruct Mr Nigel Lay, counsel for Ncrope, to apply to the High Court for an injunction to prevent a prosecution being mounted regarding that film.

The supporters of Necropa present at the meeting stated that they would try and ensure that more people supported Necropa and contributed financially to its efforts.