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COMMON CAUSE LTD.

The company was formed in 1956. According to its Memorandum of Association its aims and objects included:

- "1. To maintain in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the essential conditions of civilisation that is to say the rule of law, political democracy dependent on the Sovereignty of Parliament, Universal Suffrage and responsible Government and a maximum of individual freedom compatible with the performance of civic duties and respect for the rights of others.
2. To cooperate with similar organisations in other countries and in particular to assist in the preservation of the freedom of the individual where it still exists and to restore such freedom in those countries in which it has been destroyed.
3. To oppose all doctrines, parties, movements and regimes which by their hostility to the objects set out in para (1) above are destructive of the essential conditions of civilisation and in particular to expose as a subversive conspiracy to Communist Party of Great Britain, the servile instrument of a foreign totalitarian dictatorship the material to destruction of freedom....
4. to act as advisers and consultants to any person, firm or company, trade union association, local authority or any other body on the welfare of and on any other matters connected with the employment of any person or persons and in particular to give assistance in the screening of those who by their conduct or associations might reasonably be expected to be engaging in activities detrimental to the welfare of the state".

Associated with Common Cause Ltd. are also Common Cause Publications Ltd., (principal activity publishing), and Common Cause College Ltd. (founded in 1954) the object of which is "to establish and maintain a training school for students of all ages and nationalities where such students may obtain education in technical and general subjects of all kinds".

All three companies have directors in Common as follows:

Peter S. Crane, a solicitor who is also a director of 19 companies of which ten are subsidiaries of American companies. The ten are as follows: Aeromarine Ltd. (subsidiary of Aeromarine Inc., USA); Baldwin-Burns Ltd. (subsidiary of D.H. Baldwin Co., USA); Centriline Ltd. (subsidiary of Raymond International Inc., USA); Dennison Manufacturing Co. (subsidiary of Dennison Manufacturing Co., USA); Erie Technological Products (subsidiary of Erie Technological Products USA); Erie Resistor Ltd. (" " " " " "); Nissen Trampoline Co. (subsidiary of Nissen Corp., USA);

Readers Digest Association Ltd., (subsid. of Readers Digest Assoc. Inc., USA); Placid Oil (GB) Ltd. (subsid. of Placid Oil Co., USA) Raymond Concrete Pile Co. (subsid. of Raymond International Inc., USA).

In addition to the above, Crane is a director of the following:

Bachelor Holiday Parties Ltd.

Grayson Travel Ltd.

Tamarine (Yacht Basins) Ltd.

Vidoscope Ltd.

Virginia Freeman (Holdings) Ltd.

Croslenn (UK) Ltd.

National Chemsearch

Copes Regulators (subsid. of White Consolidated Industries Ltd.)

Metadalis Ltd. (subsid. of Curzon Industrial Investments Ltd. which among other things manufactures coin-operated amusement machines).

Peter de Peterson - until 1966 he was a director of J. Walter Thompson Co. the advertising firm, subsidiary to the American firm of the same name.

Neil P.M. Elles, barrister and director of Incorporated Inns of Court Mission.

Air Chief Marshall Sir Theodore H. Holroyd. Retired. Born 1904. Educated Haberdashers School; RAF Coll. Cranwell. Chief of Staff Allied Air Forces, Central Europe, 1956-59; Air Secretary, Air Ministry, 1959-62. Retired 1962. Vice-President British Gliding Association.

Air Vice-Marshal Ogilvie-Forbes. Retired. Born 1900. Educated Oratory School, Cambridge. Joined RAF 1922. Wing Cdr. 1939; Group Capt. 1941; Air Commodore 1947; Air Attache, Moscow 1948-50; Asst. Chief of Air Staff (Intelligence) 1950-52. Retired 1952. Director of Lighting and Engineering Co.

Brigadier John Rederburn-Maxwell. Married the Hon. Ann, daughter of first Lord Cunliffe. Served in 1914-18 war and in 1939-45 war.

Public relations officers to Common Cause are:

Major General Godfrey J. Hamilton. Retired. Born 1912. Educated Radley Coll. and Sandhurst. Served during the war and after it in Palestine, Egypt, Germany, Korea, Kenya, N. Ireland, Berlin. Chief Joint Services Liaison Organisation, BROR, 1963-66. Retired 1967.

Brigadier George Taylor. Retired. Born 1905. Educated Ushaw Coll.

Darham. Regular army before war. Served 1939-45 war and after it in Malaya; and 28th Commonwealth Brigade, Korea, 1951; and 49th Brigade Kenya (Mau Mau) 1953-5. Retired 1957.

COMMON CAUSE FINANCE

We give particulars of firm's donations which we have recorded during the last couple of years to Common Cause. Of the 28 companies on our list you will note that sixteen also gave donations to the Conservative Party and most such donations were much bigger than those given to Common Cause. For example, Whitbread gave £20,000 to the Conservative Party last year.

Until they joined the Cabinet Reginald Maudling was a director of Kleinwort, Benson & Lonsdale and Anthony Barber a director of British Ropes.

It may be of interest to note that fifteen out of these 28 companies have South African subsidiaries, in view of clause 2 of Common Cause Aims and objects.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Donation</u> (£)
Vickers (s)	Engineering	Dec. 1968	1,702
		Dec. 1969	1,702
Guest Keen & Nettlefold (s)	Engineering	Dec. 1967	1,250 (a)
Associated Portland Cement (s)	Cement makers	Dec. 1967	1,000
		Dec. 1968	1,000
Imperial Tobacco Co.	Tobacco	Oct. 1968	1,000
		Oct. 1969	1,000
British Electric Traction (s)	(Miscellaneous)	Mar. 1969	500
Powell Duffryn (s)	Shipping, engineering etc.	Mar. 1968	300 (e)
		Mar. 1969	300
Whitbread & Co. (s)	Brewers	Mar. 1968	255 (e)
		Mar. 1969	255
British Aircraft Corp.	Aircraft and guided weapons	Dec. 1969	250
Hawker Siddeley (s)	Aircraft	Dec. 1968	250
		Dec. 1969	250
British American Tobacco (s)	Tobacco	Sep. 1968	250
		Sep. 1969	250
Taylor Woodrow (s)	Builders	Dec. 1968	250 (e)
		Dec. 1969	250
Carreras	Tobacco	June 1969	250
John Brown & Co. (s)	Shipbuilding	Mar. 1968	250 (e)
		Mar. 1969	200
Kleinwort, Benson & Lonsdale	Bankers	Dec. 1969	250 (e)
Cammell Laird (s)	Shipbuilding & Engineering	Dec. 1968	200
George Cohen 600 (s)	Engineering	Mar. 1968	105 (e)
		Mar. 1969	105
British Ropes (s)	Wire	Dec. 1969	100 (e)
Alexanders Discount Co.	Discount House	Dec. 1968	100
		Dec. 1969	100
T.F. Firth & Sons	Carpets	Mar. 1968	100 (e)
Holman Bros.	Machinery	Mar. 1968	100 (e)
Cater Ryder & Co.	Bankers & brokers	May 1969	100 (e)
Readicut International	Rugs	Mar. 1969	100 (e)
Sun Alliance & London Insurance	Insurance	Dec. 1968	100 (e)
Thomas Tilling (s)	Miscellaneous	Dec. 1969	100 (e)
Homfray	Carpets	June 1968	80 (e)
British United Shoe Machinery	Engineering	Dec. 1968	75 (e)
Robert Clough (Keighley)	Textiles	Nov. 1969	60
J. Brockhouse (s)	Engineering	Sep. 1968	50 (e)
		Sep. 1969	50

(a) The donation was actually given to Flute Ltd. for Common Cause.

(e) Gave in addition a donation to the Conservative Party.

(s) This firm has a South African subsidiary.