

✓ Sitting No. 12/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Anberge d'Arjan, Valletta, on Thursday, 18th October, 1962, at 7 pm.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Education.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications.

The Hon. Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.

The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Secretary to the Cabinet read ^{out} a copy of a letter, dated 12th October, 1962, which had been sent to the United Kingdom Commissioner, Sir Edward Dakefield, by the General Secretary of the General Workers Union. The General Workers Union desired to reopen high level discussions in London on the subject of the level of employment and the serious consequences from the announced discharges from the Services in Malta, and asked the United Kingdom Commissioner to arrange with the Secretary of Commonwealth Relations and Colonial Affairs to meet representatives of the Union at an early date.

The United Kingdom Commissioner had asked the Hon. Prime Minister whether he, the Commissioner, was to be advised by the Malta Government on the action to take.

The Cabinet studied the implications of any advice that would be tendered by the Malta Government on this matter. It decided that the Hon. Prime Minister should in the first instance ascertain from Sir Edward Wakefield whether the United Kingdom Government was prepared to open the question of discharges from the Services in Malta. In the affirmative, the Secretary of Commonwealth Relations and Colonial Affairs was expected to discuss the matter again with the Malta Government.

ORH. 985/50.

Geneva Conventions Act, 1957. Appeals from
Convictions of prisoners of war and
civilian internees. Memo. 20.48.

The Cabinet was informed that the provisions of the Geneva Conventions Act, 1957, had been extended to Malta in September, 1959, with the exception of the section relating to appeals from convictions of prisoners of war and civilian internees.

The Secretary of State had requested Governments to enact legislation in their territory to ensure that the time for appealing did not begin to run until

notice of the conviction and sentence had been given to the protecting powers. The Secretary of State had now asked for confirmation from the Maltese Government by the 31st October, 1962, that ~~the~~ legislation to this effect had been introduced.

The Cabinet agreed that the necessary legislation be introduced in the Legislative Assembly with a view to enactment by the 31st October, 1962.

Osmond Oliver

Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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