

✓ Sitting No. 3/62.

Cabinet meeting held at the Ambage d'Arzon on Thursday, 6th September, 1962, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education in the Absence  
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications.

The Hon. Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Minister of Works & Housing

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Social Welfare

The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Commerce.

who were on duty abroad.

The minutes of meetings Nos. 1 and 2/62 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 531/62.

Application for Membership of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.) (Memo. No. 7)

Dr. Anthony S. Tarvegia, B. Com., B.Sc. Econ., in attendance.

The Cabinet considered the submission made by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications on the question of direct representation of the Malta Government on United Nations Agencies with particular reference to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.). It was stated that Malta's becoming a member of any one of the Agencies would not yield

substantial material benefits because Malta already had a specific allocation for technical assistance. It was stressed, however, that the membership fees and other expenses would be more than offset by the "services" Malta would receive through contacts with all the participating countries.

Mr. Lunge confirmed the benefits that Malta would derive through her membership of F.A.O. He informed the Cabinet that the membership fee would be 60% of .04% of the F.A.O. budget or about £3,000 a year.

The matter was considered in all its aspects. It was finally agreed that the Malta Government should apply for membership of F.A.O.

PM. 1160/62.

Exemption from Customs Duty on raw materials for local consumption. (Memo. No. 6).

PM. 560/62.

Amendments of the Imports and Exports Duties Ordinance (Cap. 122) (Memo. No. 10).

With regard to these two subjects the Cabinet was asked to approve that certain materials which were required by certain firms in Malta should be imported free of customs duty, and to advise the Governor to issue an order in this sense under section 13 of the Imports and Exports Duties Ordinance. These

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materials comprised rough diamonds, certain ingredients required for producing balanced foods in quantity for cattle and animals, and items required for the making of gloves and rubber seals and mouldings.

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It was agreed all round that well established manufacturing firms in Malta deserved a measure of financial help. However, before deciding on the two questions at issue the Cabinet felt that further consideration should be postponed to a later date when the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development + Tourism was present to furnish the Cabinet with certain clarifications especially with regard to the financial implications of the proposed fiscal measures.

OPM. 114/59

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New Power/Water Station. (Memo. No. 5).

The Hon. Mr. A. Salomone, Deputy Financial Secretary, was in attendance.

Ministers led before them a Memorandum on the draft legislation to set up a Statutory Electricity Board and to provide for the raising of a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction <sup>+ Development</sup> known as the World Bank.

Mr. Salomone confirmed that from a technical point of view it was

of the utmost urgency and importance that negotiations with the World Bank should start in earnest at the earliest possible date. He stated that according to information he received from the United Kingdom Commissioner the Naval Power Station would close down early in 1964. He understood that the U.K. Commissioner would be writing soon to the Hon. Prime Minister on the matter.

The Cabinet felt that in the first place steps should be taken to ascertain that the site for the new station was available. For this purpose it was decided to hold a conference with Admiralty Officials. The Cabinet agreed not to implement this decision when it was informed by Mr. Solomon that negotiations with the Naval Authorities on this matter were in progress.

The Cabinet felt that it could not finally approve the principles embodied in the proposed draft legislation before consulting again Dr. M. Carneva Carram, Deputy Attorney General, and therefore decided to postpone consideration of the draft legislation to a later date.

Earlier in the discussion the Secretary to the Cabinet read the latest correspondence on this subject that passed between Mr. S. R. Cape of the World Bank and Mr. Solomon and between the United Kingdom Commissioner and Mr. E. Cuscheri, the Administrative Secretary.

This correspondence had been shown to the Hon. Prime Minister. In this connection the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power and Communications remarked that this correspondence should have been referred to him as the Minister directly responsible for the matter. The Cabinet agreed that similar correspondence should invariably be passed to the Ministers concerned.

ELSW. 249/59.

Memberships of Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (I.C.E.M.) (Memo. No. 4)

The Cabinet considered favourably the submission made by the Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare regarding Malta's membership of I.C.E.M. All the benefits that Malta would derive, as well as the obligations that would devolve on Malta from participation in the Committee were enumerated in a memorandum prepared by the Hon. Minister concerned. The Cabinet was satisfied that on balance Malta would stand to gain by her participation in the Committee and therefore decided that the Government should apply for membership.

ORM. 1184/58.

Appointments of Mr. Oscar Rizzo, B.E. (A), A.F.C. on the Rent Regulation Board (Memo. No. 9).

It was agreed to advise H.E. the Governor to appoint Mr. O. Rizzo, B.E. (A), A.F.C., to sit on the Rent Regulation Board for the Island of Malta as a member in the employment of the Government in lieu of Mr. Michael Busattil an architect engineer

in the Public Works Departments, with  
effect from the 7th September, 1962.

CPM. 232/57.

Closing of San Anton Gardens. Application  
by the Young Christian Workers (Birkirkara  
Section) (Memo. No. 11).

It was agreed that H.E.  
The Governor be advised to accede to  
the application made by the Young  
Christian Workers (Birkirkara Section) for  
permission to hold a fair at San Anton  
gardens on the 15th and 16th September, 1962,  
at which adults would be charged 1/6<sup>00</sup>  
and children would be admitted free.

*Paul*  
Prime Minister  
(ad int.)

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*Charles*  
Secretary to the Cabinet.  
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