

✓ Sitting No. 4/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Onore, Valletta, on Thursday, 13th September, 1962, at 11.30 am.

Presents: The Hon. Minister of Education and Acting Prime Minister in the Chair;
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

Absents: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism,
who were on duty abroad.

The minutes of Meeting No. 3/62 were read and confirmed.

Arising from the minutes the Hon. Minister of Justice informed the Cabinet that Dr. M. Carmena Curran could now be in attendance at a meeting of the Cabinet in connection with the legislation regarding the new Power/Water Station. He also stated that Mr. S.B. Cape of the World Bank had replied to Mr. A. Salomone.

OPM. 1136/49. Second Reading of the Electoral (Franchise, Method of Election and Registration of Voters) (Amendments) Emergency Ordinance 1958 (Demo. No. 18)

At a previous meeting of the Legislative Assembly the Hon. Acting Prime Minister had introduced a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Electoral (Franchise, Method of Election and Registration of Voters) (Amendments) Emergency Ordinance 1958. This Act was cited as the Emergency Ordinance No. X of 1958 (Repeal) Act, 1962.

Prof. Aemona explained the objects and reasons of the Bill which were to make section 33 of the Ordinance, Cap. 157, inoperative from the date of the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly until the conclusion of the next following general election. Prof. Aemona also confirmed that as the Bill stood it was not possible to incorporate in it any additional amendments. This Bill was to have its Second Reading at the sitting of the Legislative Assembly of the 19th September, 1962.

OPM. 220/48.

Fixing the price of silver under Section 12 of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Ordinance (Chapter 74). (Memo. No. 8).

The Cabinet had before them a memorandum (No. 8) giving reasons why it was necessary that the price of silver should be fixed officially and have a legal basis as in the case of gold. It was explained that since 1957 the price of silver had been taken

to be 2/- per Maltese ounce which was the actual price ruling some time in the 1930's. The present price of silver was over 4/- and it was therefore time that the position was regularized. The Cabinet agreed that H.C. the Governor be advised to authorize the issue of a Government Notice to this effect.

Att. In. 979/62

Amendment to the Relletting of Urban Property (Regulation) Ordinance, Cap. 109. (Memo. No. 24)

The Hon. Minister of Justice produced a draft Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Relletting of Urban Property (Regulation) Ordinance, Cap. 109. This Act was cited as the Relletting of Urban Property (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 1962. The object of this Bill was to permit an appeal from decisions of the Rents Regulation Board on application by lessors for permission to resume possession of the premises at the termination of the lease.

The Cabinet agreed to the introduction of the Bill.

OPM. 536/58/129

Application for Assistance under the Aids to Industries Ordinance. The Dolphin Forge (Exports). (Memo. No. 12)

OPM. 536/58/116

Application for Assistance under the Aids to Industries Ordinance. Messrs. S. Baldecchino & Sons. (Memo. No. 13).

Coordination of these two

applications was left to a later date when the Hon Minister of Industrial Developments & Tourism could clarify certain matters relating to the requirements of the labour required by the two firms applying for assistance.

(See P.S.)

C.P.O. 1212/62.

Application for assistance under the Aids to Industries Act, 1960.
Denette Ltd. (Hotel project at Salmen Tower).
(Memo. No. 14).

It was explained to the Cabinet that Messrs. Denette Ltd. had filed an application with the Malta Government Tourist Board for assistance towards the conversion of Salmen ~~Palace~~ ^{Palace} into an exclusive small hotel with ancillary amenities, including a large restaurant. Applicants planned ^{also} to increase the accommodation available within the Palace. The total cost of the conversion only was stated to be in the region of £50,000. The Company also estimated an employment figure of 30.

The Cabinet agreed that the Company should be given the following aid:

- a) Income Tax relief under section 6 of the Aids to Industries Act for a period of 10 years;
- b) Customs duty exemption under section 7(1) on constructional equipment

and material and on hotel operational equipments;

c) The extension of electricity to Selman Palace, at Government's expense,

provided the Company undertook to spend the sum of £50,000 on improvements at Selman Palace, to carry on and conduct its business as proprietor of a first class tourist establishment (hotel and restaurant) for a minimum period of ten years, not to repay to the Government the sum of money expended on providing electricity to the site in the event of default on the part of the Company, and to adhere to the employment figure of thirty.

Before communicating this decision to Messrs. Sivette Ltd. it was agreed that the Chairman of the Government Tourist Board should be asked to be in attendance at the meeting of the Cabinet on Saturday, 15th September, 1962, to give certain clarifications regarding that part of the undertaking relating to the expenditure of £50,000 on the projects.

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Prime Minister

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Secretary to the Cabinet

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P.S.

In connection with applications for assistance under the Aids to Industries Ordinance, the Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare raised the point whether the grants made under the Ordinance should be tied to the condition that all labour required by the firms concerned should be recruited from the Departments of Labour.

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