

✓ Sitting No. 13/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambrose d'Ango, Valletta, on Saturday the 27th October, 1962, at 10.30 am.

Present: 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 Works & Housing.
The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.
The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Minutes of Meeting Nos. 11 and 12/62 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes of Meeting No. 12/62, the Hon. Prime Minister informed the Cabinet that the United Kingdom Commissioner fully appreciated and understood and appreciated the misgivings of the Malta Government regarding the request of the General Dockers Union to discuss with the Secretary of State directly the question of discharges from the Services and the level of employment in Malta. The United Kingdom

Commissioner believed that the United Kingdom Government was not likely to open this question again.

0124. 576/62. Transmissions in Maltese from Radio Tunis.

The Hon Prime Minister read a letter from the United Kingdom Commissioner wherein the Malta Government was informed that the Tunisian authorities were considering the possibility of beginning daily short-wave transmissions in Maltese with a view to making the Maltese community in Tunis feel at home.

The Cabinet agreed to the proposal and wished to make available to the Tunisian authorities any material at the Malta Information Office, that would be of interest to the Maltese community in Tunis.

7.5. 1036/62 Discharge of pupils from St. Philip's Heri School and of inmates of the Hosp. for Mental Diseases. (Memo. No. 55).

The Cabinet gave the Hon. Minister of Justice general authority to advise H.C. the Governor direct, without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole, in all cases of discharge of pupils from St. Philip's Heri School and of inmates of the Hospital for Mental Diseases, where

custody is ordered by a Criminal Court.

Sec. 1666/59.

Commissions in the Malta Territorial Forces
(Demo. No. 28).

The Cabinet agreed that the appointments, promotions, retirements, etc. mentioned in the Memorandum in the file at Ref. 31 be made.

It was also agreed that the Hon. Prime Minister should in future have the personal authority of the Cabinet to submit these matters directly to His Excellency the Governor without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole.

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Bailey Power Supply (Demo. No. 49).

It was explained that when parts of H.H. Dockyard was transferred to Messrs. Bailey (Malta) Ltd. in March 1959, the arrangements were that initially Messrs. Bailey would obtain their electricity supplies from the Admiralty generating station. This period was to be for five years from the 31st March, 1959. After that date arrangements were to be made for the electricity supply to Messrs. Bailey to be taken on on the Government system. In this proposal work was started on the buying of two load feeders to supply

means. Bailey and to link up with the Admiralty Generating Station. This link up was necessary for an interchange of power between the Civil Government Generating Station and that of the Admiralty up to a possible capacity of six H.W. and also because the existing submarine cable linking the two stations was unreliable.

The Cabinet agreed that the Bailey electricity loads should be transferred to the Civil Government system as soon as the two feeders were ready for operation.

Sec. 2408/59. Hotel at Paradise Bay (Memo. No. 50).

The Cabinet was informed that the previous Government had granted to the Minister Property Developments Company (Malta) Ltd. a plot of land at deepa in emphyteusis for 150 years at a ground rent of £150 a year for the purpose of erecting a resort hotel and ancillary chalets, residential villas, restaurants, shops, offices and other buildings.

The Company had submitted the plans not within the stipulated period, i.e. not up to the 28th January, 1962, but on the 31st January, 1962, and therefore the period of 2½ years for the completion of the hotel began to run from the 28th January, 1962.

This was in accordance with Condition 11 of the deed of Emphyteusis.

Before agreeing to submit the plans with the reports of the Director of Public Works for the approval of the Governor, as required by Condition 9¹⁰ of the deed, the Cabinet wished to have legal opinion on whether the contracts could be rescinded for breach of the terms thereof on the part of the Minister Property Development Co. (Malta) Ltd.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written decisions were as follows:

- OPM. 710/62 - H.C. the Governor was advised to approve the requests of the Jozo Civic Council to incur expenditure up to £5,000 during each of the months of April, May and June, 1962.
- Sec. 2574/61 - H.C. the Governor was advised to sign the Certificate of Naturalization of Mr. Angelo Zerafa, which had been approved by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 1217/59

H.C. The Governor was advised to sign warrants empowering Alfred Agopovici, Francis Lumb, John Lumb, Jos. A. Pace, Albert Selenbri Wisneyer and Robert Landi to practice the medical profession.

The Hon. Prime Minister was given the general authority of the Cabinet to submit to H.C. for signature similar warrants or licences without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole.

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H.C. The Governor was advised to approve Government Notice relating to military training during the period 2nd April to 5th May, 1962.

The Hon. Prime Minister was given the general authority of the Cabinet to submit such Notices to His Excellency directly without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole.

OPM. 455/62

H.C. The Governor was advised to approve legal notice bringing the Adaptation of Laws Act, 1962, into force as from the

9th March, 1962.

OPH. 312/57 - H.E. the Governor was advised to make the Overseas Telephone (Cable Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 1962, to bring into force a 24-hour cable service to Germany via Rome.

L.A. 2/61 - H.E. the Governor was advised to make Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Order, 1962.

OPH. 1282/49 - H.E. the Governor was advised that the appointments of Mr. Joseph Leone Savado, Mr. Edgar Hincott and Dr. John Pullicino as members of the War Damage Commission, be renewed for a further period of one year.

OPH. 453/50 - H.E. the Governor was advised to appoint as Election Commissioners under the 1960 Local Government Ordinance 1961 for the year 1962 the same Election Commissioners as for 1961, viz:
Dr. John Pullicino, M.D.
Dr. Vincent Lemi, M.D.
Dr. George Vassallo, M.D.

Sec. 548/61 - H.C. The Governor was advised to approve the reduction of the rates of interest payable by the Government Savings Bank to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the case of current deposits and to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ for fixed deposits, and to make the Malta Government Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations, 1962.

OPM. 541/62 - H.C. The Governor was advised to approve a drawback from providing for the refunds of Customs duty on various materials used in the manufacture of coats and trousers for exports.

H. of J. 34/62 - H.C. The Governor was advised to sign a Proclamation extending the provisions of the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 46) to Maintenance Orders made by the Courts of the Northwest Territories and by the Courts of the Provinces in the Dominion of Canada of Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Alberta and Newfoundland.

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Prime Minister
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Secretary to Cabinet
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