

✓ Sitting No. 18/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge
d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 11th December,
1962, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education and
Acting Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Justice
The Hon. Minister of Works and
Housing
The Hon. Minister of Labour and
Social Welfare.
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister and
Minister of Economic
Planning and Finance.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial
Developments + Commerce
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture,
Power and Communications,
who were on duty abroad.

The minutes of Meeting No.
14/62 were read and confirmed.

Sec. / P.O. / 86 / 60.

Amendments to the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance
(Cap. 48). (Memo. No. 49).

The Cabinet agreed that
the following amendments to the Wireless Telegraphy

Advance (Cap. 78) be made:-

- a) To exempt bona fide tourists from the obligation of taking out a licence for their transistor radios during short visits to Malta. The Comptroller of Customs is, however, to ascertain that the tourists do in fact take their radios away with them when they leave the Islands.
- b) To enable wireless licences to be issued by the Prime Minister; and
- c) To make regulations to prevent interference by ignition engines, refrigerators, industrial machines, household electrical goods, etc.

PH. 1019/54.

Recommending names for streets and squares in Sgozo (Demo. No. 82).

It was proposed that the task of recommending names for streets and squares in Sgozo, a duty which was actually being carried out by the Street Names Committee for Sgozo, should be assumed by the Sgozo Civic Council. The authority in respect of street naming was vested in the Governor by section 15 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13).

In view of the arguments brought forward in support of the proposal, the Cabinet agreed that H.C. the Governor be advised to make an appropriate Order in virtue of which the duty of recommending names of streets in Sgozo would be assumed by the Sgozo Civic Council.

Sec. 825/59/2

Disposal of new Government Buildings.
(Memo. No. 83).

It was explained that the policy of mixed allocation of Government dwellings was as follows:-

- i) Tender - 50%
- ii) Points and direct allocation - 50%.

Hon. Ministers were asked to agree that this policy should not be followed in regard to the 24 flats in Scheme 3, Paola, for the reason that the flats were situated in a pre-eminently "workers" district and their letting by tender would therefore strike a jarring note. It was desired that the 24 flats be disposed of partly under the existing points system and partly by direct allocation.

Hon. Ministers felt that they would be ^{better} able ~~to~~ to consider this matter if it were left to another sitting at which the Honorary Secretary and the Commissioner of Land were in attendance.

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Sec. 1/E/31/61.

Amendments to the Regulations for the Composition of and Conducts of Business by the Board for the Hospital for Mental Diseases. (Memo. No. 84).

Following the re-organisation of the Medical staff at the Hospital for Mental Diseases, where the nomenclature of the post of Medical Superintendent had been

changed to Resident-Physician Superintendent, it was necessary to amend the reference to the Medical Superintendent in paras. 1 and 6 of the Regulations published as Government Notice No. 59 of 1947, to read Resident-Physician and Superintendent:

It was agreed that H.C. the Governor be advised to assent to the said amendment by and make the Board of the Hospital for Mental Diseases (Amendment) Regulations, 1962.

1961.1237/62

Convention on Consular Relations between States
(Memo. No. 85).

It was explained that the United Nations proposed to convene an International Conference in Vienna in March, 1963, to conclude a convention designed to codify international law concerning consular relations between States.

The Cabinet saw the comments of the Law Officers on the draft Articles prepared for the proposal by the International Law Commission of the United Nations, and agreed that the Secretary of State be informed that there was no particular requirement in regard to Malta which was to be taken into account in the negotiations of the proposed Convention and that the Government of Malta did not expect to find any difficulty in accepting the instrument which emerged

from the Convention to the extent that it was acceptable to the United Kingdom Government.

1963/E/113/49.

Public Holiday on 7th January, 1963. (Memo. No. 86)

As the feast of the Epiphany (6th January) - one of the annual paid public holidays - would fall on a Sunday, it was agreed that H.E. the Governor be advised to declare Monday, 7th January, 1963, a public holiday, under section 3 of the Public Holidays Act (Cap. 55).

1964. 1300/62.

Privileges and Immunities of the Central Treaty Organisation. (Memo. No. 89).

The United Kingdom Government had ratified the Agreement on the Status of the Central Treaty Organisation (Cento.), National Representatives and International Staff, signed at Ankara on 9th November, 1960, and had forwarded a copy of the Order in Council made on the 27th June, 1962, to implement the provisions of that Agreement. In brief, the Order provided for the grant of certain privileges and immunities to Cento and its representatives and officials.

Hon. Ministers agreed with the Secretary of State that it was unlikely

that any accession for granting the privileges and immunities in question would arise in Malta and that there was therefore no need for the Government of Malta to enact legislation similar to the Order. Such concessions and courtesies as were appropriate would be granted by administrative act if and when the accession arose.

Confirmation of written opinion.

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

OPM. 1223/62 - H.E. The Governor was advised to grant extension of 3 months required by Mr. Dasmann to enable him to return his bus to public service.

OPM. 1184/58 - H.E. The Governor was advised to appoint Mr. Herbert Cockford, B.Sc. + B.E. (A.), to be a member of the Renti Regulation Board for the Islands of Gozo and Comino to take cognizance of and to deal with the case "Joanni Cassa vs. Connela in Duchelengha Leguna pending before that Board."

Ashley Oliver

Chancellor
Secret. to Cabinet

Prime Minister
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