

✓ Sitting no. 14/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Angelo
Valletta, on Monday, 18th May, 1964, at 10.30 am.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development
& Commerce
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 and
Social Welfare.
The Hon. Minister of Health.

The minutes of meetings
Nos. 9 to 13/64 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 451/59. War Damage Repairs at Senglea Basilica
(Memo, No. 251)

It was stated that
the Cattara Civic Committee had complained
that the repairs carried out at the
Senglea Basilica out of War Damage funds
did not include the lining with marble
of the damaged parts. This marred the
aesthetics of the Basilica as the undamaged
part was still lined with marble. This
was done in terms of an agreement reached

between the War Damage Commission and the Curia in 1944, which laid down that compensation would not cover non-essential embellishments and works of art, but only the reinstatement or reconstruction of the building of the Church according to its architectural style and with the amounts of accommodation and standard of refinements which belonged to it. A claim was now being pressed for lining with marble the reconstructed parts of the Basilica and thus restoring uniformity. The work was estimated to cost £8,000. It was known that if this claim was met, other claims for war damage repairs in other churches would be submitted to the War Damage Commission. These other claims were estimated to cost about £5,000.

The claim submitted by the Cottonera Civic Committee was fully considered. In view of the present position of the War Damage Funds, the Government would be prepared to contribute up to two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the additional expenditure required to line with marble the war-damaged parts of the Basilica.

DOL. 1368/55.
(OPM. 468/64)

Amendments to the Factories Regulations,
1954 (Memo. No. 264)

The Cabinet agreed to the amendments to the Factories (Inspection)

and Central of Plants) Regulations, 1954, as proposed in Memorandum No. 264 at 5 Peds 132 and 132A in file.

CPM. 1297/63. Malta Passports after Independence.

(Memo. No. 281.)

(Maj. F. Amato Jucei, U.S. for External Affairs, was in attendance.)

It was decided that

(i) Cover. The cover should carry the new Coat-of-Arms with the word MALTA (as the Country of issue) on top and the word PASSPORT below;

(ii) National Status on page 1. The citizen of Malta should be described as "Commonwealth Citizen: Citizen of Malta".

CPM. 513/64.

Style and Title of Her Majesty the Queen after Independence (Memo. No. 262)

(Maj. F. Amato Jucei, U.S. for External Affairs, was in attendance.)

It was agreed that

(i) on Independence the style and title for Her Majesty the Queen be as follows:

"Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Malta and of Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth";

(ii) Immediately after Independence, the Prime Minister should make a formal submission seeking Her Majesty's approval of the style and title in respect of Malta and for the issue of the relative Royal

Proclamation.

Confirmation of written opinion

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written decision was as follows:

- Sec. 366/62. H.E. the Governor was advised to issue a Proclamation in order that section 38 of the Immigration (British Subjects) Ordinance, 1948, may continue in force until the 15th March, 1965.
- Land 546/63. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Church Street and at St. John's Street, Balzan, required in connection with the Parish Square project.
- Land 65/64. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Bir- id- Deleb, limits of Zgħira, required for the widening of Bir- id- Deleb Road.
- LA. 7/56. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Birgemma, limits of Mgarr, Malta, required for the purpose of constructing a water pumping station.

- Land 1511/63. H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of a Farmhouse at Valletta Road, Attard, required in connection with the construction of a new road.
- Sec. 974/61. H.E. The Governor was advised to make an Order for the refund of Customs duties on various materials used in the manufacture of exported lime juices, cola concentrates and other fruit juices.
- Land 1571/63. H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at St. Paul's Bay required for the construction of an Electricity Sub-Station.
- Land 332/62. H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Nadur, Gozo, required for the construction of an Electricity Sub-Station.
- Land 1553/63. H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of parts of premises at St. Paul's Street, Luga, required in connection with road widening.
- Land 373/62. His Excellency the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the release of premises at No. 26, St. Theresa Street, Cospicua, which, in May, 1947, was

acquired for a public purpose
in accordance with the Land
Acquisition (Public Purposes)
Ordinance.

Land 516/52. His Excellency the Governor was advised
to sign Declaration for the
acquisition of land at Injara,
Grala, Gozo, required for the
widening of the road.

Land 1517/61. H.E. the Governor was advised to
sign Declaration for the acquisition
of land at Saeb, Gozo, required
for the erection of a primary
school.

OPM(E) 644/57 H.E. the Governor was advised to
approve the appointment of Mr. ^YFrank
Benthig to perform the duties of
Engineer Surveyor of Ships for the
purposes of the Merchant Shipping
Act, 1894.

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of Prime Minister.
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Secretary to the Cabinet.
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