

✓ meeting no 24/64

Cabinet meeting held at the Amburge
d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 11th August
1964 at 10.30 am.

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

The minutes of meeting no 23/64
were read and confirmed.

Claim by the General Workers Union for
an increase in salaries and wages

(The Hon. Mr. B. Cuschieri & the
Hon. Mr. A. Salomone were in attendance)

The Cabinet considered a memorandum
on the subject of a claim by the General
Workers Union for an increase in wages

of 5% with effect from 1st February, 1962, and a further 3% with effect from 1st January, 1964, and a copy of a letter from the Civil Secretary to the Commodore Superintendent on the same subject. The Memorandum also included a claim which ~~was~~ the Staff Side of the Malta Government Joint Council tabled on the 20th March 1964 for an increase in salaries of 6% as from 1st January, 1963, and a further 2% as from 1st January, 1964.

After discussion the Cabinet authorized the Financial Secretary to contact the Services to see whether the Ministry of Defence agree that Government should negotiate with the General Workers Union on the following lines: -

5% increase w.e.f. 1st September, 1964.

3% 1st April, 1965.

or

6% 1st September, 1964

2% 1st April, 1965

or

7% 1st September, 1964

1% 1st April 1965

and a pay pause for three years.

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Retention of Prof. Manchi, Vice Chancellor & Rector Magnificus, up to 30th September 1964

The Hon. Prime Minister read a letter dated 10th August, 1964,

addressed to him by the Governor's Deputy in which he proposed that Prof. Manchi be retained as Vice Chancellor & Rector Magnificus up to the 30th September, 1964, and that Prof. Bory Castanji be appointed to this post as from 1st October, 1964.

The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Governor's Deputy.

Funds for the Independence Celebrations

The Hon. Dr. C. Cusumano, as Chairman of the Committee for the Maltese Independence Celebrations, pointed out that the provision of £50,000 would be inadequate to meet the expenditure for the celebrations.

It was agreed that about £40,000 ^{more} would be made available for this purpose provided expenditure be kept to a minimum without impairing the standard of the celebrations.

Remuneration to members of the Police Force in connection with the Referendum.

The Cabinet, after consulting the Financial Secretary and the Commissioner of Police, agreed that a remuneration equivalent to seven days pay be paid

to all members of the Police Force for extra duties performed during the Referendum campaign.

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The matter was reconsidered and it was agreed that the motto on the Coat-of-Arms be as follows:-
"VIRTUTE ET CONSTANTIA"

Unsold tomatoes at the Pitkeli

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture Power & Communications explained that Tomato Paste Canneries are refusing to buy more tomatoes from the Pitkeli as they are still carrying stocks from last year and that, unless Government stops the importation of canned peeled tomatoes, about 400 quintals of tomatoes will be thrown away.

After discussion it was agreed that the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism should issue a Press Release or meet the Canneries with a view to explaining to them that Government is providing adequate protection in the tariff for local tomatoes.

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Prime Minister