

Setting No. 31/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Amburge d'Arg
Valletta, on Thursday, 8th October, 1964, at
10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial
Developments + Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture,
Power and Communications.
The Hon. Minister of Justice.
The Hon. Minister of Works and
Housing.
The Hon. Minister of Labour +
Social Welfare.
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education
who was unwell.

The minutes of meeting
No. 30/64 were read and confirmed.

The Cabinet discussed
questions relating to the recent distribution
to retailers of Trading Stamps. The Hon.
Minister of Industrial Developments + Tourism
stated that he ^{had} considered the position
with Dr. M. Petrocchero and Dr. V. Lardo,
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and that he was now awaiting a report on the matter from the General Retailers Union. Mention was also made of the current complaint about the rise in the cost of living. The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism informed the Cabinet that he was in consultation with the Price Control Board and that he was issuing a Press Release on the matter. Matters relating to the staffing of the Laboratory at the Ministry of Industrial Development and to the management of the Port were also discussed.

Sec./E/1274/61.

Amendment to the Constitution of the Malta Government Joint Council (Memo. no. 297)
(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance).

The Cabinet agreed to the amendment of the Constitution of the Malta Government Joint Council, as proposed in para. 4 of Memorandum no. 297 at Red 47 in file.

ORM. 913/64

MLSN. 194/62

Factories (Hoists + Lifts) Regulations, 1964.
(Memo. no. 316)

It was explained that lifts and hoists which were now being installed in various establishments in Malta were not covered by the Factories Ordinance or by any Regulations issued

thereunder. To regularise the position it was proposed to publish regulations which were meant to introduce safety measures which owners of establishments where lifts and hoists were in use would be required to observe in order to minimise the risk of accidents. Hon. Ministers agreed to the two legal notices as shown in draft in Reds 1a and 1b in file OPM 913/64, embodying the safety regulations and extending the definition of factory to include premises in open air spaces wherein a lift or a hoist was installed.

OPM/E/1003/63

Centralisation of Disciplinary Procedure
(Memo. No. 300)

(Mr. G. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance)

The Cabinet discussed the question of centralisation of disciplinary procedure where control had been delegated to Heads of Departments. It was explained that centralisation would be alien to the existing disciplinary regulations which everywhere leave the initiative to the discretion of the Head of Department. If discipline were to be centralised even below the line of delegation it would be necessary to recast the Disciplinary Regulations throughout since the concept of a Head of Department acting in his discretion underlies them all.

Hon. Ministers
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agreed that the matter warranted further study and decided to consider it further at another meeting.

OPM. 974/57.

Trade Agreement with Switzerland (Memo. No. 322).

The Cabinet agreed to the trade agreement between the Swiss Confederation and Malta, as shown in draft at Red 163a in file.

OPM. 852/64.

Organisation to deal with air disasters in Malta (Memo. No. 323).

Hon. Ministers agreed to the directive outlining the organisation which would go into action in the event of an "air disaster". This directive had ~~been~~ drafted by the British Defence Services in Malta in consultation with the Maltese Civil Authorities concerned.

Confirmation of written opinion.

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

OPM. 873/64.

H.C. The Governor was advised to authorise the issue of a Pass

in lieu of a regular certificate to Mr. W.P. Ahearn to sail his boat to Poole, in the United Kingdom for registration.

OPM. 833/64.

H.C. The Governor was advised to approve that a Certificate of Naturalization of Miss Maria La Rosa be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval in terms of section ~~10~~ 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

OPM. 820/64.

H.C. The Governor was advised to approve that a Certificate of Naturalization of Mr. Giancarlo Jatt be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval in terms of section 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

MAG. 2288/53.

H.C. The Governor was advised to approve that a Certificate of Naturalization of Mr. Leopold Kumpisch be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval in terms of section 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

Compliments
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet
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