

Sitting No. 42/64.

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge  
d'Argem, Valletta, on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
1964, at 10.30 am.

Present: Hon. Prime Minister  
Hon. Minister of Industrial Development  
& Tourism.  
Hon. Minister of Education.  
Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power  
& Communications.  
Hon. Minister of Works & Housing.  
Hon. Minister of Labour & Social  
Welfare  
Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Justice who was  
away on official business.

The Minutes of Meetings  
Nos. 40 + 41/64 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 558/64.

Export relief to counter 15% surcharge  
on exports to the United Kingdom (Memo. No. 1)  
(Mr. E. Lucreini, Mr. A. St. Moore + Mr. S. Diggli were in attendance)  
To counter the recent  
imposition by Britain of a surcharge  
on imports, the Cabinet decided to grant

relief of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> % of the surcharge to those Maltese exporters who were affected by the surcharge and who produced the necessary documents in support of their exports to the United Kingdom. The relief was to have effect from the date of the introduction by Britain of the surcharge on imports and was to remain in operation for one year or for a lesser period if the surcharge is removed.

OPT. 564/64.

Armed Forces of the Government of Malta  
(Memo. no. 345)

(Mr. E. Cechini and Mr. A. Salomone were in attendance).

It was agreed that

i) for the first five years during the period of the Defence Agreement with the United Kingdom the established Maltese military force should remain under the command of the General Officer Commanding, Malta + Libya, through H.Q. R.M.A. as at present. The Government of Malta was to have the rights of veto over any proposed use of the force;

ii) the General Officer Commanding, Malta + Libya, be officially appointed Commander Malta Land Forces by the Government of Malta;

iii) the General Officer Commanding, Malta + Libya, be asked to draft suitable

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Legislation for the Government of Malta;

IV) other proposals for the -  
establishment of the nature and extent  
of the Armed Forces of Malta be  
considered further at a later date.

G. Felice

A/ Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.  
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