

v Sitting No. 4/65.

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge
d'Oran, Valletta, on Tuesday, 19th January,
1965, at 10.30 am.

Presents: Hon. Prime Minister
Hon. Minister of Industrial Development
& Tourism.
Hon. Minister of Education.
Hon. Minister of Justice
Hon. Minister of Works & Planning.
Hon. Minister of Labour & Social
Welfare.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power
& Communications who was
away on official duty, and
Hon. Minister of Health who was
unwell.

The minutes of meeting
No. 3/65 were read and confirmed.

ORH/E/366/51. Promotion Claims by Customs Officers
(Memo. No. 365)

(Mr. E. Caschieri, Administrative Secretary,
was in attendance)

The Cabinet was
informed that the Customs Administration
and the Customs & Excise Officers Association

had submitted a memorandum asking that the full range of posts in the administration of the Customs Department, including the headships, be made available to the Customs grades. The claim was fully considered, but the supporting arguments brought forward by the Unions could not be accepted by the Government without grave disturbance of established promotion norms and also without exposing to peril the smooth functioning of the Customs & Ports Department in particular and the entire service in general. It was therefore agreed that the Unions concerned be tactfully informed of the difficulties precluding acceptance of their claims and also reminding them that the creation of four additional posts of Senior Officer in the Customs & Ports Deptt should appreciably enhance promotion prospects in the Department.

O.P.H. 500/65.

Offers to establish Diplomatic Relations
(Memo. No. 357)

The Cabinet endorsed the action already taken with regard to those countries who had offered to establish diplomatic relations with Malta, and approved that the replies to South Korea and Hungary should follow the lines of the replies sent to Japan (in the case of South Korea) and the U.S.S.R. (

the case of Hungary). The Cabinet also agreed to the issue of a formal approach to the Vatican for an exchange of missions at Nuncio/Embassador level.

OPM. 556/64

Importation of duty-free goods by the British Authorities (Memo. No. 362)

It was agreed that the deleterious effects on the Maltese economy resulting from the provisions of paragraph (3) of section 9 of Part 5 of the Defence Agreement be fully explained to the British Government and, as a counter measure, the proposal be made to stop the sale of duty-free items to entitled personnel altogether and to have it substituted by the payment by the British Authorities of a monetary allowance for the purchase of what were at present duty-free items.

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OPM. 1295/58

Revision of Building Legislation (Memo. No. 338; (Mr. E. Cuschieri, Mr. S. Mangin, Prof. C. Coleiro & Dr. J. Attard were in attendance))

The Cabinet was informed that a Committee had just reported on the need for a revision of the existing legislation, and of the resolutions accompanying it, regarding the erection

of building and the use of building material. The question before the Cabinet centred on the composition of the Building Authority. The views of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Government Medical Officer were heard. It was agreed that the matter be considered further at another meeting of the Cabinet when the Hon. Minister of Health would be present and the views of Dr. E. Muggi, the Commissioner of Land, would be heard.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The file mentioned hereunder was circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

C.A.S. 1/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Warrants authorising Dr. + S. P. Pace, M.D., and Dr. P. Pace, to exercise the profession of Advocate in the Courts of Justice of these Islands.

Anthony Dukes
Prime Minister.

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Edy Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet

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