

✓ Sitting No. 4/65

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Oron, Valletta, on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 1965, at 10.30 am.

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

Absent: Hon. Prime Minister who was away from the Island on official business.

OPM. 504/65

Landing of an American aircraft from Prague at Luqa airfield.

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

The Cabinet was informed that this morning an American aircraft "Constellation" from Prague had landed at the military airfield at Luqa without the necessary permits. The aircraft was manned by a crew of seven American civilians and was carrying ammunition which was allegedly intended to be dropped over Algeria. It was suggested that in the circumstances both the load of ammunition and the aircraft should be

confiscated. The Administrative Secretary undertook to ascertain whether it was legally in order to take that action.

OPM. 1866/58.

Claim for an increase in the margin of profits of bread makers and sellers (Memo. No. 5)  
(Mr. A. Delonore, Mr. S. Buggi and Mr. M. Petrucci were in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed that bread makers and sellers had submitted a claim for an increase in their margin of profits. The claim was based on eight major points, viz:

- i) increase in the cost of wages;
- ii) increase in margin of profitability to bring the Maltese type in line with English type of bread;
- iii) abolition of restrictions in the use of flour;
- iv) bread yield;
- v) choice of mill;
- vi) weight of bags of flour;
- vii) retail expenses;
- viii) wholesale price of bread.

The matter was fully considered from all angles and it was agreed that, provided bread makers and sellers fulfilled their ration commitments,

- i) the restrictions in the use of unsubsidised flour be removed; and
- ii) the price of unsubsidised (off-ration) flour be reduced from £3.18.4 to £3 per bag of 80 stals. It was also agreed to concede

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points v) and vi) of the claim, viz: the  
choice of mill and the weight of bag  
of flour.

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Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.  
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