

✓ Sitting No. 41/65.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge,  
d'Oragon, Valletta, on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June,  
1965, at 11 a.m.

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 and  
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. 536/58

Application by Messrs. The American Marine  
and Machinery Company Ltd. for a plot of  
lands for the purpose of manufacturing  
dredges (Memo. No. 436)  
(Mr. S. Margian, Director of Public Works,  
and Representatives of Italconsult were  
in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed

that the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, & Communications, the Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare, the Director of Public Works and the Representatives of Italconsults did not meet at Harsaxlokk on the 23rd June, as had been previously arranged.

The Director of Public Works and the two representatives of Italconsults again brought forward reasons against the grant to the Company of the site at Harsaxlokk. They contended that the setting up of a plant at Harsaxlokk would detract a good deal from the scenic beauty of the fishing hamlet and would be economically harmful for the Island as it would hamper the eventual development of Harsaxlokk as a tourist attraction. They maintained that a site at Bajjana in Birzebbugia would meet the Company's requirements just as well without affecting appreciably the present amenities of the place.

As divergent views were expressed by Hon. Ministers in Cabinet, the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism undertook to submit the matter to the Hon. Prime Minister in London.

(Mr. C.J. Mallia, Administrative Secretary,  
was in attendance)

Further consideration  
of this matter was put off to another  
meeting of the Cabinet when the views  
of the Director of Education would be  
heard.

OPM. 1369/65.

Exemption from duty of a bowling alley  
for the Vernon United Services Club  
(Memo. No. 451).

Hon. Ministers agreed that  
exemption from duty under section  
14 of the Imports Duties Act, 1964, be  
granted in respect of a ten-pin bowling  
alley to be donated by the Huffield  
Trust to the Vernon United Services  
Club.

*Lyndon Oliver*  
Prime Minister

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*D.J. Bugeja*  
Secretary to Cabinet