

Summary no. 72/05.  
Cabinet Meeting held at the Office  
of the Hon. Minister of Industrial  
Development & Tourism on Thursday  
15<sup>th</sup> July, 1965, at 10 am.

Present: Hon. Minister of Industrial  
Development & Tourism,  
Hon. Minister of Education,  
Hon. Minister of Justice  
Hon. Minister of Works & Housing  
Hon. Minister of Labour &  
Social Welfare.

Absent: Hon. Prime Minister  
Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power  
& Communications.  
Hon. Minister of Health.

OPM. 536/58.

Application by Messrs. The American Marine  
& Docking Company Ltd. for a plot  
of land for the purpose of manufacturing  
dredgers (Memo. No. 436)  
(Mr. S. Morgan, Director of Public Works,  
Dr. E. Meggi, Commissioner of Land, and  
Mr. J. Fallico, Chairman, Malta Government Loans  
Board, were in attendance).

The Director of Public



were in attendance)

Dr. Ingei submitted a draft letter which he was sending to the Company concerning proposals for the construction of an hotel on the site at Floriana adjoining the feet of Siege Road. It was agreed that the opinion of the Deputy Comd Advocate General be sought on this matter.

Marketing of Tomato Paste (Demo. No. 453)  
 (Maj. P. Castillo, Director of Agriculture, Dr. S. Demarco, Comd Counsel, and Mr. R. Leman Bujja, Director of Trade, were in attendance.

The question of the marketing of tomato paste was again discussed. Dr. Demarco explained that the purchase and sale of tomato paste could be regulated under the Sufphis & Services Act, section 3, and that he had already prepared draft regulations to meet urgently the current situation. Eventually the position would be regulated by appropriate legislation. It was decided that in the first instance the Comd should signify their agreement to the establishment of the proposed subsidy fund for the eventual boosting of exports.



OPM 551/64.

Admiralty Floating Dock Co. 35.  
(Mr. J. Amara, Mr. C. J. Mallia and Mr. L. Sammut Boffa were in attendance)

The Cabinet considered a letter which the Acting Prime Minister had received from Dr. V. Ragonesi concerning negotiations which were in progress between Messrs. Chinese Maritime Engineers Ltd. and Messrs. S.p.a. Cantieri Navali "Sante Maria" of Genoa for the purchase of the floating dock. Before proceeding with the negotiations Mr. C. J. Luq on behalf of the Chinese Company wished to know whether the Government of Malta would waive the penalty clause were the dock to be purchased by the Company. The Chinese Company would be prepared to provide the Government of Malta with an adequate assurance that the dock would be towed to the Far East and that it would remain indefinitely in Hong Kong or in Koohsing, Amoy.

It was agreed that Mr. Luq be asked to submit concrete proposals. The Administrative Secretary was to see Dr. V. Ragonesi on the matter.

OPM 1866/58.

Claim for an increase in the margin of profit of bread makers + sellers (Memo. No. 375A)

(Mr. A. Wirth and Mr. L. Sammut Boffa were in attendance)

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The Cabinet was advised that the General Retailers and Traders Union on behalf of bakers and breadsellers had pointed out in strong terms that the reduction in the price of unbleached flour of 18/4 per bag would leave most of the bakers in their present precarious condition; they stressed that the bakers would still run at a loss.

The present cost of breadmaking was enquired into by a Committee. In its reports a recommendation had been made that the price of flour issued for nation bread of the Maltese type be reduced by one shilling per bag.

Hon. Ministers heard the views of the Under Secretary, Finance, presented at the meeting, and agreed that the offer of one shilling per bag be made to the bakers.

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Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.

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