

✓ Sitting No. 21/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon, Valletta, on Wednesday, 26th December, 1962, at 10 am.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Commerce.
The Hon. Minister of Education
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications.
The Hon. Minister of Justice
The Hon. Minister of Works & Housing
The Hon. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare
The Hon. Minister of Health.

The minutes of Meeting No. 20/61 were read and confirmed.

Running of a canteen service by the Young Christian Workers.

The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare raised as a matter of urgency the question of an application made to Government by the ^{Young} Christian Workers to run a canteen service on the ground floor of the factory at Darsa which was used by "Rambler". It emerged from the discussion

that ensured that it was not advisable to let the ground floor of that factory independently of the other parts of the building. It was decided that the Gen. Christian Dukes should be informed accordingly.

The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing visited.

L.G.O. 43/56. License to Deans. Cable and Wireless Ltd.
(Memo. No. 94).

The Cabinet was informed that on the 8th February, 1939, Deans. Cable & Wireless Limited were granted a licence to operate Wireless Telegraphy and on the 17th December, 1954, a licence to operate Telegraphy and Telephony, and that both licences were due to expire on the 31st December, 1962. Hon. Ministers were asked to decide whether or not those licences should be renewed.

As Hon. Ministers required certain information from Dr. V. Ragonesi who was away from the Island, it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter to a later date. Meanwhile the Hon. Minister of Justice was to ascertain whether there existed any legal difficulty to allow Deans. Cable & Wireless Ltd. to operate for a time without a licence.

Facilities for Ministerial Broadcasts.
(Memo. 93).

The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary was in attendance.

It was explained that the Malta Broadcasting Authority had for some time been anxious to regularise the procedure for Ministerial broadcasts. Discussions had been held between representatives of the Government and of the Authority, but there was an impasse about the question of who should be allowed to exercise the right of reply to a Ministerial broadcast which that was thought to be controversial.

The Cabinet confirmed the view which had already been expressed by the Government that only the official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly should have such a right, and if that right was not exercised other parties represented in the Assembly who wished to reply could be allowed to do so in agreements among themselves.

It was also agreed that the Policy on Ministerial Broadcasts as drawn up by the Malta Broadcasting Authority (Appendix II annexed to Memorandum No. 93) should be amended as follows:—
Para. 1 to read: "In view of their responsibilities for the care of the nation, the Government should be able to broadcast from time

to time Ministerial broadcasts which are purely factual, or explanatory of legislative or approved administrative policies, or in the nature of appeals to the nation to cooperate in non-controversial national policies which require the active participation of the public."

Para. 5 to read: "All requests for Ministerial Broadcasts shall be made direct to the Authority, and adequate notice shall be given to the Authority".

Para. 6 to read: "All sound only broadcasts shall be recorded beforehand, and all T.V. broadcasts shall be rehearsed before the broadcast".

LGO. 6646/46.

Granting of the Island of Ħilġla an
emphyteusis. (Memo. No. 72).

The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance.

It was stated that the previous Administration had reached agreement with the Naval Authorities on the granting to them by the Government of Malta of the Island of Ħilġla and adjacent rocks by title of emphyteusis for 150 years and on the terms which were to govern the emphyteutic concession. Hon. Ministers were also informed of the agreed terms, besides those which normally governed any emphyteutic concession.

according to law.

Apart from the question of grounds rent, it was felt that under the present conditions the signing of the deed of emphyteusis in respect of the Islands of Filfla should not be proceeded with. The Services could continue to make use of the Islands in the same way and under the same conditions as obtained hitherto until other arrangements would be made.

Osney Davies
Prime Minister.

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