

Sitting No. 40/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the
Angeles d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday
20th August, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and
Minister of Economic
Planning & Finance,
The Hon. Minister of Industrial
Development & Tourism,
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture
Power & Communications,
The Hon. Minister of Justice,
The Hon. Minister of Works &
Housing,
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education
The Hon. Minister of Labour &
Social Welfare,
who were away from the
Island.

The minutes of Meeting No. 39/6
were read and confirmed.

OPM. 456/63 Removal of two generating sets from Dgrip
Pumping Station (Memo. No. 154)

The Cabinet concurred in
the action taken by the Hon. Minister of

Agriculture, Power and Communications in removing temporarily two generating sets at Mgrip Pumping Station for supplementing the electricity supply in Malta pending the commissioning of the new Power Station. The two generating sets had been paid out of C.W.+D. funds and were meant to be kept as standby water pumping equipment in an emergency.

Sec. 1674/61.

Draft Town and Country Planning Legislation
(Memo. No. 103)

It was represented that the preparation of a Town and Country Planning Law involved a very careful study of the various aspects of the matter, which included policy and matters of principle. It was necessary also to carry out a comparative study of town and country legislation adopted in various countries. In the circumstances, it was agreed that the time limit fixed for the submission of the draft legislation, viz. 31st July, 1963, be extended to the 31st December 1963.

OMP. 529/63.

(MEPF. 526/63)

Increase in the world price of sugar.
Mr. A. Solomon, Financial Secretary, was in attendance.

The Cabinet decided on

The following temporary measures as from the 1st September, 1963, which measures were meant to offset in part the losses incurred by the Government under the Subsidy Vote by the recent increase in the world price of sugar:

i) Issue of 21 oz. ($\frac{3}{4}$ ratel) sugar every month vice every fortnight.

ii) Reduction of sugar for bread option by 50%, i.e. 1 ratel vice 2 ratel sugar fortnightly for every 1 ratel bread given up daily.

iii) Reduction of sugar for paste option by 50%, i.e. $\frac{1}{4}$ ratel sugar vice $\frac{1}{2}$ ratel fortnightly for every ratel paste given up.

OPH. 1317/62.

The Valletta Markets (Memo. No. 141)

It was explained that the roof of the Valletta Markets was in an extremely dangerous state and needed to be completely renewed at a cost of £24,000. The Hon. Minister of Works & Housing felt that instead of spending this sum of money on a new roof without getting anything in return, it would be more economical to carry out ^{now} the really essential repair work and embark next year on a new reconstruction project for the markets for which provision could be made in the new Five Year Plan.

It was agreed that the essential repair work to the roof be carried out immediately and that plans of a new market on the present site be prepared and submitted to the Cabinet for consideration.

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Underground Oil-Storage (Memo. No. 167).
Mr. A. Salmons, Financial Secretary, was in attendance.

The Cabinet was informed that a scheme had been afoot for some years to provide storage capacity for oils necessary in wartime or time of emergency. The scheme which was meant to provide oils both to the Services and to the Government was now nearing completion. In September 1961 the Secretary of State was informed of the requirements of the Malta Government under this scheme. The Secretary of State now asked whether those requirements remained as in 1961 and whether the Malta Government was prepared to pay a proportionate share of the running costs, etc.

It was agreed that the Secretary of State be informed that

i) The Government's storage capacity requirements remained as given in September, 1961;

ii) It was not felt that the Malta Government should bear any expense connected with the running of the

underground storage installation at Hes Septan, which scheme was mainly for the purpose of providing a reserve in an emergency of essential oils required by N.A.T.O. within their operational defence scheme.

OPM. 1916/58.

Aerial Ropeway between Valletta and Schemia (Memo. No. 169).

The Cabinet considered an application made by Messrs. Ed. Vincenti Kind for permission to erect an aerial ropeway between Valletta and Schemia.

Further consideration would be given to this matter as soon as Messrs. Vincenti Kind submitted detailed drawings and plans of the project.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written decision was as follows:—

OPM. 305/63.

H.E. the Governor was advised to approve exemption of United Nations Aircraft from Landing and other Aircraft charges in Malta.

OPM. 925/63.

H.E. The Governor was advised to authorise the issue of a Pass to Mr. Rice to sail his yacht "La Valette" from Malta to U.K. for registration.

OPM. 944/63.

H.E. The Governor was advised to authorise the issue of a Pass to Mr. Kenneth Stanley Gubbey to sail his yacht "Wye" from Malta to U.K. for registration.

OPM. 945/63.

H.E. The Governor was advised to authorise the issue of a Pass to Mr. Clifford Peter Kinn to sail his yacht "Inverardi" from Malta to United Kingdom for registration.

Edmond Oliver

Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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