

Sitting No. 62/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Aragona, Valletta, on Tuesday, 24th June, 1964, at 11 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
 & Ports.
 The Hon. Minister of Public Building
 & Works.
 The Hon. Minister of Justice and
 Parliamentary Affairs.
 The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
 & Agriculture.
 The Hon. Minister of Health.
 The Hon. Minister of Education,
 Culture and Leisure.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
 & Welfare.

Effects of the Middle East crisis on the
 Malta Drydocks.

(The Hon. Mr. G. Grech and Mr. M. Abela were
 in attendance).

The Cabinet considered
 a letter dated 26th June, 1964, which the
 Hon. Prime Minister had received from Sir Eric
 Millbourn on the effects of the Middle East
 crisis on the Malta Drydocks. The letter
 laid particular stress on the cash deficit
 of the Company and its monthly overdraft
 with the National Bank of Malta.

The Principal Assistant Secretary (Economic Planning) was asked to prepare a draft reply to Sir Eric Millbourn. Meanwhile the Administrative Secretary was to ask the Directors of the National Bank of Malta to extend the date limit - 7th July - set by the Bank for allowing the Company's overdrafts to rise beyond the £ 600,000 level. In that way the Government would be better able to examine the position and decide on the action to take in the circumstances.

Statements by Sir A. Pardo on the Middle East crisis.

The Cabinet agreed on the basis on which Malta's Permanent Representative at the United Nations was to base the statement he was to make at the General Assembly's emergency meeting on the Middle East crisis.

Essej Orlowski
Prime Minister
4. 7. 64

Ag. Bence
Secretary to Cabinet
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