

✓ Sitting No. 35/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aygoz, Valletta, on Tuesday, 7th May, 1968, at 11 am.

Present: 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 and Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Health, who were away from the Islands on official business.

Strike Action by the Government's Section of the General Workers Union.

(The Administrative Secretary was in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed of the latest development regarding the claims made by the Government's Section of the General Workers Union on behalf of all Government industrial and other employees, for a 40-hour week, change in the disciplinary procedure

and the introduction of a pension scheme. The Prime Minister undertook to see representatives of the Union on the matter. Meanwhile Ministers were asked to prepare measures which would be necessary to meet any industrial action on the part of the employees in their respective Ministries. With regard to the Civil Prisons the Cabinet agreed that the Police should take charge in the event of strike action by the Prisons personnel. The Hon. Minister of Justice & Parliamentary Affairs undertook to make the necessary amendments to the Regulations.

OPM. 1685/64. Grant of land to Incumbents, John Beggina, Incumbent.
Std. (Incumb. No. 912).

The Cabinet considered memorandum No. 912 and agreed to the grant in usufruct of the land shown on plan attached to Ref 1a in full at an annual ground rent of £255 for a period up to the 31st December, 2065, subject to the revision of the ground rent in the years 2000 and 2030.

OPM. 258/65. Amendment to Section 79 of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure (Rev. No. 911)

It was agreed that Section 79 of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure be amended as recommended in memorandum No. 911 i.e. to delete the alternative "he is entitled to practise as a Solicitor-at-law"

in England or Northern Ireland or as an Advocate in Scotland" and to substitute, in regard to any person intending in future to exercise the profession of Advocate or of Legal Practitioner, the requirement that he should be a "citizen of Malta" for the requirement that "he is a natural born subject of Her Majesty".

OPM. 296/64. Drawback Regulations on locally assembled vehicles purchased by members of Diplomatic Missions (Memo. No. 554).

Ministers agreed that H.C. the General Counsel be advised to make the Import Duties (Locally Assembled Motor Vehicles supplied to members of Diplomatic Missions) Drawback Regulations, 1968, as shown in draft at Ref. 14 B.

Continuation of Written Opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

OPM. 152/68.

It was agreed that Malta should sign the European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to admission to Universities, and the Protocol thereto.

OPM. 749/64.

It was agreed that Malta

Should ratify the International
Labour Convention No. 111 - Discrimination
in respect of employment and
occupation.

OPM. 1187/55 - It was agreed that Malta
should accede to the
International Convention on the
Elimination of all forms of
Racial Discrimination,
subject to the declaration
mentioned in paragraph 5 of
Annexure No. 834.

OPM. 254/54 - It was agreed that Malta
should accede to the Convention
on the Political Rights of Women,
with the reservation mentioned
in paragraph 4 of Annexure
No. 544.

OPM 1034/50/1 - It was agreed that Malta should
become a party to the
Unesco Agreement for facilitating
the International Circulation
of Visual and Auditory
Materials of an Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
character.

OPM. 185/68 - It was agreed that Malta should
become a party to the Hague
Convention of 1904 the purpose of
which was to promote the

peaceful settlement of disputes.

OPM. 1066/67. It was agreed that Malta should accede to the Council of Europe Convention which aimed at providing for the academic recognition in each member country of university qualifications obtained abroad.

OPM. 184/68. It was agreed that Malta should become a party to the United Nations Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

OPM. 1491/66. It was agreed that Malta should become a member of the Customs Co-Operation Council which was established under a Convention signed in Brussels and which came into force in 1962.

OPM. 1491/66. It was agreed that Malta should accept, without reservation and on a reciprocal basis, recommendations numbered I, II, IV and V adopted by the Customs Co-Operation Council of Brussels.



OPM. 1054/67. It was agreed that Malta should
(i) continue to adhere to the Bern
Convention for the protection of
Literary and Artistic Works, and
(ii) accede to the Universal Copyright
Convention.

OPM. 1050/67. It was agreed that Malta should
become a party to the Council
of Europe Agreement on the
Instruction and Education of
Immigrants, with the reservations
mentioned in paragraph 6 of
Memorandum No. 838.

OPM. 134/68. It was agreed that Malta should
adhere to the Acts of the
Universal Postal Union signed
in Vienna on the 10th July 1954,
listed in paragraph 6 of
Memorandum No. 757, subject
to the reservations referred
to in paragraph 11 of the
said Memorandum.

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Prime Minister
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Angela Galea
Secretary to Cabinet
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