

v Sitting No. 49/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Armen, Valletta, on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1968, at 10.30 am.

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 Labour, Employment
& Welfare.

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Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture
& Tourism, who was from the
Islands on official business.

The Minutes of Meeting
No. 48/68 were read and confirmed.

Hon. Industrial Dispute at the Malta Drydocks.

The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employment & Welfare informed the Cabinet of
the current dispute at the Drydocks
concerning the claim of the National Association
of Civil & Supervisory Staffs of the General
Workers' Union for a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -hour week, instead

of a 40-min week. It was agreed that acceptance of the claim would render anomalous the position of the non-industrial vis-à-vis that of industrial workers at the Dockyard. The position was to be explained to the Union.

OPM. 106/68.

Lease of shops inside Kingsgate.

The Cabinet was informed that the Embassy of Italy had enquired whether a shop at Kingsgate could be earmarked to house an Italian Library. The Cabinet confirmed its decision taken on the 5th February, 1968, that allocations in Area should be let out after a call for tenders.

OPM/EP/28/68.

Extension of Essential Services to sites for aided hotels and factories.

Reference was made to the decision taken in Cabinet on the 4th June, 1968, on the above subject, and to the letter minute from the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Ports (Ref 37 in file). Ministers were informed that until the question whether reference was to be made or not to Finance was further investigated, there existed a compromise of meeting expenses for the services at out of Government funds.

It was agreed that pending a settlement on the above compromise, the Malta Development Corporation could

unauthorized expenditure for essential services to Ministers concerned and approved by them without reference to the Ministry of Finance, Customs & Ports.

OPM. 53/68

Mayfair House.

The Cabinet considered minute (7) in file concerning the occupation of Mayfair House, Old Bakery Street, Valletta, on its release by the General Workers Union.

It was agreed that Government should not requisition the premises for use as offices. The Hon. Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was to see the administrator of the said premises on the possibility of reaching a mutually satisfactory lease agreement between the Government and the owners.

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The question of whether ~~maintaining~~ the premises should be allocated to the Ministry of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs or to the Ministry of Labour, Employment & Welfare was to be considered later.

OPM. 492/68

Regiants Memorial Club in St. Ursula Street, Valletta near the Upper Bunkers (Memo. No. 1066)

Ministers considered memo. No. 1066 and asked that a more detailed plan showing boundaries and other relevant particulars of the site in question be produced.

11th July, 1968

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Secretary to Cabinet. 11/7/68

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Prime Minister.