

Cabinet meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Angelo,
Valletta, on Thursday, 8th August, 1968, at 6.30 pm.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Public Building &
Works.

The Hon. Minister of Justice & Parliamentary
Affairs.

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
and Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture
and Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
and Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Ports.

Stand-by Allowance for Radiographers.

Ministers considered the
question of granting a stand-by allowance to
Radiographers in the Medical & Health Department.
Government had agreed in principle to the
grant of the allowance, but considered that the
Radiographer's claim of -/11 per hour could not
be approved as it was in excess of the established
rate. The Administrative Secretary was asked
to see the Radiographers on the matter.

Unofficial Strike at Malta Drydocks.

(The Administrative Secretary and the Deputy Crown Advocate General were in attendance.)

Ministers considered the situation at Malta Drydocks where a number of pier-heads had gained the support of both industrial and non-industrial employees for a sit down strike.

Mr. Howley had earlier in the day issued a statement on the situation, where it was also made clear that unless the staff involved in the preparation of the weekly wages returned to full duties, it would not be possible to make the wage payments on Friday.

On instructions from the Cabinet the Administrative Secretary and the Deputy Crown Advocate General spoke to Mr. Howley and stressed the absolute importance of effecting the wage payment on Friday, even if necessary by enlisting the services of all the senior staff.

Edmund Plummer
Prime Minister

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Ray Gatt
Secretary to Cabinet.
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