

Sitting No. 38/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 18th June, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister + Minister of Economic Planning + Finance
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development + Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Education.
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 Labour + Social Welfare.

Minutes of Meetings Nos. 29 to 37/63 were read and confirmed.

Price of Sugar.

Mr. A. Colomene, Financial Secretary, Mr. S. Meggi, Director of Trade + Industry, Mr. S. Laid, Rationing and Essential Supplies Officer, and Mr. C. V. Dimech, Higher Economic Officer, were in attendance.

The Cabinet discussed the impact on the financial situation in Malta of the substantial rise in the price of sugar on the world markets, and how best the situation could be met. The Director of Trade + Industry was asked to prepare alternative plans for further consideration of

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The Cabinet

OPM. 974/49.

Removal of Warning Notices from the
beaches in Malta (Memo. No. 152)

The Cabinet agreed to the suggestion made by the Malta Tourism Society Board. to the Commissioner of Police to cause the removal of the Notice Boards on the Island's beaches warning the public to "beware of strange objects". The Board contended that the incidence of accidents was now very remote and the notices in question, in the condition they were, constituted an eyesore.

OPM. 730/63.

Visits of a United Nations Experts to analyse
the present taxation structure in Malta.
(Memo. No. 160).

The United Nations Economic Mission had advised that the Technical Assistance Board should be asked to make available an expert in the taxation field and to finance his visits to Malta from the Expanded Programme Contingency Fund. The expert would be required to carry out a detailed analysis of the present taxation structure from the points of view of raising revenue, of ensuring an equitable redistribution of tax burden and of providing incentives for

investment. On this basis he would be required to make recommendations on any changes considered necessary and on any new measures which might have to be introduced to raise additional income.

It was pointed out that at the moment there was in Malta a United Nations Trade Policy Adviser attached to the Ministry of Industrial Development + Commerce who might be in a position to undertake the proposed analysis of the present taxation structure in Malta. It was therefore ~~proposed~~ agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a later date.

Sec. 1629/59. Introduction of Controls on the importation and local manufacture of weaving machinery (Memo. No. 164).

The Cabinet agreed to postpone consideration of this matter to a later meeting at which Mr. Harold Borg, Public Works Engineer, would be present.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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