

Sitting No. 41/60.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon, Valletta, on Friday, 23rd. August, 1963, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism.
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 Education
The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare,
who were away from the Island.

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Prorogation of the Legislative Assembly.

It was agreed that H.E. the Governor be advised to prorogue the Legislative Assembly with effect from the 24th August, 1963, and to sign the necessary Proclamation.

Water Supply in Shima.

Mr. A. Fagan, Manager D.F.E. Dept., and Mr. L. Portelli, Chief Water Engineer, were in attendance.

A number of residents in certain parts of Shima together with owners of hotels on the Shima front had complained that lately the water pressure became very low and in certain instances the water supply was stopped altogether. This was causing a great inconvenience, to say the least. It was also militating against the Government's tourist drive.

The Manager and the Chief Water Engineer stated that they had carried out investigations and found the water pressure in Shima to be normal. They confirmed that they had taken no action whatsoever to reduce the water pressure in that area. They attributed the stoppage of the water supply to faulty tanks and fittings. They emphasized that the water consumption had increased considerably during the last few years and that unless means were found to increase the supply, the position would become very critical within a year or two. It was agreed that two distillers, instead of one, should be obtained.

Station is commissioned (Memo. No. 183)
 The Manager, R. & C. Dypt., and Mr. L. Ainter,
 Chief Electrical Engineer, were in attendance.

Following the assurances given to Messrs. Chittellon regarding their requirements of electricity supply in Malta, the Manager, R. & C. Dypt., had approached the Naval Authorities for additional generating capacity beyond the agreed 4 MW. He was satisfied that the Naval Authorities could not assist beyond the 4 MW agreed upon. The Consultants Engineers had agreed that 5/6 MW generating capacity would be sufficient to meet the interim requirements. They had also agreed that a ship borne plant was the cheapest emergency measure.

It was decided that Mr. Salgan should contact Malta Dry Dock with a view to obtaining a suitable ship-borne generating plant.

Osney Clarke
 Prime Minister

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 Secretary to Cabinet.
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