

Sitting No. 45/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Amburge d'Ungan, Valletta, on Tuesday, 8th October, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.

The Hon. Minister of Education.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Powers & Communications.

The Hon. Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

Who were away from the Islands.

The Minutes of Meetings Nos. 43 and 44/63 were read and confirmed.

Sec. (Gen) E. 1515
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Arbitration and Adjustment of Anomalies
(Memo. No. 194).

Reference was made to the decision taken by the Cabinet on the 27th August, 1963, on the question of arbitration and adjustment of anomalies.

in the salaries of non-industrial employees in the Government service.

It was stated that the staff side reacted to that decision by proposing (a) independent arbitration on awards, disputes and (b) a new standing agreement for automatic arbitration on all arbitrable issues, to be effective from April, 1964.

The Cabinet agreed that the Government should not accept those proposals which nullified the offer made to the Staff Associations to renounce to the general arbitration under the 1959 agreement and which ran counter to the decision taken by the Cabinet on the 13th November, 1962. It was agreed that the Government should now consider with a view to possible implementation the recommendations of the Special Committee set up to examine awards in the salaries of non-industrial.

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International Convention relating to the limitation of the liability of owners of sea-going ships. (Memo. No. 188).

It was agreed that a) the Convention be extended to Malta subject to the two reservations, viz. (i) relating to the removal of wrecks, etc., and (ii) regarding the minimum tonnage platform of 300 tons, as stated in (c) and (d) in para. 10 of Memorandum No. 188, and b) the Convention be extended to Malta by local enactment.

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Income tax liability of local Cable & Wireless Staff (Memo. No. 182).

The Cabinet was informed that the Manager, Cable & Wireless Limited, had made representations regarding the income tax liability of local Cable & Wireless staff who were temporarily transferred overseas by the Company with a view to relieving redundancy in Malta and avoiding any premature discharges of Maltese personnel.

Having obtained the views of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and of the Financial Secretary on the matter, the Cabinet agreed that Cable & Wireless staff be granted by way of concessionary exemption from tax under section 8 (2) of the Income Tax Act in respect of the years of assessments 1958 to 1963 on the additional emoluments included in the gross income liable to tax in Malta of Cable & Wireless staff consequent on the Company having paid out of its own funds their income tax liability in overseas territories.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written decision was as follows:-

Land 1160/63. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Gornieg for the construction of a bypass.

Land 132/62. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Rabat (Maltta) required in connection with the reconstruction of St. Paul's Church Area.

Land 853/62. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of premises at Gornieg required for road widening purposes.

Land 605/62. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Gornieg required in connection with a Government scheme.

Land 1519/61. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Shima required for the elimination of a dangerous corner.

Land 1239/63. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Gornieg required for road widening.

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Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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