

✓ Sitting No. 1 / 66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberg
d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 4th Jan
1966, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Hon. Prime Minister.
Hon. Minister of Ind. Devt. & Tourism
Hon. Minister of Agric., Power, & Comms.
Hon. Minister of Justice.
Hon. Minister of Works & Housing.
Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare
Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Education.

Reduction of service requirement for "full
pension" from $33\frac{1}{3}$ to 30 years.

Hon. Ministers decided to impleme.
the reduced requirement of 30 years service for
a "full pension" extending over the whole of
the Civil Service, with the consequential
result that new Police entrants will now be
eligible for pension at $28\frac{1}{3}$ years of service
instead of 30 years. It was also agreed to
implement the enhanced pension service require-
ments for the Crown Advocate General (20
years) and for Magistrates (25 years)

MEPF 6/65.
OPM. 54/66.

The Goldsmiths and Silversmiths (Amendment
Act, 1966.

It was agreed to move the making

of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths (Amendment) Act, 1966.

OPM 1361/68.

General use of taximeters on taxis.

After having discussed the memorandum by the Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Ministers decided to recommend the making of the Code of Police Laws (Amendment) Act, 1966, to make the operation and use of taximeters obligatory on all taxis in Malta and Gozo.

Visiting Forces Act.

Hon. Ministers heard explanations of certain points of this Act from the Crown Advocate General and discussed such points. It was decided to amend Sections 9 and 17 along the lines of a draft submitted by the Crown Advocate General. In the Malta Act, it was agreed that the provisions of Section 6 of the United Kingdom Act could be conceded in the course of bargaining.

Vietnam.

Hon. Prime Minister informed the Cabinet that the Acting Ambassador for the United States of America had just called on him, on instructions from President Johnson, to clarify the position in Vietnam, in the same way as other United States Ambassadors had been instructed to approach the Heads of friendly

States. The Acting Ambassador for the United States had asked for any possible contribution of ideas for a peaceful solution in Vietnam. The Hon. Prime Minister said he had informed the United States envoy that his Government gave its moral support to the United States, as Malta had no physical resources to offer. The United States envoy had said that his country was also relying on possible support in the shape of ideas from friendly States.

Edmond Plummer
Prime Minister.

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Ray Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet.
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