

Sitting No. 20/66

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Orangon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 12th July, 1966, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Ministers of Finance, Customs & Post
 The Hon. Minister of Public Building & Works
 The Hon. Minister of Justice & Parliamentary Affairs
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health (interviewed)
 The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism.
 (away from the Island)

The minutes of meeting No. 19 were read and confirmed.

08m 55/65 Adjustment of Salaries, 1966

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare stated that, contrary to what he had gathered when he saw representatives of the Staff Side on the 30th June, he had just been informed that his request to be furnished with his exact relativity claims had not found favour. Since the Malta Civil Service Association, one of the component Union of Staff Side, had ordered its members to resort to a one-hour strike on Friday the 15th July, it was agreed that a Press Release be issued straightaway explaining its attitude on the question of guaranteed arbitration which the Staff Side had made it a pre-condition for further negotiations on salary relativity claims.

08m 47/66

Trade agreement between the Government of Malta & the Government of Italy. (Memo 591)

1 P.m. 195/65
1 P.m. 447/66

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Cultural agreement with Italy. (Memo 5874)

Agreement between the Government of Malta and the Government of Italy relating to Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (Memo 572)

(Mr. H. Wirth, Secy, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Agriculture in attendance)

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture stressed the desirability of proceeding with the negotiations for a Trade Agreement with Italy, the text accompanying Memo 591 being taken as a working draft. Some doubts were expressed as to whether ^{Malta} had much to gain if certain objectives, essential to Maltese trade, were not written in the agreement. For instance it was unlikely that the Italians would agree to the mutual deliveries of goods being approximately balanced nor that Malta would be given preferential treatment on goods produced in Malta. The proposed trade agreement could not be considered in isolation. The cultural agreement drafted by representatives of both countries was not yet concluded and a draft of a new agreement for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation was also envisaged (Memo 572).

It was agreed that these draft agreements be further considered by the Hon. Prime Minister, the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Port and the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The file mentioned hereunder was circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:-

Land 1740/60 - H.E. The Governor General was advised to sign declaration for the acquisition of land at Marsalva required for the purpose of extending the business Industrial Estate.


Secretary to Cabinet
19/4/66


Prime Minister
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