

✓ Sitting No. 12/67

Cabinet Meeting held at the Amburge d'Agos
Valletta, on Thursday, 2nd February, 1967, at 5.30.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
+ Ports.

The Hon. Minister of Public Building
+ Works.

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
+ Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Health

The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture
+ Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
+ Welfare.

Absents: The Hon. Minister of Justice, + Parliamentary
Affairs who was indisposed.

Roundtable of British Defence Forces in Malta.

(The Hon. Mr. E. Tuschieri and Mr. F. Amato Janci
were in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed
that the British Government had proposed
to send to Malta a high-powered mission of
industrialists to advise on how the industrial
base of the Maltese economy could be rapidly
and urgently strengthened and how new
employment could be injected. It was the
considered view of the Cabinet that the
proposed mission was not the best means

of reaching an acceptable solution to the problem created by the British Government's decision to cause immediate massive unemployment in Malta; it did not change in any way the situation brought about by the determination of the British Government to ignore Malta's justified protestations against the proposed reduction of British defence forces in Malta.

In order to coordinate better the measures taken by the Malta Government in connection with the dispute, the Cabinet agreed that there should be set up immediately two Committees - an Action Committee headed by the Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works, and a Remedies Committee headed by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs + Port. Mr. F. Amatoferri, Mr. E. Ingei, Chet. P. Leardi and Mr. M. Bonello were to serve on the former, and Mr. A. Chelms, Mr. M. Abela and Mr. A. Dirth on the latter Committee.

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 A/- Prime Minister
 28.2.67

Edg. Cassar
 Secretary to Cabinet
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