

Sitting No. 56/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata
d'Aragona, Valletta, on Wednesday, 7th June,
1967, at 11.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Post.

The Hon. Minister of Public Building
& Works.

The Hon. Minister of Police and
Parliamentary Affairs.

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
& Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture and Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employment & Welfare.

Boarding of Foodstuffs and other Essential Commodities.

In order to ensure that
no unnecessary boarding of foodstuffs and
other essential commodities ^{took place}, the Cabinet
agreed that an order under the Essential
Commodities (Maintenance & Supplies) Regulations,
1954, be made as per draft marked A
below, and that a Press Release be
issued as per draft marked B below.

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Government Notice No

Essential Commodities (Maintenance of Supplies) Regns. 1957

As enabled by Regulation 7 of the Essential Commodities (Maintenance of Supplies) Regulations, 1957, the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture hereby directs that all persons making use of, or having under their control or usually trading in or importing the commodities listed in the Schedule to the said regulations, shall not sell or otherwise dispose of the said commodities otherwise than in a manner which is the normal one as regards price, quantity ^{and} frequency, ~~and persons to whom sold or disposed of.~~

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In view of the rush on shops by some housewives in certain districts, the Government wishes to reassure the public that there is no need whatever for apprehension regarding the availability of foodstuffs and other essential commodities.

2. In order to ensure that no unnecessary hoarding takes place, the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture has to-day issued an order under the Essential Commodities (Maintenance of Supplies) Regns, 1957 directing that all persons making use of, or having under their control or usually trading in or importing, the commodities listed in the Schedule to the said regulations, shall not sell or otherwise dispose of the said commodities otherwise than in a manner which is the normal one as regards price, quantity ^{and} frequency. ~~and persons to whom sold or disposed of.~~

3. The commodities mentioned above are:-

Butter
Cheese
Coffee
Edible Oil
Eggs in shell
Lard and lard substitute
Laundry soap
Margarine
Matches
Meat
Milk (unsweetened tinned)
Rice
Tea
Tomato paste
Kerosine
Benzine

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Gas oil
 Fuel oil
 Coal
 Coarse salt
 Yeast
 Mill offals

4. Should it appear that other goods too are being hoarded, the Minister will of course issue similar orders in respect of the other goods.

5. In the meantime the whole situation is being kept under constant review and the Price Control Board is holding ^{an early} ~~meeting~~ ~~convening morning~~ to consider the position.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

Land. 48/64. M.C. The Governor General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Imseirah, required by the Government in connection with the extension of the Imseirah Industrial Estate.

1944. 702/64 M.C. The Governor General was advised to sign Warrant appointing Mr. Edward V. Melillo, Land Secretary

at the Malta High Commission in
London, as Commissioner for Malta.

Osmond Dimech
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet
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Sitting No. 54/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge
d'Oran, Valletta, on Thursday, 8th
June, 1967, at 11.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
+ Ports.
The Hon. Minister of Public Building
+ Works.
The Hon. Minister of Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs.
The Hon. Minister of Trade,
Industry and Agriculture.
The Hon. Minister of Health.
The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture + Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employment + Tourism.

The minutes of meetings Nos 53
to 56/67 were read and confirmed.