

✓ Sitting No. 63/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Onore
Dallella, on Thursday, 22nd August, 1968, at
10.30 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
& Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture and Tourism.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
& Welfare.

Czechoslovakia

Ministers recounted the events currently happening in Czechoslovakia. They strongly deplored the military action taken by the U.S.S.R. and other Warsaw Pact States against the sovereignty and integrity of the Czech nation. They agreed to the issue of the following Press Release:

The Government of Malta condemns in the strongest terms the military action taken by the U.S.S.R. in conjunction with other states in the Warsaw Pact against the

sovereignty and integrity of the Czech nation.

The Government of Malta is conscious of the serious effects which this action will have on the future prospects for détente in Europe and the world and of the dangers which it will present to the freedom and independence of nations.

OPM. 924/66.

Maritime Law.

Reference was made to the decision taken in Cabinet on the 4th April, 1964, that a comprehensive Maritime Law, as recommended by the Lee Park Advisory Committee, be produced as a matter of urgency. It was known that this work could not so far be undertaken owing to shortage of legal staff at the Office of the Crown Advocate General. The Hon. Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was asked to see that the production of this legislation was given priority and that it was taken in hand without further delay.

OPM. 1469/64.

Setting up of a Pharmacy Board.

Ministers agreed that H.E. the Governor General be advised to make the Pharmacy Board (First Elections) Regulations, 1968, as shown in drafts at Ref 4a in file.

OPM. 536/58/II

Aids to Industries (Procedure Regarding Applications) Rules, 1968.

Ministers agreed that

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H.E. the Governor General
The Imports Duties Aids to Industries (Procedure
Regarding Applications) Rules, 1968, as shown in
drafts at Ref 28a in file.

OPM. 14426/65.

Drawback on Motor Vehicles purchased by
Temporary Residents (Memo. No. 1044)

Ministers agreed. H.E.
H.E. the Governor General be advised to
make the Imports Duties (Drawback on
Exported Motor Cars) Order, 1968, as shown in
drafts at Ref 16 B in file.

OPM/EP/7/66

Erection of Housing Units at Florina, Rabat
and Msicrah (Memo. No. 1108)

Ministers considered
Memorandum No. 1108 and agreed to i) and ii)
in paragraph 6 thereof. It was felt that the
present system of calling for tenders should be
adhered to, but in order to avoid further
loss of time and to have a good response from
prospective tenderers, the Public Works Department
should make an early call for tenders to
include all the required units at Florina,
Rabat and Msicrah.

OPM. 2358/58

Acquisition of premises at No. 115, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

It was agreed that the
matter be seen to by the Hon. Minister of Education
Culture and Tourism.

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Secretary to Cabinet 24/8/68

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Prime Minister

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