

✓ Sitting No. 73/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Orion,
Valletta, on Wednesday, 2nd October, 1968, at
11.45 am.

Present: 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 Education, Culture
and Leisure.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister who was
indisposed.

The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Ports who was away from
the Island on official business.

The Hon. Minister of Health who was
on official business in Soz.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
& Welfare who was away from
the Islands on official business.

Hotel Strike.

(The Green Advocate General and the Administrative
Secretary were in attendance)

Ministers discussed the
latest developments in the hotel strike action
taken by the Port and Industrial Section of the
General Workers Union, especially the threat to spread

the strike to other aspects of the tourist industry. They felt that the time had come when Government should take steps to prevent further industrial action, and suggested that legislation should be enacted forthwith.

a) to make strike action by employees in the private sector illegal immediately ~~that~~ a dispute is referred to arbitration by either party, and

b) to make strike action by government employees illegal as soon as Government agrees or offers to go to arbitration.

The matter was to await consideration by the Hon. Prime Minister.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

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

Land 924/63. H.C. The Governor General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Żurrieq, required by the Government in connection with the widening of Ballietta Road, Żurrieq.

Land 994/64. H.C. The Governor General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Attard, required by the Government in connection with road widening.

Edmund Plummer
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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