

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**Meeting of 22nd December 1965****PRESENT**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)
SIR DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE TRENCH, KCMG, MC
HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR DENIS STUART SCOTT
O'CONNOR, KBE, CB
COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES
THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL DAVID IRVING GASS, CMG
COLONIAL SECRETARY
THE HONOURABLE MAURICE HEENAN, QC
ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE HONOURABLE JOHN CRICHTON McDOUALL
SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS
THE HONOURABLE JOHN JAMES COWPERTHWAITTE, CMG, OBE
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
THE HONOURABLE KENNETH STRATHMORE KINGHORN
DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES
THE HONOURABLE ALEC MICHAEL JOHN WRIGHT
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DR THE HONOURABLE TENG PIN-HUI, OBE
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM DAVID GREGG
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
THE HONOURABLE DAVID RONALD HOLMES, CBE, MC, ED
DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
THE HONOURABLE ROBERT MARSHALL HETHERINGTON, DFC
DEPUTY ECONOMIC SECRETARY
THE HONOURABLE KWAN CHO-YIU, CBE
THE HONOURABLE SIDNEY SAMUEL GORDON, OBE
THE HONOURABLE LI FOOK-SHU, OBE
THE HONOURABLE FUNG HON-CHU, OBE
THE HONOURABLE TANG PING-YUAN
THE HONOURABLE TSE YU-CHUEN, OBE
THE HONOURABLE KENNETH ALBERT WATSON, OBE
THE HONOURABLE WOO PAK-CHUEN, OBE
THE HONOURABLE GEORGE RONALD ROSS
THE HONOURABLE SZETO WAI
THE HONOURABLE WILFRED WONG SIEN-BING
THE HONOURABLE MRS ELLEN LI SHU-PUI, OBE
MR ANDREW McDONALD CHAPMAN (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*)

ABSENT

THE HONOURABLE JOHN PHILIP ASERAPPA
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES
THE HONOURABLE KAN YUET-KEUNG, OBE

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th December 1965, were confirmed.

PAPERS

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

<i>Subject</i>	<i>LN No</i>
Report of the Brewin Trust Fund Committee on the administration of the Brewin Trust Fund for the year ending 30th June 1965.	
Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance 1960.	
Imported Meat and Poultry (Amendment) Regulations 1965	150
Importation and Exportation Ordinance.	
Importation (Southern Rhodesia Tobacco) Regulations 1965	151

ILLEGAL STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS ORDINANCE,**CHAPTER 61**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

Resolved, pursuant to section 8 of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance, Chapter 61, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January 1966.

He said:—Your Excellency, the purpose of this resolution is to extend the life of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance for a further year until the 31st December 1966.

Sir, this Ordinance makes illegal, strikes and lock-outs which are not in furtherance of a genuine trade dispute and which are designed or calculated to coerce the Government. The Ordinance has no effect on a strike or lock-out arising out of a genuine trade dispute.

It is considered that the time has not yet come to dispense with the Ordinance and accordingly I invite Council to pass this resolution.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

DEFENCE REGULATIONS (CONTINUATION) ORDINANCE 1958

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution:—

Resolved, pursuant to section 6 of the Defence Regulations (Continuation) Ordinance 1958, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January 1966.

He said:—Your Excellency, the purpose of this resolution is to extend the life of the Defence Regulations (Continuation) Ordinance 1958 until 31st December 1966.

Sir, this Ordinance keeps in force certain Defence Regulations and the Defence (Finance) Regulations and it is considered necessary to retain such regulations for the time being.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 151

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

Resolved, pursuant to section 26 of the Societies Ordinance, Chapter 151, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January 1966.

He said: —Your Excellency, the purpose of this resolution is to extend the life of the Societies Ordinance until the 31st December 1966.

Sir, this Ordinance confers on the Commissioner of Police powers which assist him in curbing the activities of triad and other undesirable and unlawful organizations. It is the Government's view that the continuance in force of this Ordinance is essential to the maintenance of law and order in the Colony.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**COMPANIES (PREVENTION OF EVASION OF THE SOCIETIES
ORDINANCE) ORDINANCE 1959**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution:—

Resolved, pursuant to section 16 of the Companies (Prevention of Evasion of the Societies Ordinance) Ordinance 1959, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January 1966.

He said:—Your Excellency, the purpose of this resolution is to continue the Companies (Prevention of Evasion of the Societies Ordinance) Ordinance 1959 until the 31st December 1966.

Sir, this Ordinance was enacted in July 1959 with the object of preventing persons who associate together for undesirable purposes from evading the control imposed by the Societies Ordinance by registering under the Companies Ordinance.

It is considered that the maintenance of law and order requires that this Ordinance should remain in force.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

MERCHANT SHIPPING (ALIENS EMPLOYMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1965

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) Ordinance.”

He said:—Your Excellency, certificates of exemption under the Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) Ordinance, permitting aliens to be the master, chief officer or chief engineer of a British ship, are at present granted by the Governor in Council. The object of this Bill is to enable you. Sir, to grant such certificates without seeking the advice of the Executive Council.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons

The “Objects and Reasons” for the Bill were stated as follows:—

Under the Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) Ordinance, an alien may not be the master, chief officer or chief engineer of a British ship of over sixty tons net register tonnage, registered in the Colony, unless he has a certificate of exemption granted by the Governor in Council. It is considered no longer necessary for such certificates of exemption to be granted by the Governor in Council, and the object of this Bill is to empower the Governor to grant the same without seeking the advice of the Executive Council.

REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS BILL 1965

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for the preparation, publication and periodical revision of a revised edition of the laws of the Colony."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 20 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Revised Edition of the Laws Bill 1965, had passed through Council without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

NEXT MEETING

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: —That concludes the business for today. The next meeting of Council will be held on the 5th January 1966.