

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MALTA REFERENDUM.

11/12th February, 1956.

PERSONALITIES:-

- 1. Rhodes Scholar Architect, Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, Leader of the Malta Labour Party, who favours "Integration" of Malta with Britain.
- 2. Dr. George Borg Olivier, Leader of the Nationalist Party in Opposition. His Party Executive has instructed supporters to boycott the Referendum.
- 3. Miss Mabel Strickland, Leader of the Progressive Constitutional Party and newspaper owner. Her Party is campaigning against Integration.
- 4. Roman Catholic Archbishop, Sir Michael Gonzi, who requests that the "Integration" Constitution should contain specific guarantees of the "status quo" of the Catholic Church in Malta.

SYNOPSIS.

(In container: approx. 350 feet in 5 lengths, 4 of 80 ft. each, one of 30 ft. Outside container: One strip of 31 ft; one strip of 30 ft., slightly fogged.)

- 1. Prime Minister holds mass meeting in main square of Pawla, a traditional Labour stronghold, on eve of Referendum.
- 2. Another Labour Party meeting at Floriana, opposite historic Church of St. Publius, which was addressed by Government and Trade Union spokesmen. (Fogged strip outside container).
- 3. Dr. Borg Olivier, at his residence, being interviewed by foreign correspondents, a large number of whom were in Malta for the Referendum.
- 4. Miss Mabel Strickland, accompanied by her lawyers, entering the Criminal Courts as complainant in a libel action in connection with the Referendum. A large number of lawsuits added to the interest of the campaign.
- 5. A copy of Miss Strickland's newspaper "The Times of Malta" carrying the Archbishop's pre-Referendum broadcast, in which Government is stated to have "declared war" on the Church. (Outside container).
- 6. The Archbishop attends to administrative business in his 17th Century Palace, in Valletta.
- 7. Demonstration in Valletta in favour of the Archbishop as he leaves St. Paul's Church on eve of the Referendum.
- 8. - 9. Votes being cast in the Referendum.
- 10. The British Members of Parliament, drawn from all Parties, who were in Malta during the Referendum at the request of the Malta Government, as independent observers.

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