

to anticipate under the terms of this Minute, the matter shall be referred to Their Lordships whose decision shall be final.

5. As an exception to the above principle, repayment in respect of unexpended balances of loans already advanced will, as hitherto, be accepted (subject to due notice) on the basis of £100 for each £100 cash advanced in any case where the Public Works Loan Commissioners are satisfied that the balance is unexpended either because a scheme is less costly than anticipated or because it has been definitely reduced in extent.

6. My Lords further direct that (subject to due notice)

(a) repayment in advance of the due date shall be accepted on the basis of £100 for each £100 cash advanced

(1) of loans advanced to a local authority under Part V. of the Housing Act 1936 or for the purposes of Part III of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1925 in connection with the erection of structures made available under Section 1 of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act 1944 where repayment arises from the sale of land no longer required owing to the dismantling of such structures;

(2) of loans advanced to a local authority to the extent that repayment represents repayments to the local authority by borrowers of loans advanced by that authority under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts or the Small Dwellings Acquisition (Scotland) Acts;

(b) repayment in advance of the due date of loans made under Section 91 of the Housing Act, 1936 or Section 75 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1925 and other similar enactments shall be accepted in all cases subject to the payment of one-quarter only of the premium otherwise chargeable provided that, in cases where exaction of even this reduced amount would entail real hardship, such further relief may be granted as the Treasury may determine.

7. Nothing in this Minute shall be construed as applying to loans advanced from the Local Loans Fund before 1st August 1945, premature repayment of which will be accepted only on the terms laid down by Treasury Minute of 5th October 1933 as modified by subsequent directions.

Treasury Chambers.

1st August 1945.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (EXTENSION) ACTS, 1941 and 1944.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, acting in pursuance of Subsection (2) of Section One of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1941 (4 and 5 Geo. 6, Ch. 7) and Section Five of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944 (7 and 8 Geo. 6, Ch. 44) hereby gives notice of the following amendments of the list published in the London Gazette of the 16th February, 1945, of persons to whom immunities and privileges are extended under that Section, the said amendments taking effect as from the dates respectively specified after the names of the persons affected.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Monseigneur Jan Sramek ceased to be Prime Minister on April 4th, 1945.

M. Zdenek Fierlinger became Prime Minister on April 4th, 1945.

M. Jan Masaryk, Minister for Foreign Affairs, ceased to be Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister of National Defence also, on April 4th, 1945.

General Ludvik Svoboda became Minister of National Defence on April 4th, 1945.

M. Juraj Slávik ceased to be Minister of the Interior on April 4th, 1945.

M. Vaclav Nosek became Minister of the Interior on April 4th, 1945.

M. Ladislav Feierabend ceased to be Minister of Finance on April 4th, 1945.

M. Vavro Šrobar became Minister of Finance on April 4th, 1945.

M. Jan Bečko ceased to be Minister of Social Welfare on April 4th, 1945.

M. Vaclav Majer ceased to be Minister of Industry and Commerce on April 4th, 1945.

M. Bohumil Lausman became Minister of Industry and Acting Minister for Economic Reconstruction on April 4th, 1945.

M. František Němec ceased to be Minister for Economic Reconstruction on April 4th, 1945.

M. Jan Lichner ceased to be Minister of Agriculture on April 4th, 1945.

M. Josef Šoltez became Minister of Social Welfare on April 4th, 1945.

NETHERLANDS.

II.—OFFICIAL STAFFS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the direction of the Minister of the Interior.

ADD—Dr. Jan Hendrik van der Putten. March 15th, 1945.

ADD—Dr. Adrianus Wilkenshuis. March 15th, 1945.

ADD—Mr. Pieter Demmer. May 1st, 1945.

Under the direction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

ADD—Mr. Adrian van Hall. May 1st, 1945.

ADD—Mr. Herman Hallo. May 1st, 1945.

NORWAY.

Mr. Johan Nygaardsvold ceased to be Prime Minister on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Einar Gerhardsen became Prime Minister on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Hans Ystgaard ceased to be Minister of Agriculture on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Einar Frogner became Minister of Agriculture on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Nils Hjeltnes ceased to be Minister of Church and Education on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Kaare Fostervoll became Minister of Church and Education on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Sverre Støstad ceased to be Minister of Health and Social Welfare on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Sven Oftedal became Minister of Social Welfare on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Terje Vold ceased to be Minister of Justice on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Olav Hindahl ceased to be Minister of Works on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Sven Nielsen ceased to be Minister of Commerce on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Lars Evensen became Minister of Commerce on June 25th, 1945.

Major Arne Sundt ceased to be Minister of Shipping on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Thor Skjønberg became Minister of Shipping on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Paul Hartmann ceased to be Minister of Finance on June 25th, 1945.

Mr. Anders Frihagen ceased to be Minister of Supply and Reconstruction on June 25th, 1945.

II.—OFFICIAL STAFFS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the direction of the Minister of Defence.

REMOVE—Lt.-Colonel Nils Petersen. May 27th, 1945.

Under the direction of the Minister of Works.

REMOVE—Mr. Knut Waarum. May 27th, 1945.

Under the direction of the Minister of Shipping.

ADD—Mr. Thorleif Fuglesang. June 14th, 1945.

YUGOSLAVIA.

II.—OFFICIAL STAFFS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the direction of the Minister of Finance.

ADD—Lt.-Colonel Rista Stefanović. April 11th, 1945.

Downing Street, S.W.1.

3rd August, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry to:—

Police Constable B. Belshazzar-Hamilton of the Trinidad Police Force.

Downing Street, August, 1945.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Maurice Henry Dorman, Esq., to be a Nominated Member of the Executive Council of Malta.