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MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER OF  
AUSTRALIA AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF  
MALTA

The Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, and Dr. Borg Olivier, the Prime Minister of Malta met in Melbourne on Saturday.

They were able to renew their friendly contacts and to discuss together matters of common interest in their countries. More than 65,000 settlers from Malta have come to Australia since the second World War. The Maltese living in Australia represent one-fifth of Malta's present population and constitute the largest community of Maltese origin outside Malta itself.

Australia and Malta are both members of the Commonwealth and have interests in trade and migration in particular. The two Prime Ministers discussed ways and means of ensuring closer co-operation between the two countries and undertook to follow up their discussions on trade.

Mr. Holt informed Dr. Borg Olivier that the Australian Government had decided to establish a High Commission in Malta and would shortly be appointing a High Commissioner. Mr. Holt further informed Dr. Borg Olivier that the requirement of re-entry permits for Maltese settlers travelling outside Australia would be abolished as from a date to be announced shortly.

They also discussed Commonwealth affairs in the light of the Prime Ministers' Conference held in London in September and which they both attended.

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