

Cancer specialists' visit

By A Staff Reporter

Prof. D.W. Smithers, Professor of Radiotherapy at London University and Head of Department of Radiotherapy at the Royal Manston Hospital, arrived on a three-day visit yesterday to help the Government of Malta with work on the Radiotherapy department and cancer registration.

Prof. Smithers, who was invited to Malta by the Medical and Health Department, is accompanied by Mr. P.M. Payne, director of the South West Metropolitan Cancer Registry.

During their visit, Prof. Smithers and Mr. Payne will talk to cancer patients at St. Luke's hospital. They will also visit the newly-built cancer registry at St. Luke's which is subsidized by the British Empire Cancer Association for Research.

Prof. Smithers said he has



Prof. D.W. Smithers (centre) who arrived yesterday to help the Government with work on the Radiotherapy Department and Cancer registration in Malta, with Dr. H. Sultana and Mr. P.M. Payne (right) at the airport yesterday.

been treating Maltese cancer patients for some years and he has learnt a lot from them about the illness. Many of them are curable, he added.

His visit, he said, will help the Government with the registration of matters connected with cancer on the Island.

The visitors were met by Dr. H. Sultana, Radiotherapist at St. Luke's Hospital.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID

The Malta Development Corporation has received applications from two different firms one for the manufacture of corrugated board, and the other for tourist and advertising souvenirs.

Austria-Malta trade pact possibility

By a Staff Reporter

Dr. Josef A. Schoner, the Austrian Ambassador to Malta, said yesterday that he hoped that talks will be held to increase trade between his country and Malta.

Dr. Schoner said that a trade or cultural agreement between the two countries would be negotiated.

Regarding the opening of an Austrian Embassy in Malta, Dr. Schoner said that the policy of the Austrian Government was to send resident Ambassadors to the larger countries and he thought that the chances of an Embassy being set up in Malta were slim.

Mr. F. Darmanin, the Honorary Consul-General for Austria, was doing his best to maintain close relations between both countries, he added.

Dr. Schoner called on the Governor General, Sir Maurice Dorman, at the Palace, Valetta, yesterday



morning. He also called on the Prime Minister Dr. Borg Olivier, and on the Secretary, Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs, Mr. J. Mamo Dingli. Dr. Schoner is accompanied by his wife Mme. Schoner.

MISTY MORNING

Overnight mist covered Malta for the earlier part of yesterday morning, reducing visibility to less than 100 yards in many places.

Ships in Grand Harbour, including the 17,000-ton American cruiser "Galveston", moored off Lascaris Wharf, could not be seen from the shore. Likewise, destroyers berthed in Dockyard Creek were hidden from the bastions of Senglea and St. Angelo.

The mist cleared later in the morning, giving way to blue summer skies and bright sunshine, although in places it remained hazy throughout the day.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Judge A.J. Montanaro Gauci has returned from a visit to Germany.

Mr. A.M. Darmanin and Mr. G. Callus left yesterday for Geneva to attend an extraordinary congress of the World Confederation of Labour.

Ex-serviceman's book on Malta

BY A STAFF REPORTER

On a return visit to Malta after an absence of 25 years is Mr. W.F. Shepherd, a former R.A.F. officer from Tunbridge Wells. Mr. Shepherd is writing a book called "Malta. Then and Now".

Mr. Shepherd recalled that a year after he had joined the Royal Air Force in 1940, he was posted to Malta and spent the following three years on ground control interception work at St. Pauli's Bay. "This was during the second siege," he said, "and I confess that I have seen that tremendous

changes have taken place since then."

Mr. Shepherd, who is now a free-lance journalist, is mainly concerned with motor and transport methods. He pointed out that the buses on the Island, an institution in themselves, still offered good services and, in many respects, were superior to those in his own country.

Mr. Shepherd has written a travel book called "Round the Swabian Sea", which is to be published in the United Kingdom. He is most anxious to get away from the usual guide book style in his next book — the one on Malta. He has already written a lot about the Island.

He would like very much to hear from readers who can tell him interesting snippets of Maltese life — including legends, Maltese customs and theories about the origin of old buildings.

Mr. Shepherd, who is staying at the Green Grove Hotel, will leave Malta by the end of this week.



Lieut.-General Sir Mervyn Butler, Colonel Commandant of The Parachute Regiment, arrived by air yesterday and paid a brief visit to the Battalion stationed at St. Andrew's later in the afternoon. Lieut.-General Butler, who was accompanied by his military assistant, Major Maxwell, was welcomed at the airport by the Commander British Troops, Malta, Brigadier P.S. Ward, Lt. Col. P.I. Chiswell, the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment, and by Capt. J.A. Mangion, Chief Movements Officer.

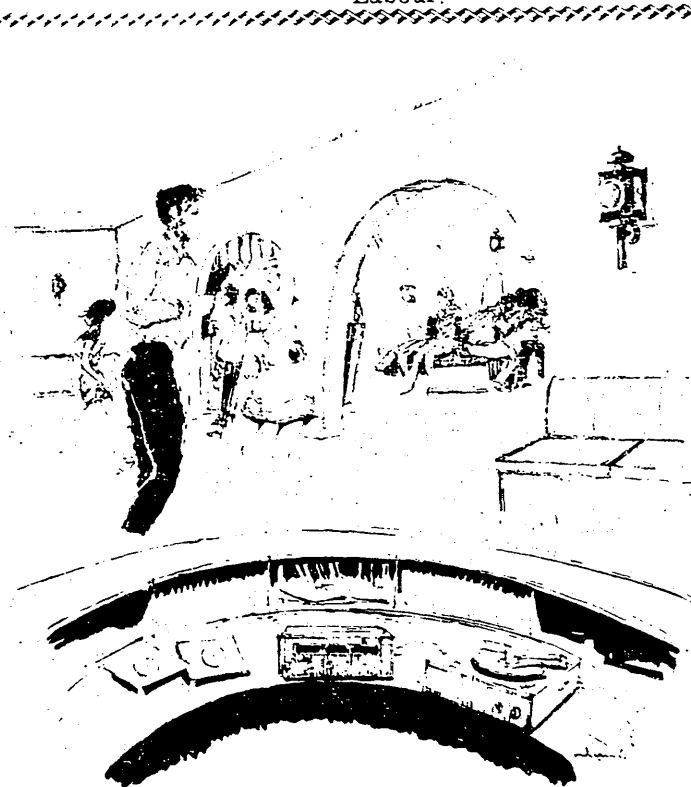
(Above) Brigadier Ward (left) greeting General Sir Mervyn Butler at Luqa airport yesterday.

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