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First GonziPN... Now it's Muscat-PL



Joseph Muscat finds no candidates for secretary-general.

So he 'tells' the Labour executive committee: either abolish the post... or he presents the motion himself to the party conference.

Everyone votes in favour.

And then they remove his 'threat' from the meeting's minutes.

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THE making of MuscatPL is in the offing.

Details have emerged of how Labour leader Joseph Muscat surprised party officials and top members with a forceful motion to abolish the post of secretary-general.

Last Monday, Muscat warned a poorly attended national executive committee that he would not stand for any opposition to his decision to abolish the post of secretary-general, after failing to find a suitable candidate for the salaried position.

Various members of the Labour national

executive – which groups the party's top officials and MPs – told MaltaToday how Muscat warned them that unless they approve his motion to remove the secretary-general's post, he would personally present the motion for approval at the general conference.

Just 27 out of the 60 odd members attended the meeting, and nobody knew that the motion was even going to be discussed since it had not been listed on the meeting's agenda.

For Muscat, it was a bid to consolidate his

reorganisation of power in Labour after the contrived departure of Jason Micallef.

But the Labour leader had now found himself in a veritable quandary: without a suitable candidate willing to become secretary-general, he was faced with no choice but to abolish the post.

But it was the way in which he coerced the PL executive to 'get with the programme' that have marked the beginnings of MuscatPL.

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