

SCHOOL SITE

Mr. Tesh and Mr. Irving walked over the site on March 6, with the exception of the North East corner (which appears however to be steep and wooded) and the olive groves (which have been seen already).

They agreed that a metre contour survey would be lengthy and expensive to produce. The best estimates they could make are given below. They emphasize that these are made with the help only of a 1/50,000 Ordnance Survey map, the owner's plan (which has neither scale nor contours nor all the geographical features) and personal observation. By defining on the ground the lower limit required on the forward slope, and measuring in from the road through this point and thence, at standard intervals, to the limits of the usable ground, it should be possible to get a sufficiently accurate estimate for the purposes of negotiation, of how much such ground there is. Before a deal was concluded it would be necessary to have a more precise survey, as well as proof of title and a test excavation.

The area which interests us falls into two parts: the olive groves and fields in the saddle to the East; and a roughly circular hill-top rising from this saddle and bounded on the North by a deep river-valley and on the South by the road. To maintain the crest and view inviolate it would be necessary to fix the boundary down the hill some 100 yards to the West of the central plateau's Western edge.

The river is some 150 metres below the highest point of the hill and some 130 metres below the rim of the plateau. From this rim the ground drops away steeply at all the points seen, at an estimated angle which makes it appear that the "cliff" represents somewhere around 130-150 metres on the map.

In sum: at a very rough estimate, apart from the flat area of the olive groves (60,000 m²) to be given free, the

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to buy
School would need/270,000 m2, of which around 90,000 m2 would
be virtually useless.

The total area bought, on the above assumptions, would be
330,000 m2. Of this, 240,000 m2 would be usable. On the
terms so far offered, the average cost of the usable land would
be £Leb.2.8 per square metre. The total cost would be
£Leb.675,000 or, say, £75,000.-