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From: First Officer
To: Master

Subj: Safety meeting; report of

1. The safety meeting for the Deck Department personnel was held in the Crew's Day Room at 1600 hours this date with twenty-three (23) members present.
2. No accidents were reported since the last meeting. However the chairman reminded the members of the importance of obtaining first aid immediately after an accident regardless of how minor the injury may be. He reminded them of the injured seaman transferred to the Gaffey at sea whose original injury had been a slight laceration of the hand. Due to neglect it became infected to the point where emergency aid had to be obtained at great risk to himself and the boat crew affecting the transfer at sea.
3. The following safety hazards were noted by the members:
 - A. The chairman expressed the importance of not attempting to operate a lifeboat which develops trouble and used the recent experience on the number three lifeboat as an example.
 - B. AB Loran noted hazardous debarking for troops in Da Nang where no platform barge is available. Should they fall between the landing craft and the vessel while wearing life jackets they would be crushed.
 - C. AB McCabe reported that the padeye on the promenade deck door was missing.
 - D. GS Demeter noted that a nut on the dog of the door on ladderwell 11 was missing.
 - E. AB Welch reported that a kick pipe was sticking up one foot above the deck near the former childrens play pen on the 03 deck.
4. The chairman read a rather lengthy speech that was given by John W. Macy, Jr. of the U. S. Civil Service Commission at the National Safety Council Meeting relative to Mission Safety 70 which might be summarized briefly as 'safety is everybody's business'.
5. It was noted with pride by the chair that no disciplinary actions were necessary in this department in the last two ports of call.
6. Members were reminded that now that the Gaffey was going to again carry passengers there was to be no undue fraternization.
7. The chairman also noted that there had been no beneficial suggestions submitted by the department in some time. The members countered that no cash had been received for those already submitted.
8. A 'Welcome Aboard' was given to Douglas M. Bill, AB (M) who joined the vessel in Pusan, Korea. He was a member of one of the crews whose ships were turned over to a foreign flag.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1645 hours.

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