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From: Master, USNS GENERAL JOHN POPE (T-AP 110)
To: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific
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Subj: Ship's Safety Committee Meeting, October 1968; report of

Ref: (a) COMSTSINST 5100.17

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Ship's Safety Committee convened in the office of the Master at 0900 on 29 October 1968, Captain H.L. HEINZ presided. The following members were present:

Captain H.L. HEINZ
Mr. R. COLLINGE
Mr. M.S. CHAMBERLAIN
Mr. P.E. DATTOLA
Mr. F.L. SMITH

Master
First Officer/Safety Officer
Chief Engineer
Chief Steward
Purser/Recorder

2. The minutes of the September 1968 meeting were read and discussed.

3. The minutes of the departmental sub-committees on safety were read and discussed.

a. The Deck department meetings were conducted by the First Officer. The Steward department attended this meeting. The Deck department reported one first aid injury during the period. There were no accidents in the Steward department.

Main topics of discussion:

(1) Limited lighting facilities during RRS, proper use of flashlights and hand lanterns.

(2) Use and misuse of sanitary facilities on RRS ships.

(3) Housekeeping as an everyday duty.

b. The Engine department meetings were conducted by the Chief Engineer. There were no accidents during the month. Five-Minute-Safety-Talk #32, Book #2, "Why Strain Your Back," was given.

Also discussed:

(1) Cigarette butts in soot buckets, danger of fire.

"Think Safety—Talk Safety—and Sell Safety"

(2) Portholes and weater tight doors, must be kept closed beacuse of the humidity and heating problems.

(3) Pump failures peculiar to non-operating ships.

(4) Accident reporting procedure.

(5) Safe Driver, September 1968.

(6) Safe Worker, September 1968.

(7) Safety Newsletter, Marine Section, July 1968, August 1968.

c. General discussion.

(1) Lifting, use of legs, proper positions of lifting.
Precaut ions against injury while lifting.

(2) Batteries, care and use. Deteriorating batteries form a toxic gas. Send surplus batteries ashore.

(3) Hurd hats, mandatory use on certain jobs.

(4) Attitudes toward safe work. Proper knowledge of safety procedures combined with proper attitude leads to safe work.

4. Report of Command Safety Council of 30 September 1968 was reviewed. The report required had been forwarded. The description of disabling work injuries was read and discussed.

5. The Master directed attention to recent changes in casualty reporting, use of NAVEXOS 108 for materiel casualties. Another change, to shift the responsibility of administering the sight-conservation program to the Medical department, was discussed.

6. A brief summary of emergency procedures in the event of personal injury was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1000.

H.L. HEINZ