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From: Chief Engineer
To: Master

Subj: SAFETY MEETING; report of

1. A Safety Meeting was held at 0700 hours this date for the Engine Department by Mr. Robert G. Thompson, First Assistant Engineer; there were seventeen (17) men present.
2. The minutes of the last Engine Department safety meeting was reviewed; there had been no deficiencies reported, and none reported at this time.
3. The men were commended for their alertness and caution during the just completed repair Yard period and enjoined to continue this watchfulness during this dry docking; there were no accidents since last meeting.
 - a. A short talk was given that "near accidents" or "close calls" are really warnings that something is wrong, such as sloppy house-keeping in working areas, tools in poor condition, disregard of use of protective devices; while it is true that in a "near accident" no one is hurt and there is probably no serious damage to property, still they are indications of slipping in Safety consciousness and lapses into inefficiency and unsafe work habits. To ignore conditions that cause "near accidents" is to surely invite a REAL accident. The moral is: "Investigate and alleviate".
4. The Safety Meeting was dismissed at 0720 hours.



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"Think Safety—Talk Safety—and Sell Safety"