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From: First Officer, USNS GEN. JOHN POPE (T-AP 110)  
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Subj: Safety meeting; report of

1. Safety meeting for both Deck And Engine Departments for the month of November 1969 was held on Wednesday, 26 November 1969, from 0915 hours to 0940 hours with fifteen (15) men in attendance(Eng) and nine (9) men(Deck).

2. "Complaisancy and Safety" was the main subject of discussion. In spite of our commendable safety record over the past several months, it is becoming evident that our safety and sanitary habits now need improving. Two accidents occurred during the month of November. Safety Division of MSTSPAC has pin-pointed several areas that must be corrected in order to insure proper safety and sanitary conditions. In addition, two new ship-board conditions have created additional areas of responsibility:

- (1) The use of the vessel as a warehouse for stores, particularly provisions, transferred to and from other vessels.
- (2) The increased number of ship's force personnel utilizing facilities of the vessel, now that quarters are provided for both ship's force and some pool personnel.

To insure both safe and pleasant working and living conditions, keep a reserve of safety for all situations. Use caution, not only in new areas of responsibility, both also in the old areas, where caution is often forgotten. Housekeeping goes hand-in-hand with safety. All personnel should develop basic habits of working and living aboard that will minimize the possibilities of accidents and the hazards to health and life.

3. Among conditions of safety and health brought up were:

- (1) Certain tools, such as pry-bars, should be used with extra caution due to inherent safety hazards thru use.
- (2) Handling stores, particularly from truck to ship, involves considerable team cooperation. Take time in handling slings. Follow the signals of the hatch tender. Insure all conditions are safe before going ahead.
- (3) Use of card-board boxes for trash must cease. GI cans or the possibility of requisitioning of plastic cans with lids are to be used.
- (4) The limited amount of sanitary facilities aboard demands that personnel must try flushometer first before using heads and urinals.
- (5) Wastebaskets in quarters are to be emptied daily to prevent both fire and disease. Rags and debris in all areas should be picked up when spotted.
- (6) All potential safety hazards are to be reported immediately to Supervisor rather than waiting for the next Safety Meeting.
- (7) Lighting at gangway of USNS WEIGEL has been corrected and is now adequate and gripes along Boat Deck have now been stowed properly.

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