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

1. Safety meeting for nine (9) men of Deck Department of USNS POPE was held from 1130 to 1200 hours, 30 October 1969. This meeting was for the month of October 1969.

2. Safety Talk #2, Deck 2, entitled "Let's Beat Our Old Accident Record", was read and discussed. In an attempt to more fully involve Deck Dept members in the topic of discussion, safety talks are now being read aloud by a selected member of the Deck Department, differing each meeting. This month's Talk was read by M. Jackson. In the course of the Talk there was discussion and expansion of the subject by the listeners. Among conditions of safety that have improved were mentioned the following:  
(1) A greater awareness of safety thru regular safety meetings supplemented by the programs of the Safety Division.  
(2) More experienced people in authority.  
(3) Better equipment and clothing, e.g. safety belts  
(4) Improved working conditions, e.g. safety treads on ladderwell ladders.  
It was stressed, in conclusion, that as other conditions improve, safety also shouldn't stand still. By taking pride in our work habits, we can easily beat our old accident record and reach a perfect score of benefit to all.

3. The month of October has come to an end with no accidents reported. The shipyard period terminated successfully without any injury from the many hazards attendant to yard periods. Personnel are to be commended for their part in reducing the possibilities of accidents during this time.

4. The following suggestions and improvements were noted:

- (1) A tripping, falling hazard exists when stepping off the gangway in to the USNS WEIGH. Improved lighting at night in addition to the placement of striping would reduce the danger.
- (2) Along Boat Deck, gripes should be properly stowed to prevent head collisions in their present suspended positions.
- (3) Some members of Deck Department would minimize the hazards by improving the type of work clothes used, eg. gloves with buckles can be dangerous.

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