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From: Master, USNS GENERAL JOHN FOPE (T-AP 110)  
To: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific  
Subj: Ship's Safety Committee Meeting; 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 May 1968, Captain H. L. Heinz presiding. The following Members were present:

Captain H. L. HEINZ	Master
Mr. R. COLLINGE	First Officer/Safety Officer
Mr. M. S. CHAMBERLAIN	Chief Engineer
Mr. E. WILLIAMS	Chief Steward
Mr. F. L. SMITH	Purser/Recorder
C. H. DELANO, LCDR, USN	COMILDEPT
D. M. WEISBROD, LT, MC, USNR	Medical Officer

2. The Master called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussed.

3. Minutes of departmental safety meetings were read by the respective department heads.

a. The Deck Department read and discussed "Give Us a Hand" and "Safe Work Habits" from the five-minute safety series. Other principle topics discussed at the meetings covered safety at mooring stations and around anchor windlass when mooring and unmooring the ship; personal electrical equipment, inspection of; use of safety shields; safety aloft. One accident was reported. An Able Seaman suffered a bruised finger when a block was dropped in rigging gear. No time was lost.

b. The Engine Department read and discussed five-minute safety talks "Give Us Your Ideas" and "Team Work Prevents Accidents". The following items were discussed; use of gloves while working around moving machinery; oily and greasy rags, disposal of; safe use of tools while working overhead; workplace housekeeping; mandatory use of ear plugs; check of personal electronic equipment by the Chief Electrician, with tag, date stamped at the time of inspection; stowing soap powder and chlorine separately. Floor plates at the foot of the ladder in the Engine Room and Evaporator flat were reported hazardous. Material has been ordered for replacement. Two items of personal conduct relating to safety were discussed -- drinking liquor in torrid zones, ashore; and liberty in foreign ports. It had been reported that the portable bilge pumps (220 Volt) were not on proper stations. A question was raised about the desirability of having both 220V and 115V portable bilge pumps. Two accidents were reported during the period.

c. The Steward Department gave five-minute safety talk number 42 from book number 5, "When an Accident Happens". The sub-committee discussed proper housekeeping, operation of power equipment, individual responsibility for safety, use of goggles when painting and chipping, use of rubber gloves when using caustics

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and harsh detergents, accident reporting, safety as a full-time practice either on board or on the beach. There were no accidents in the Steward Department.

d. The Military Department reported three accidents among embarked troops. First aid treatment was given. None of the accidents was serious and none involved faulty equipment.

The COMILDEPT noted that troops crowd the rails on arrival and departure. Safety wires are installed permanently; troops should be kept away from rails to avoid hazard.

4. It was reported that canvas covers have been installed on all chain links on hand rails. Ear plugs have been distributed to the members of the Engine Department.

5. The Quarterly Summary of Accidents was discussed. Some members thought the figure of \$8,250.00 was much too high for USNS FOPE. A suggestion that the Purser check the itemization of the charge with P-25 was accepted.

6. The Master introduced a ship's instruction concerning timely and prompt reporting of accidents. A copy is enclosed with this report.

7. P-25 reply to our April report was discussed. The First Officer said all lifeboat floodlights are rigged as required in accordance with CG-259.

8. Report of Command Safety Council, P-25, 15 April 1968, was distributed prior to the meeting, discussed at the meeting; paragraph 5, has been complied with. The recommendations in paragraph 6, Enclosure (1) to subject report found hearty endorsement for sub-paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e). Sub-paragraph (b) was given honorable mention as a good idea; the members' general comment was that medical treatment on board had been excellent.

The meeting was adjourned at 1030.

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