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MINUTES OF SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. The Master held a meeting of the Ship's Safety Committee in his office at 1300 this date. The following members were present:

Captain G. W. BERLIN, Master; Mr. Wm. H. Cunningham, First Officer; Mr. E. C. Quinn, Chief Engineer; Mr. J. R. Rhodes, Chief Steward; Mr. L. C. McHugh, Purser (Recorder); LCDR W. B. Cobb, Jr. USN, COMILDEPT, and LT S. R. Edwards, MC, USN, Medical Officer.

2. The meeting was opened with the reading of the minutes of the last Safety Committee Meeting, followed by a reading and discussion of the departmental safety meeting minutes held during the last month. It was found that all deficiencies reported therein were minor and can be corrected by the ship.

3. The Master asked the Department Heads if they had any safety hazards to report. Replies and discussions were as follows:

First Officer: The majority of the injuries from accidents we have been encountering result from getting foreign bodies in the eyes when the engineers are blowing tubes and from slipping on decks and when ascending and descending ladders. The Master directed all present to aggressively indoctrinate those under their supervision in the known methods of avoiding these types of injuries. The Master admitted that this is difficult as our passengers for the most part are troops making their first voyage, and for that matter many of the crew are also neophyte seamen, but we must be constantly alert to inform the newcomers how to live and work safely aboard ship.

Chief Steward: Mr. Rhodes stated that he has several new hires in his department and that he and his assistant stewards are indoctrinating them as quickly as possible in the proper manner of working and living aboard ship especially with regard to wearing the proper clothes when working, and how to avoid slipping and falling by wearing the proper shoes on slippery decks and when going up and down ladders.

Chief Engineer: Mr. Quinn stated there have been a few recent injuries to crewmen while grinding tools. The Master directed that warning signs be placed over all power tools, that goggles be provided, and that crewmen be warned that to ignore the warning signs and to use power tools without taking the proper precautions, such as wearing goggles, shields, etc. will subject such crewmen to disciplinary action.

COMilDopt: LCDR Cobb inquired about the use of non-skid paint in walkways on weather decks. Mr. Cunningham stated that this material has been requisitioned but not yet received, but will be applied in the trouble areas as soon as received.

4. There have been no time lost accidents since the date of the last Safety Committee Meeting.

5. The Master pointed out to those present the tremendous cost to the Government of accidents. He stated that while the increased cost is to some extent explainable by the increased number of crewmen making their first trip, it behoves the experienced men in our ships to make a more determined effort to accelerate their safety indoctrination programs to the end that these new men will become safe crewmen as soon as possible.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1400.


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