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### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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#### SGT. J. PENDLETON CREW DONATES MONIES TO UFW-AFL-CIO

Brother Ed Cochran has announced that the crew of the USNS SGT. J. PENDLETON, (TAK 276) has donated \$19.00 to the United Farm Workers Organization, AFL-CIO. The Military Sea Transport Union has matched that amount and sent a \$38.00 check to Cesar Chavez. Brother Cochran has personally donated \$20.00 to the Delano cause and has devoted much of his free time to the Farm Worker's plight. The Military Sea Transport Union salutes the crew of SGT. PENDLETON and Brother Cochran for a job well done.

#### MSTU OFFICIALS TO DONATE BLOOD TO MSTU BLOOD BANK

Secretary-Treasurer Joseph J. Leal has announced that the Military Sea Transport Union officials will donate blood to the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank on Thursday May 4th, to kick-off a new and more vital blood drive for the Military Sea Transport Union Blood Bank. Officials donating blood are; Secretary-Treasurer Joseph J. Leal; Roy "Buck" Mercer, Adviser Representative; George T. Grier, Business Agent; Darrol Van Auker, Business Agent; Raleigh G. Minix, Business Agent; and Burt Lucido, Press Representative. At the next Headquarters membership meeting this coming Tuesday, your Secretary-Treasurer will ask the membership for volunteers to go along with your officials on this blood date. Giving blood would be solely in the interest of the MSTU members, their wives and families.

Also, a MSTU Blood Bank has been set up with the Tri-County Blood Bank and donors will be accepted every other Tuesday at the Oxnard Elks Club, 801 South "A" Street, Oxnard, Calif.

#### MSTU MERITORIOUS AWARD TO BARSTLE V. CROSS

Barstle V. Cross, Deck Delegate aboard the MSTS transport USNS GEN. EDWIN D. PATRICK, will be presented an award for the first time, by the Military Sea Transport Union, at ceremonies that will take place aboard the GEN. EDWIN D. PATRICK on Wednesday, May 10th. Secretary-Treasurer Joseph J. Leal has announced that your Union will award Brother Cross with a gold plaque for his act of bravery that occurred in March 1966, when he attempted to save a fellow shipmate from drowning. This is Brother Cross's third award, he was the recipient of the U.S. Coast Guard Life Saving Medal and then was named MSTS "Employee of the Year", and now the Union's Meritorious Award.

#### SEALAND SHIPS TO JOIN MSTS U.S.-VIETNAM SEALIFT

The SIU contracted Sealand Service Inc., has been awarded a \$70 million contract by the Navy for shipping services between the West Coast and South Vietnam. The two-year contract is for the transporting of Department of Defense cargoes on seven ships to begin within the next 45 days.

Sealand will provide Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service with four self-sustaining C-2 type containerhips; three non-self-sustaining C-4 type vessels and a special container handling crane installation at the South Vietnam port of Danang. Six of the vessels will operate between San Francisco or Seattle and Danang or Camranh Bay. A seventh ship will shuttle between Camranh Bay, Saigon and Quinhon.