

Sunken ship: No bodies found

Houston — Divers who searched part of a sunken American drilling ship off the coast of China found a crack in the ship, the first indication of why the normally stable ship may have sunk, officials said Friday.

However, the search for survivors continued. Experts suggested survivors may have drifted in a liferaft to Vietnam, where search aircraft have not been allowed to go.

"We continue to believe survivors may exist since it has been confirmed the life boats were launched and no bodies have yet been located," said C. Russell Luigs, president of Global Marine Inc., the Houston-based

owner of the sunken Glomar Java Sea.

A Chinese newspaper reported earlier this week that divers found the bodies of 78 crew members trapped in the wreckage of the ship. Global officials denied the report and said it had never been confirmed.

The company has refused to release the names of the workers aboard the ship when it went down.

The ship carried 80 seaman on board when it sank.

Dick Vermeer, a spokesman for Global Marine Inc., said Singapore-based divers had found no bodies on the sunken ship, but strong currents prevented them from entering the heliport or pilot house.

"An inspection, limited by strong currents and visibility of 4 feet, showed a fracture of the hull and deck plates of the vessel located just forward of the point where the derrick sub structure is attached to the hull," Luigs said.

Luigs said the fracture runs from the deck to the bottom of the hull.

Officials gave no explanation for the cracks.

However, it was the first in-

dication why the normally stable 374-foot Glomar Java Sea, may have gone down Oct. 25 during Typhoon Lex. It sank in about 300-feet of water 60 miles south of Hainan island and about 200 miles west of Vietnam.

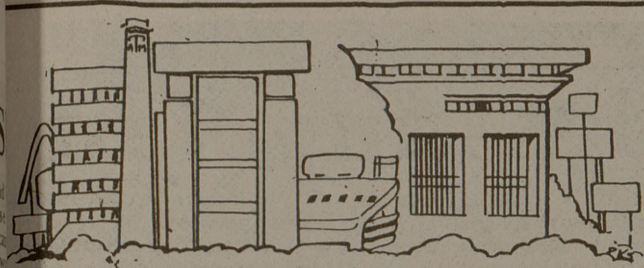
Officials were still hopeful survivors might be found because divers found evidence that two covered lifeboats appeared to have been launched on purpose and because weather experts said it was survivors likely

drifted into Vietnam.

"The U.S. State Department has informed us that the Vietnamese have reported searching their waters and beaches without success," Luigs said.

Vietnamese officials have promised to repatriate any survivors found on their shores.

Since search crews have not been permitted into Vietnam, Vermeer said Global Marine was seeking help elsewhere.



Around town

Defensive driving course offered

A defensive driving course, offered by the Brazos Valley Safety Agency, will be held Nov. 15 and 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The course, which can be used to have certain misdemeanor traffic offenses dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance, will be held at the Ramada Inn. The fee for the course is \$20. Participants can either pre-register by calling 693-8178 or register at the Ramada Inn at 5 p.m. the first night of the classes.

Former president of College to speak

C.E. Lot, former president of the Texas Bible College, will lecture tonight on "Speaking in Tongues: The Biblical Witness." The free speech, sponsored by the Living Word Christian Fellowship, will begin at 8 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Everyone is invited to attend.

Philosophy department holds lecture

The Department of Philosophy will present a free lecture by Paul Thompson, assistant professor of philosophy and humanities, Tuesday at 4 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Thompson will speak on "Collective Risks." The lecture is open to the public.

Professor wins grant, begins projects

Dr. Diane Ghirado, assistant professor of architecture, was recently awarded a \$1,000 Incentive Grant for Teaching from Texas A&M's Center for Teaching Excellence. The grants are designed to encourage innovative teaching and to improve instruction, including a departure from the conventional lecture method.

Ghirado will use her grant to support two projects — an address on the issues of post-modernism and history in architecture by architect and historian Kenneth Frampton, and a forum on the role of history in contemporary architecture with architect and writer Aldo Rossi and professor of architectural history at MIT, Kurt Forster.

Frampton lectured to students and faculty in October. The Rossi-Forster forum is scheduled for the first week in December. Both events are being videotaped to be shown to future classes.

Individual AggieLand photos taken

Juniors can have individual pictures for the 1984 AggieLand taken Nov. 14-18 and Nov. 28-Dec. 2 at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza; and Dec. 5-9 at the Pavilion on campus.

Society offers free help sessions

Pledges of Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society, will be available to help any student in Math 151 and 253, and ME 211 and 212. The help sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 104D Zachry, through dead week. For more information call Glynn Lunney, chapter president, at 846-3316.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

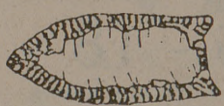
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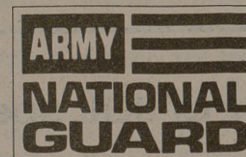
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