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Frigate rejected by Navy officials

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Navy has refused to accept a guided-missile frigate from its builder because of suspected faulty microchips in its in-struments and the rejection could be the first of many, officials said Tues-

With 185 officers and men waiting to board the \$398 million frigate Gary in Long Beach, Calif., the Navy's superintendent of shipbuilding at the facility decided not to accept delivery of the vessel.

by the Pentagon's chief of research and engineering, Undersecretary Richard DeLauer, that the problem with the microchips was more a pa-Yet the Navy rejected the Gary six weeks later and a Navy official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said similar action can be ex-Len Thorell, vice president and general manager of Todd Shipyards in Los Angeles, said the firm has

identified two systems aboard the

the speed and course indicators on

and other ships coming up where there will be similar problems," he

"I'm sure there are submarines

Todd purchased the systems from

the Electrical Tachometer Co. of

Philadelphia, Thorell said in a tele-

phone interview from his company's

New York headquarters. He said

Todd was taking appropriate steps to arrange for replacement parts, if-necessary, and that the problem should be resolved within a week.

sible only for guaranteeing the qual-

ity of systems it bought for the ship

and not those the Navy instructed

the company to buy and install aboard the vessel. In some cases, Todd has to buy equipment from vendors the Navy identifies, he said.

"Obviously, that's going to be a

point of negotiation — what the Navy thinks Todd is responsible for," a Navy official said. "The Navy

says it's all the systems on board.'

Thorell also said Todd is respon-

the bridge.

said.

Gary that contain TI microchips -

Survivors of a ferry that sank in tropical storm Warren said Tuesday a huge wave smashed into the over-crowded ship and sank it in three minutes, leaving at least 14 people dead and 50 others missing dead and 50 others missing. Rescuers searched for the missing

people after the vessel Venus was battered by huge waves and sank Monday in Tayabas Bay off the coastal town of Catanauan, 120 miles southeast of Manila.

The U.S. Air Force assisted the Philippine Air Force and Coast Guard in the search with a heli-copter and a C-130 transport aircraft

Of the vessel's 242 passengers and crew, 178 had been rescued, said Capt. Feliciano Caliboso, coast guard operations officer. Most of them were sent to Catanauan hospital after they were picked up by a passing domestic ferry boat.

Caliboso said 14 people were con-firmed dead in the accident. The 745-ton Venus was traveling from

children when a wave struck the ves-sel. She said the ferry was over-

crowded with people and cargo. "My children disappeared, the boat swayed twice and then it went down," she said, tears streaming down her face.

Another passenger, Luciano Lis-tejo said: "The boat was crowded and packed with cargo. In three minutes the water swallowed the ship

Samson Adamero was traveling with her sister-in-law and her 3-month-old baby when the ferry's bow went up on a crest and its stern went under

National police officials said 42 people also died in floods and land-slides spawned by Warren's peak winds of 62 mph.

He said he lost his sister-in-law but saved the baby using a life jacket he took from a dead man floating in the water.



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It is highly unusual for the Navy to reject a ship, a Navy official said. The action involving the frigate Gary arose from a Pentagon decision Sept. 10 to reject items containing any of 4,700 different kinds of microchips made by the Texas Instruments Corp. at its Midland, Texas, plant because of improper testing of the electronic devices.

By Wednesday, TI will have re-tested and approved 3,375 of the 4,700 chips, a Defense Logistics Agency spokesman said.

An estimated 15 million of the complex, miniaturized electronic circuits have been produced and inadequately tested during the past eight years, a logistics official said.

'Equipment installed in the ship has not been properly tested in all respects," the Navy said in a brief statement. Todd Shipyards Inc., which built the Gary in Seattle, Wash., and delivered it 27 weeks ahead of schedule, failed to satisfy Navy requirements that contractors either certify that equipment has been properly tested or request a waiver and provide an adequate warranty for the affected equipment, the Navy said.

The Navy's rejection of the Gary contradicts assurances given Sept. 13

Gandhi

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said she was unafraid of assassina-

tion. "No, I'm not afraid," she told United Press International in an interview this month.

am frequently attacked," she said. " Once a man poked a gun at me. Another time in Delhi someone threw a knife at me.

In 1967, she was hit by a rock which bloodied her face, but the indomitable Gandhi simply pulled up her sari to hide the blood and continued on the podium.

Gandhi, the only child of India's first prime minister Jawharlal Nehru, had become symbol of a strong, unified India to many of In-dia's 700 million people. She lost a re-election bid in 1977

but regained the prime minister's post in 1980. Gandhi was expected to seek yet another five-year term in elections due by January 1985.

Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan would be notified about the assassination, but officials were awaiting further details before commenting.

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