



**THE OTHER SHIP SANK**—This is a closeup of the damaged bow of the American cargo ship Alcoa Pioneer at a pier in Yokohama, Japan. It collided in Tokyo Bay Sunday with the Danish freighter Laust Maersk, which sank shortly afterward. (AP Wirephoto via radio)

*Sings 'Lord's Prayer' after Tokyo Bay Collision*

# American Woman in Shipwreck Calms Passengers With Song

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)—An American woman stood on the deck of a sinking ship in Tokyo Bay Sunday night and sang "The Lord's Prayer" to calm the excited survivors.

The singer was Mrs. Victor Andrews of Laguna Beach, Calif., a passenger on the 6,419-ton Danish freighter Laust Maersk. The ship sank after colliding with the 6,419-ton American cargo ship Alcoa Pioneer.

The Japanese Coast Guard said one Danish crewman died in the crash and three others were missing. Forty-three persons — including Mrs. Andrews and three other American passengers — were rescued.

The American ship docked under her own power, her bow ripped and tangled. The Laust Maersk went down in about 20 minutes.

A Japanese fisherman picked up Mrs. Andrews and the Danish

freighter's other passengers who had swum to the raft: Mrs. Andrews' husband; John Weld, co-publisher of the Laguna Beach Post, and his wife. Eight Danish seamen were on the raft with them.

They were taken to Yamate Hospital here, suffering shock. Weld apparently was the only American injured. He had a deep gash on his right leg.

Weld from his hospital bed gave this account:

"Apparently somebody misread the light signals. The outgoing Pioneer thought we were going to pass on the starboard (right) and our ship thought they were going to pass the port. We had radar but it was a clear night.

"One of the two lifeboats was smashed. It very, very quickly became apparent that things were in a bad way. The lights went out, the engines stopped and the ship began to list heavily.

"The crew could not get the

other life boat free. The ship is going down and here we are hanging on to the port rail. The next thing we knew we were in the water without a boat. Fortunately, a life raft had been launched by the third officer. I'll remember him for the rest of my life. I wish I knew his name."

Mrs. Weld said the ship was a bedlam of noise as it began to tip over, with survivors shouting and yelling. Through it all, she said, Mrs. Andrews sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The Welds lost their life jackets when thrown into the water but swam to the raft. Mrs. Andrews, who couldn't swim, had a life jacket and her husband towed her to the raft.

The Americans are making a round-the-world boat trip. Weld said they probably will fly to Hong Kong and board another ship.