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MILITARY MONITORING UPDATE

- 1) MYSTERY INCIDENTS CONTINUE - in the latest involving the French M.F.V. Virginie seven lives were lost (see cutting) the vessel seems to have snagged a Subs towed array sonar and been capsized. The news report is suspiciously like that which came out at the time the Mhari L was lost. At first divers were unable to identify the situation positively due to 'currents'! no doubt in a re-run of the Irish sea situation the navy will appear with their superior equipment and tidy up the wreck for a video. Perhaps on this occasion the French government will release the evidence.
- 2) NO REPLY as yet to the Leagues request to the Irish Govt. to publish the report on the Boy Shawn affair. This is the latest in a series of disturbing trends in which Govts have shown an unhealthy willingness to cover up incidents.
- 3) GOVERNMENT CHEQUE BOOKS are they doing the rounds, we pose the question as several recent apparent sub strikes have apparently disappeared from view. Could it be that N.A.T.O has reviewed its previous BRAZEN IT OUT policy for a FISTFUL OF DOLLARS and more importantly will this new GLASNOST spread to our Russian 'friends'.

MYSTERY SHIP PROBE

A large lump of metal weighing several tons, found in the nets of the French trawler, Virginie, could explain the cause of its sinking north of Calais recently, with the loss of seven lives.

The Virginie, based at Dunkirk, sank inexplicably two days before Christmas about halfway between the French and English coasts. Two bodies were recovered and the remaining five crew were reported missing.