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PRINCE AKTHITO ARRIVES

Crown Prince Akihito, mineteen-year-old heir to the throne of Japan, arrives at Southampton from America abeard the "Queen Elisabeth." The Prince is to represent his father at the Coronation but already there have been demonstrations against his visit by British ex-servicemen who suffered while in Japanese hands. Now the Prince makes a statement to the press:

> "It is a very great pleasure for me to be invited by Her Majesty the Queen to attend her Coronation on behalf of my father, the Emperor. My journey from Japan to this country has been full of new experiences for me, and I am now looking forward to my stay in Great Britain."

Soon the Prince will be received by the Queen at Buckingham Palace.