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A quayside farewell with a difference, for lucky "Diggers" at Port Melbourne, Australia - before they board the carrier "Sydney", bound for Britain, to represent their country at the Coronation.

On the Flight-Deck, Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins inspects the token force drawn from the three Services. Needless to say, there were no absentees - this was one troopship that sailed away amid happy, almost envious, good-byes.

Meanwhile, another Coronation visitor - Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, was arriving in Honolulu, on his way to London. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, The Prince was warmly greeted by Hawaiians of Japanese descent.

And in the city that was once rocked by Pearl Harbour bombers, eleven years ago, this good-will envoy laid a wreath on an American War Memorial.

Back now to the very centre of Coronation preparations - London - where Lions and Unicorns (seventeen feet high) are being made to top the four arches, that will span the Mall.

Made of tubular steel, these hereditary figures of English history will stand eighty feet above the carriage-way - with great golden coronets suspended beneath them. At night, they will be floodlit to add to the *many* attractions of Coronation London.