

# A special ship comes to Anchorage

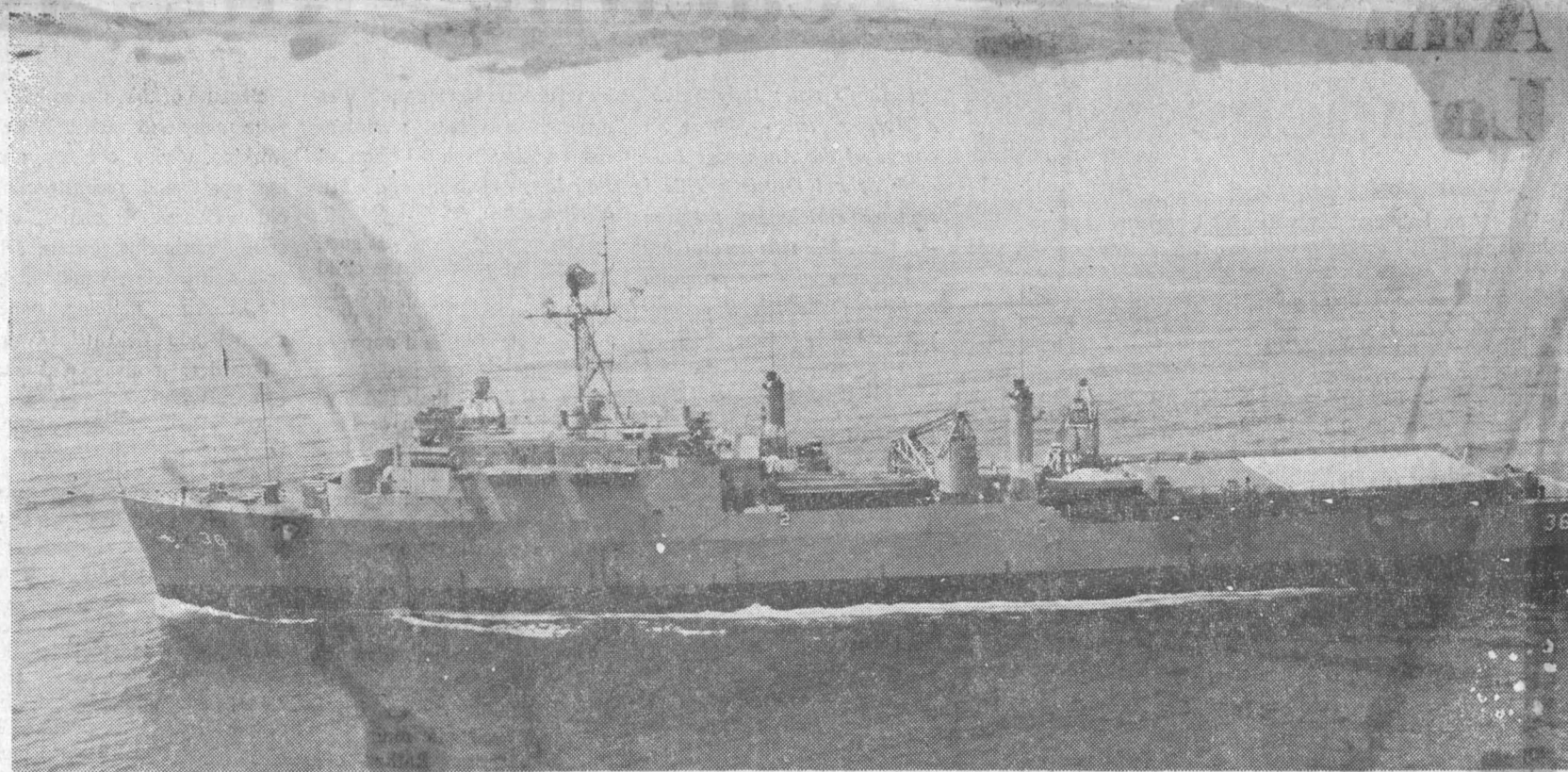


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It's a special day when the only ship in the U.S. Navy named after Anchorage makes its first visit. Mayor George Sullivan and Sen. Ted Stevens joined several hundred well-wishers at the port Saturday to welcome the USS Anchorage, its commander Capt. Cyrus A. Rank, and crew of 300 officers and men. An Air Force band and color guards from veterans groups saluted the 553-foot, 13,700-ton amphibious assault ship as it tied up at the pier. After welcoming ceremonies at the dock, guests boarded the ship for a tour. The ship, commissioned in March, 1969, will be here until Thursday and visiting hours will be from 1 till 4:30 p.m. each day through Wednesday. The Downtown Merchants Assn. will provide free transportation for visitors from City Hall to the Port. Coffee and cookies will be served on the ship. The ship recently returned from operations in Southeast Asia.



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