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FUNERAL OF PRINCE LOUIS II OF MONACO

The tiny principality of Monaco is ~~marking~~ mourning : Prince Louis II, who during 27 years ruled the smallest state of Europe, receives the last tribute from the monegasque population, followed by members of the Prince's family and different personalities.

The ~~box~~^{coffin}, containing the body of Prince Louis, is transported up to the Cathedral where the troops pay a last tribute.

In presence of Prince Rainier III his grand'son, Louis II will be buried in the crypt, where are asleep all the Princes of the Grimaldi's family, who since the 10th century ruled the principality.

Prince Louis was the son of Prince Albert and Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton who were married in 1869. Lady Hamilton was the daughter of the Duke of Hamilton and although Prince Louis was born at Baden-Baden, he spent most of his youth in Scotland. In recognition of his aid to Britons during the second World War he was presented with the Grand C ross of the ~~KENNEDY~~ Order of the British Empire in 1947. Louis II was 78 when he died. His grandson Prince Rainier has been a lieutenant in the French Army but today was promoted to captain. He is 25.

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