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RAINIER AND GRACE RECEIVED BY POPE

Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco arrived in Rome Sunday to pay their respects to Pope Pius XII. In fact the only official functions of the couple in the Italian territory had to be a special audience with Pope Pius this morning, Tuesday, and a reception to 100 cardinals, high church dignitaries, diplomatic, and social personalities on Thursday evening at the hotel.

The whole ceremonial started this morning at ten o'clock and took them two hours. Grace was wearing a long black dress, and Rainier the colonel's uniform; among the various insignia, the Golden Spur, the oldest and second highest papal award just received yesterday by Assistant Vatican Secretary of State Mgr. Carlo Corno at his hotel.

By 9.00 this morning automobiles from Vatican were waiting by the gate of Grand Hotel. At 9.30 the cortège motored through the city reaching St. Peter's square, already crowded with people.

Rainier's car - today driven by his driver - entered the Vatican up to the San Desase Courtyard, the official entrance to the Pontiff's Palace, where the Palatine Guard and the Band were to render honors to the Princes.

Rainier accompanied by Mgr. Fardoul reviewed the Pontiff's troops; then Their Serene Highnesses followed by their party stepped into the various halls towards the Throne Hall; here on the threshold Pius XII was waiting for the Princes. In front of the Pope, Grace first and then Rainier knelt down, kissing His Sanctity's hand. Then the door was shut behind them; the private audience lasted half an hour. Afterwards the ruler of the tiny Riviera Principality presented to the Pope his dignitaries.

Monaco's royalty handed to the Pope a large gold medal specially minted by famed French jeweller Cartier. One side of the medal shows the image of St. Devote, patron saint of Monaco, and the other side bears the Prince's monogram and the date of the audience, April 10, 1957