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GYPSY QUEEN IS BURIED

Mimi Rossetto, Queen of the Gypsies, was buried Saturday in her brightest red, green and yellow gown, with a golden rosary in her hands, and a few silver coins in her coffin to pay her way in eternity.

Then her followers ~~burned~~ burned her tent, and moved on.

Her funeral in the little Po Delta town, LENDINARA, was a scene out of the Middle Ages transposed into the atomic era.

The Lendinara town brass band preceded the pipe-smoking, brandy-drinking gypsy Queen's coffin to Santa Sofia church playing Chopin's Funeral March.

Following the coffin were over a thousand of Queen Mimi's followers from all over Europe. The bracelet-bedecked women wore their gayest colored dresses. The men already were sprouting the stubble of beards they will not shave for six months in mourning.

The funeral services in Santa Sofia were Catholic, conducted by Don Dino Torregiani, the priest of the gypsies.

Orange blossoms were strewn over the casket, in sign that the 56-year-old Mimi never married.

Then a few silver coins were tossed in. "That covers the price of her long journey to eternity" a gypsy explained.

Mimi, born in Bilbao, was one of the first commoner Queens of the gypsies. Normally the gypsies elect their Queen from their old Magyar noble families. Mimi was chosen three years ago when Queen Terka died.

Mimi Rossetto died "as a gypsy should" in her tent, surrounded by the elders and the campfires of her tribe. She had received the last rites of the Roman Catholic church, administered by a local priest.

In gypsy fashion, it was planned to plant a ~~wwwwww~~ cherry-tree where her tent was burned.

Over 200 persons followed her coffin to the cemetery, as five thousands attended the cortege through the streets.

The coverage shows

- the gypsy camp - the gypsies - their tents and waggons
- Mimi's tent and coffin ~~wwwwww~~ surrounded by crowd
- Several shots inside the tent: a gypsy while incensing - the coffin - the various ~~gypsies~~ candidates to succession: Pepi Campos, Dino Rossetto, Marika, Janko
- Several shots of the funeral

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**GYPSY QUEEN ON THE THRESHOLD OF DEATH**

Mimi Rossetto, Queen of the Gypsies is dying. Her people from all over Europe clustered round the Regent Queen's tent at Lendinara, a North Italian town, waiting for her to die.

Queen Mimi was born in Bilbao, Spain: she fell ill of a serious kidney blockage and a failing heart a few days after coming to that Po Delta town of 15,000 population, for the European conclave of her people.

Scores of her subjects joined the convention delegates after word of her illness spread through Europe. She had been sent to the Lendinara hospital, but the gypsies insisted that she were removed from the hospital and returned to her camp, for a gypsy Queen must die in her tent, on a straw mat, not in exile at the hospital. So said a member of the Regency Council.

As the Gypsy-maids attend to housework, Queen Mimi lies in coma; someone holds her hand. More tribes are expected here to come.

**The coverage shows:**

- Long shot of the Gypsy camping
- Outside the tent, where the queen lies seriously ill
- Crowd of prying people
- The lying queen nursed by her subjects
- Shots of Gypsy tents
- " " women and children
- A child prying into a hole of the queen's tent
- The queen seen through the hole of her tent
- Shots of the camp

A coverage of the interior of the queen's tent

Roulettes of Gypsies, by which tribes were conveyed here.  
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