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ANXIOUS FAITHFUL THROUG CASTELGANDOLFO AS POPE FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Television and newsreel floodlights lit up the square fronting a Renaissance-styled four-storyed palazzo in the tiny Albano Hill town, as newsmen from the world over, together with hundreds of the faithful kept a nightlong vigil before the gray stone villa where Pope PIUS XII lay critically ill.

Swiss guards in their orange, dark blue and red striped uniforms stood at the main gate of the Papal summer residence. They snapped to attention time after time as Vatican prelates, foreign ambassadors to the Holy See and other dignitaries entered the villa to inscribe their names in the visitors' register and hear the latest news of the Pope's condition.

Outside, in the square, overlooking the west shore of Lake Albano, some 18 miles south of Rome, people gathered in groups or stood quietly waiting for news. Cameramen, photographers and reporters formed the front rank of the crowd.

Federal police, carabinieri, and an additional 150 policemen from Rome, kept people from approaching the entrance. Periodically medical bulletins were issued. As the news was passed around that the Pope was substantially better from the stroke he had suffered, the tension in the crowd eased.

Numerous callers, largely officials of the Holy See, came to call on the Pope.