

Rain Drives Wedding Festivities at Monaco Behind Doors; Grace Starts to Share Court Life

Kelly Gives Big Dinner At Casino

By PRESTON GROVER
MONTE CARLO (AP)—A beating rain drove the wedding festivities for Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier III behind closed doors Saturday. But the film star got a brief glimpse of part of the new life she is going to lead.

With Grace at his side, the Prince presented a literary prize of a million francs (\$2,000) to Marcel Brion, a French historian. It was her first experience in sharing with Rainier the formalities of court life.

The father of the bride, John B. Kelly, arranged a dinner to-night in the cabaret of the Casino for his daughter, the Prince and a number of guests. The Prince, by law, never gambles in the Casino, but can enter it, although he rarely does except upon such occasions as to-night.

Had weather and his unending feuding with photographers seemed to have spoiled Rainier's high spirits evident on the arrival of his princess-to-be, Prince Rainier.

Nevertheless, his spiritual advisor, the Rev. Francis J. Tuerber, once more an active participant in the wedding affairs, reported the prince relaxed and more cheerful in the loving presence of Grace.

"She did in one day what I have been trying to do for six years—make him happy and relaxed," the jovial American priest told reporters gathered around him in the lobby of the Hotel de Paris.

This big lobby, Victorian in style and presently Hollywood in atmosphere, has become a news exchange bureau for the wedding plans and preparations.

While Father Tucker was holding court, Grace's father walked in and chatted with a few correspondents. He said he was going to many Sunday morning in Rainier's palace chapel with his daughter and the prince.

Two Ceremonies
Grace, 24, and Rainier, 32, will be married in a civil ceremony in the palace's ancient throne room Wednesday. The next day they will exchange vows in a religious ceremony in Monaco's cathedral.

Father Tucker said he will serve as the prince's master of ceremony at the cathedral wedding and that the Rev. John Martin of St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia, will act in a similar capacity for Grace.

Asked why they needed masters of ceremony, Father Tucker quipped: "To be sure they don't get out of step—and that they don't get away."

Recent Bride
Film actress Rita Gam, herself a bride of only a few weeks, dropped into the de Paris lobby and was surrounded by reporters who knew she was a close friend of Grace's and a bridesmaid. She made her first visit to the palace Saturday to try on the gown she will wear as a bridesmaid.

For most of the Philadelphia colony which traveled on Grace's ship to Monaco for the wedding, there was nothing to do but gossip and listen to others gossip. The rain put a damper on most attempts at sightseeing.

The weather, which has been grim and wet since the morning of Grace's arrival April 12, continued bad throughout Saturday. It rained. Clouds hung low from the French-owned rocky skyline above the city right down into the city streets of Monte Carlo.

The nearby sea and harbor remained calm enough for a packet of racing craft to churn up the afternoon quiet with their snarling outboard motors.

Navy Treats Fish Diver With Bends

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP)—The U.S. Navy Saturday placed a Japanese fish diver in a decompression chamber in an attempt to cure him of a severe case of the bends.

The fisherman, Yoshio Takata, 37, was stricken yesterday while diving for scallops at 100 feet at Onjuku, 30 miles southeast of Tokyo.

He was brought here by a U.S. Marine helicopter. Boatwain Mate First Class Harold H. Stubbs of Council Bluffs, Iowa, entered the decompression chamber with Takata.

Stubbs reported by radio to men controlling the chamber's pressure that when the pressure was increased to the equivalent of 165 feet of water Takata could move both feet. From time to time Stubbs pinched the stricken diver's legs to test their reflexes.

The pressure will be reduced slowly later and doctors hope this will cure the bends. Without the chamber they said Takata probably would have been paralyzed for life.

Canadian Naval Ship To Visit Washington
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Canadian destroyer-escort St. Laurent, a new antisubmarine vessel, will pay a three-day visit here beginning Monday.

The 15 million dollar vessel is named after the St. Lawrence River. Some 200,000 pounds of Canadian aluminum were used in the vessel's superstructure, and some interior fittings and stations.

Ancient Cannon Stands Guard at Monaco



MONACO—This ancient cannon with equally ancient ammunition stands on the palace grounds of Prince Rainier's palace in Monaco. The colorful palace guards, at left, go through the changing-of-the-guard ceremony. Palace is to be the scene next week of the marriage of Prince Rainier and American Actress Grace Kelly. (AP Wirephoto)



MONACO—Actress Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier III of Monaco leave his palace in Monaco Saturday to attend an evening reception at the Monte Carlo sporting club. They'll be married in civil and church ceremonies next Wednesday and Thursday. (AP Wirephoto)

Conrad Hilton In Paris With Lost Passport

PARIS (AP)—Hotelman Conrad Hilton, who will represent President Eisenhower at the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding, flew into Paris Saturday with his missing passport in hand.

Hilton drove to Idlewild Airport in New York yesterday and discovered he'd left his passport back at a hotel.

"I ordered a special car to drive my passport out, but before it arrived one plane had taken off," he told a reporter.

The passport was put on the next plane. Hilton's plane was held up at Newfoundland because of bad weather and the second plane with the passport caught up.

Hilton, who knows Miss Kelly and thinks he has met the Prince before, will go to Monaco Monday afternoon and will attend both the civil and religious wedding ceremonies.

Letter of Dead Marine Tells Of Punishment

FULTON, N.Y. (AP)—A letter from Marine Pvt. Charles L. Reilly of Clyde, one of six Marine recruits who drowned in a swamp near Boot Camp at Parris Island, S.C., tells of his being punished for drinking a bottle of pop.

The letter, dated April 2, the day of the tragedy, was made public yesterday by Allen M. Rice Jr., life-long friend of the dead Marine.

Reilly wrote that a drill instructor "made me drink 19 bottles of pop" as punishment after he'd been caught drinking a bottle in the Post exchange. The 18-year-old recruit said soft drinks were forbidden.

Military funeral services for the dead Marine were to be held today at Clyde in western New York.

"I like it here all right. We have pretty good food in here. I have put on weight, I am getting fat," Reilly wrote.

"I went to the PX the other day and they had pop there but we are not allowed to drink it but I had a bottle and was caught drinking it. D. I. (drill instructor) made me drink 19 bottles of pop."

SHIPYARD THRIVES
MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Pacific seaport of Salina Cruz is being made Mexico's major shipbuilding center. An announcement by Vice Adm. Antonio Vazquez del Mercado reports the drydocks will turn out 330-ton navy patrol ships and small merchant craft.

Prince Battles Photographic Complications

By EDDY GILMORE
MONTE CARLO (AP)—Prince Rainier and a handful of Monaco officials grappled this week with mounting press problems posed by the Rainier-Kelly wedding.

"I don't want this wedding to become a circus," said the prince. "I want it to be dignified—and I can be brutal about it if I have to."

Whatever the Prince's views are on a circus, his principality is beginning to look somewhat like it. Gay lights ring the harbor. Officials have strung flags and bunting everywhere. Powerful spotlights are being installed to light up the courtyard in front of the palace, where lavish spectacles are planned. Barber pole striped flagpoles have been put up at the border so the visitor immediately knows something is afoot.

His highness has been showing a growing sensitivity to photographers, in which his bride-to-be Grace Kelly has joined.

The lensmen, in trying to do their job, haven't been completely blameless. The Prince and Grace both frowned and muttered when a French photographer lay down in front of their car to prevent their progress.

Too Pictures
It was a case of running over the photographer or letting him take the picture. He took the picture—but the palace decided to bar news photographers from the throne room marriage ceremony on Wednesday.

"Intolerable maneuver" was given as the reason.

There are hundreds of correspondents, photographers, newsreel, television and radio commentators—and even a cartoonist (Giles of London's Daily Express) here now.

1,307 Accreditations
Four days before the civil marriage, the Prince's press bureau had passed out accreditation cards to 1,307 persons.

"But," said a smiling young woman behind the counter, "we've had letters asking for accreditation from many more. We expect 2,000."

Any reporter making the long round of hotel lobbies, restaurants, bars, the gambling casino and cabaret—places where people here for the wedding congregated—can hear men and women with press cards admitting they are not really here to cover the wedding.

"Earnest, but inexperienced," was the way one correspondent who has covered scores of international conferences and news events described the Monaco Press Bureau.

Many Unqualified
As a consequence many people who probably were not entitled to them—were given press accreditation.

In charge of press arrangements is a professional actor and friend of Rainier's, Jean Gastaud-Mercure. Correspondents and photographers have found him hard to see. Written requests and suggestions sent to him have been forwarded to the Prince.

Plans Revised
The princely plans for the press coverage of his two marriages—civil and church—have changed numerous times. As of today here's how they stand:

Civil ceremony in the small throne room of the palace on Wednesday. 20 representatives of press, radio, television and newsreels, including the Associated Press, in a place with a total capacity for about 50.

Religious rites in Monaco Cathedral on Thursday—100 representatives of press, radio, television and newsreels, including the Associated Press.

Three "official photographers" will cover certain small parties and the official celebrations and supply their pictures to the others.

"I want to see those pictures

Youths Use Cannon Ball For Shotput

FT. LEE, Va. (AP)—Several youngsters here were found playing shotput recently with a Civil War cannon ball, the Public Information Office here said Saturday.

Capt. Paul Brystrak took away the "toy" and carried it to the Post's range officer, who had an Ordnance Disposal specialist crack it open with an explosive charge.

Inside the "toy" were gunpowder and grapeshot. The cannon ball could have blown up "under a number of conditions," according to the range officer, Henry A. Dowling.

Actually, it finally was blown up by Dowling with a larger explosive charge.

Pontiff Urges Businessmen to Be Christians
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII has urged businessmen to use Christian principles in their public dealings as well as in their private lives.

The Pope received directors of Rome's water systems in special audience yesterday and urged them to help in building a new world based on the teachings of Jesus.

His speech was released Saturday.

"There are few things today," he said, "that are more requested of Christians than that of building a new social structure."

"Be Christians," he urged, "in your business life, living the gospel in your relations with workers."

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before they're handed out," said the Prince, "for I know how certain photographers operate. They'll take 50 pictures of you and then use only the one in which you're blowing your nose."

Woe's See Marriage
The majority of reporters will not see either marriage. The Prince says there is no space for them. The throne room is no bigger than a good sized drawing room.

To accommodate newsmen with no passes to the two weddings, the Prince has installed TV sets in Monaco's Oceanographic Museum located about 500 yards from the Cathedral and 1,000 yards from the palace.

TV Monte Carlo will televise the religious rites throughout and certain stages of the civil marriage.

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