

QUEEN JULIANA AND PRINCE BERNHARD INTRODUCE ELDEST DAUGHTER BEATRIX  
TO POPULATION OF CAPITAL. 250 M.

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On her 18th birthday (January 31st 1956) Princess Beatrix announced by radio, that she intended to get acquainted with the Dutch people, after she finished her school period. So on the 30th of June she made her first appearance in the capital (Amsterdam). Accompanied by her parents, Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard, she arrived in the morning at the Municipal Museum. The burgomaster of Amsterdam (Mr. d'Ailly) welcomed them.

In the museum Queen and daughter were presented with a bouquet of flowers by the oldest and youngest female members of the city council. Quite unexpectedly H.R.H. Princess Wilhelmina was also present. She was cordially greeted by Queen Juliana, Princess Beatrix and Prince Bernhard.

The burgomaster made a welcome-speech and presented Beatrix with an ancient book, published in the middle of the 17th century and containing descriptions of the towns of Holland and Flanders. After that the members of the city-council were introduced to the Princess.

Later on the royals visited the Cultural Centre of Amsterdam, where the Princess met the representatives of the noble arts.

Princess Wilhelmina was also present here.

Princess Beatrix was offered and accepted the patronage of the "Society of Institutes for arts-instruction". Here too she received a little bronze statue.

In a short speech "she expressed her thanks for the patronage and for the little statue, which she considered as a symbol of all people, who give their energy to the Arts".

In the afternoon the Princess continued her visit alone. After a tour through the canals, she arrived at the burgomasters' house, where she had lunch with representatives of youth organisations.

This lunch ended with cherry-eating in the garden.

Even a photographer got his cherries.... from the Princess!