

ROME GREETSS PRINCESS MARGARET

Princess Margaret continues her Mediterranean holiday with a stay at the Villa Wolkenaky, Rome, as guest of the British Embassy. With her lady-in-waiting, she finds the seclusion of the Villa gardens a break from the day-long attentions of press and cameramen, who have so far made this private visitor's every move public property. The villa - built by a Russian Prince - housed the German Embassy until 1944. Its lovely Italian gardens with their baroque monuments, normally boast a dozen peacocks. Today, they stayed away.

This perfect setting sees Princess Margaret at her loveliest.

Her visit to Rome coincides with the opening of the International Horse Show. Making her way to the so-called "Authorities Stand," the Princess receives the salute of contestants in the magnificent Piazza Di Siena. With President Einaudi, she watches the cream of Europe's horsemen jumping for the "Cup of the Nations."

An unlucky day for Britain - placed fourth in the contest to France, Italy and Sweden - but a happy interlude in Princess Margaret's first visit to Rome.