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OUR ROYAL VISITORS

Queen Juliana and her husband, Prince Bernhard, whom we welcome as visitors to our shores, gives us these informal pictures at the Royal Palace of Soestdijk. Twelve-year-old Princess Beatrix (their eldest daughter) leads the dog: she's followed by Princesses Margriet and Irene, as they romp in the palace grounds. Youngest of their four daughters is Princess Maria.

Princess Maria needs a lot of persuasion. It's only two years since Queen Juliana succeeded to the throne on the abdication of her mother: but in that short time she has slowly and graciously won the regard of the people wherever she goes.