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Irene Genna is greeted by Her Majesty who meets next Gina Lollobrigida. The star's dress is of white slipper satin edged with black velvet.

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