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CYCLING PRINCESSIES.

Three miles to school every day, by bicycle - thousands of Dutch girls do it, and the Princesses Beatrix and Margriet are no exception. This is rather a special day, however; it's Crown Princess Beatrix's 18th birthday, and for once she and her 13-year old sister are allowed to be 15 minutes late.

No national festivities, though, for Beatrix is working for her spring exams. After that she'll study at Leiden University. For the heiress to the Dutch throne, this birthday is important; she becomes a member of the Council of State. Many happy returns to the girl who will one day be Holland's third successive reigning Queen!