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**BRUSSELS HAILS ALBERT AND PAOLA**  
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Prince Albert of Belgium and Princess Paola Ruffe di Calabria rode through the heart of Brussels yesterday afternoon. Massed thousands cheered the young couple.

It was a royal ride that riveted the attention of Belgians and large numbers all over Europe. Holding hands, they began their seven-mile ride from Baudouin's great palace of Laeken where people had been waiting for two hours. The ride was organized to give Belgians a look at the princess and to congratulate the couple on their engagement.

When the royal car stopped at the Monument of Albert's late mother, Queen Astrid, the police struggled hard to keep back the excited onlookers.

At one point the cobblestoned thoroughfare was covered with flower petals. At another place an army of small boys greeted the couple with toy balloons painted with the Italian and Belgian colors.

The couple arrived 50 minutes late for the official welcome at the City Hall. Thousands in the 17th-century Grand'Place roared their welcome. People in side streets battled to get in. Gist fights broke out. In the flower-decorated City Hall Burgemaster Lucien COOREMANS welcomed Paola and Albert and present them to Prime Minister Eyskens and dozens of other state, city and provincial officials.

A great folkloric and historical performance was then organized on the Grand'Place recalling the history of the country, which Prince Albert and his fiancée watched from the City Hall balcony.