

One of the most romantic and spectacular weddings for many years began when Princess Ira Furstenburg left the Brandolini Palace in Venice, for a gondola wedding procession to the Church of San Sebastiano..... and it lost none of its romance when ^{two of the} guests stepped off the pavement and found the roads in Venice extremely wet.

The bride was only fifteen years old. But- added to her youthful loveliness was a poise that might well be envied by any woman of any age.

Inside the Church of San Sebastiano, the service was conducted by Father Strachwitz, a relative of the bride. The bridegroom was Prince Alfonso ~~Maximilian~~ Hohenlohe-Langenburg, son of Prince Maximilian, and a member of one of the oldest of the noble families of Europe.

Now --- the ceremony over --- the bride and groom returned for the reception at the Brandolini Palace. No doubt a wedding procession along the Grand Canal, with a Prince for a husband, must be every young girl's dream. But it takes a girl like Princess Ira to give to such a grand occasion --- even ^{an} extra touch of glamour.