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RANIERI III, PRINCE OF MONACO

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Summary (in English)

Prince Rainier is an important figure of the history of Monaco and of Europe in general. He was able, with his role-played in the II World War in the French Arm in which he fought bravely, to reconstruct the ancient alliance with France that his father had damaged with a behavior to disposable versus Italy and Germany, and received some tributes by De Gaulle to his courage. His personal friendship with De Gaulle and the subsequently alliance with France, helped him and Monaco in the difficult years after the end of the war and gave to the State of Monaco and to its foreign policy an important role and *status* in the general context of international powers formed, in the years, of the Cold War.

He ensured the full independence and sovereignty of his small state, always having in consideration in his actions the well-being and prosperity of his family and his people.

Rainier was member of one of the most important and noble families of European history which is still today at the power. The Grimaldi of Monaco and their power over their State has origin from Malizia, a member of the family who conquered the castle of Monaco in the year 1297. From this man come all the Lords of Monaco, became Princes under the government of Onorato II in 1616, who was the real first member of the family to be called with this title. The genealogical line coming from Malizia ended with the death of the grandson of Onorato, Luigi I, in 1701. After that period, the Grimaldi choose their marriages directly with girls of France noble families, giving origin to the so-called Matignon line, which has arrived directly to the actual Prince Albert II.

About the national flag of Monaco, it resumes the colors of the coat of arms of the Grimaldi family.

For these reasons I believe that the human and historical figure of Ranieri is more than worthy of a study that summarizes his personality and the government action he exercised.

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