

Royal visit

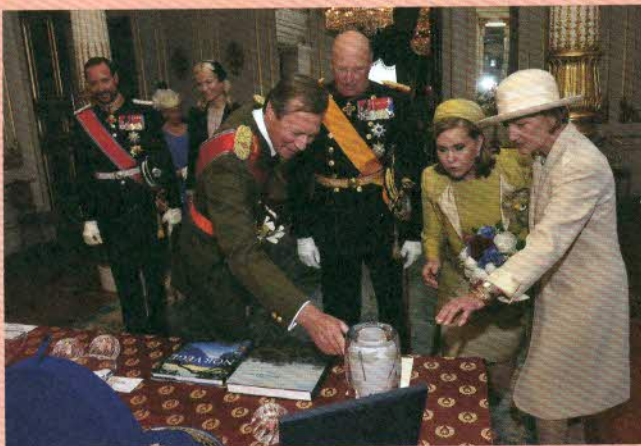
NORWAY WELCOMES LUXEMBOURG

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Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa led a state visit to Norway at the end of May, as guests of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. The royal couple were accompanied by foreign minister Jean Asselborn and later joined by minister of the economy and foreign trade Jeannot Krecké, who led a trade delegation featuring representatives from some 35 Luxembourg companies. The royal couple's programme was overshadowed somewhat by news that the Grand Duchesses' elder brother, Antonio Mestra, had been taken ill and was lying in a coma in a Florida clinic. The Grand Duchess cut short her part of the state visit by one day. The couple were guests of honour at a gala dinner and visited a wide variety of cultural and scientific and technological research institutions around the country, including the Fram polar expedition museum and the once controversial StatOil R&D centre just outside Trondheim as well as the Oslo Sports Trauma Research Centre. ● DR



Oslo city hall hosts a recital by Luxembourg pianist Jean Muller



The royal couples exchange gifts watched by Crown Prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit

Grand Duke Henri inspects the colour troop



Foreign minister Jean Asselborn, Norwegian prime minister Jens Stoltenberg and Grand Duke Henri



Minister for the economy and foreign trade Jeannot Krecké with King Harald and Grand Duke Henri



Grand Duchess Maria Teresa accepts flowers as the royals are welcomed to the Fram Museum



Children welcome the royal party to the StatOil research centre