

King Gustaf V of Sweden Is Dead

Nation Mourns for Monarch, 92; Son, 67, Takes Over Throne

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STOCKHOLM — King Gustaf V of Sweden, Europe's oldest reigning monarch, died at Drottningholm Palace Sunday at the age of 92.

All Sweden was plunged into mourning as the monarch's peaceful reign of nearly 43 years ended.

With his death, his oldest son, Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf, 67, became Sweden's new king.

THE CROWN PRINCE'S wife, Princess Louise, great-granddaughter of Britain's Queen Vic-

toria and sister of Earl Mountbatten, became the queen.

Four-year-old Prince Carl Gustaf, great-grandson of the late king, is the new Crown Prince.

His father, who was in line for the throne, was killed in an air crash in 1947.

The new King will be sworn in formally at a simple ceremony Monday.

The old monarch, who steered his nation in neutrality through two world wars, died at 8:35 a. m.

A chronic bronchial catarrh, which had afflicted him for many years, took a turn for the worse Friday. His mind was clear almost to the end, but his tired old heart could no longer carry the burden.

Preparations are being made for a state funeral.

KING GUSTAF was a monarch in a socialist state. He disliked pomp and was one of Europe's most democratic.

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KING GUSTAF
Long reign ends at 92

rulers. That may be traced back to his antecedents.

He was great-grandson of Jean Baptiste Bernadotte, sergeant of the guard that supervised the guillotining of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI.

TO MANY WHO knew nothing of his governmental reforms he was the elongated tennis-playing king whose picture often appeared on the sports pages of the world's press.

He was an amazing specimen of physical fitness and almost all his life engaged in athletic competition. He was the only athlete of royal blood ever to hold a national championship.

Gustaf was born June 16, 1858, the son of King Oscar II and Queen Sophia, the former Duchess of Nassau.

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