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SHAH OF IRAN PACKS BAGS, CHARTERS PLANE FOR RETURN

The Shah of Iran, his bags packed and a KLM chartered plane on its way to Rome to take him to Baghdad, split his time yesterday in Rome reading conflicting reports from his oil-rich country and shopping.

If, and the "If" is still pretty big, conditions are a little more stabilized in Tehran today he will fly in his own Beechcraft plane from Iraq to Iran. His lush 20-year-old green-eyed Queen Soraya is staying behind because in the world of a Shah's aide—"it will be too hot for her in Iran." The aide said the Queen pleaded with her wavy-haired ruler from the land of the Rubaiyat to accompany him. But he was adamant.

Accompanying the Shah to Baghdad are 30 hitchhiking British and American newsmen. The Shah first agreed to haul the "supercargo" when it was explained no regular service had a plane to Iran due for the accompanying correspondents. Then he retracted his offer, supposedly according to the rumors drifting in and around the Excelsior Hotel lobby where reporters and tourists exchanged informations because "it wouldn't look good for him to return toward the Middle East accompanied by Britens or Americans". Later the offer was repaid and accepted.

Princess Ashraf (Zarin Saida).