

IRAN PETES SHAH, NOW 40.

Everybody who is anybody in Persia paid homage to the Shah on his 40th birthday. The Diplomatic Corps also mustered in strength; in fact the royal palace at Teheran had its most glittering evening for years. Expected daily is the announcement that the Shah will become engaged to Farah Diba, a 21-year-old Persian girl. He and the nation very much want a male heir to the throne. They hope that a new wife may provide one. So with romance in the air, the people let themselves go in a night of rejoicing.

Having confounded those prophets who said that Communism would sweep him off his throne, the Shah is thoroughly popular. With a male heir, the whole of Persia would be happy.