

BIRTHDAY SALUTE FOR SHAH OF IRAN

In the glittering halls of Golestan Palace in Teheran, Mohammed Reza Pahlevi, Shah of Iran, marks his fortieth birthday with a reception for the diplomatic corps. The Shah, who has gained political stature by successfully withstanding Communist pressures on his country, is now the object of romantic rumors linking him with a young Iranian named Farah Diba. Two previous wives failed to provide the Shah with a male heir to his throne. He divorced former Queen Soraya a year and a half ago. At night, the birthday celebration continues with stunning torchlight parades and formations. Thousands of schoolchildren and tribesmen from various parts of Iran join in this colorful salute to their Shah: