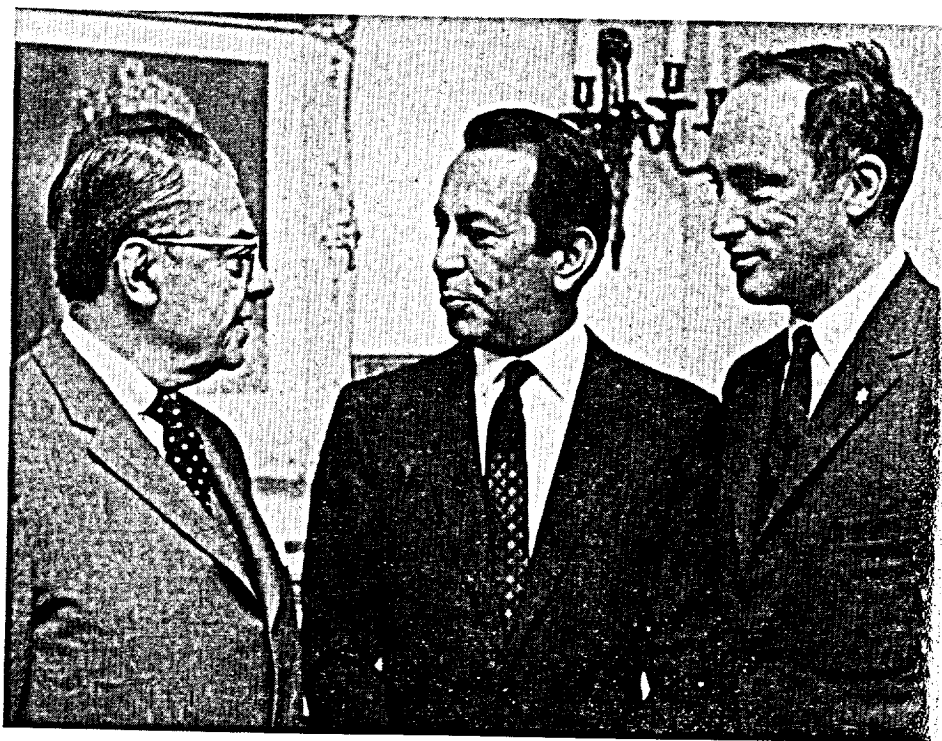


Coronation of the Shah of Iran

THE coronation of Mohammed Reza Pahlavi as Shahanshah Aryamehr of Iran, an event of unusual grandeur coinciding with the Shah's birthday and Iran's national day, took place in Tehran on October 26, 1967. The coronation of the Shah and Empress Farah (the latter unprecedented in the Iranian monarchy's 2,500-year annals) was described by the Prime Minister of Iran, His Excellency Amir Abbas Hoveyda, as "a focal point in Iran's history".

The Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, extended to the Shah a message of congratulations on behalf of the people of Canada, and the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable L. B. Pearson, sent a personal message of felicitations to the Shah and the Empress. The Canadian Government also presented a gift to the Shah and the Empress as an expression of Canada's good wishes. In a reply to the Prime Minister's message, the Shah stressed the warm friendship which had always



During a reception held by the Ambassador of Iran to Canada, His Excellency Moshe Merat Esfandiary, to celebrate the coronation of the Shah of Iran, the Ambassador (centre) chats with the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin (left), and Canada's Justice Minister Pierre-Elliott Trudeau.