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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1961.

His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Esfandiary today presented to the Governor-General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iran to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House at 11:00 a.m. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General. Mr. G.P. deT. Glazebrook, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his staff:

Mr. Kiouss Bavand, Counsellor  
Mr. Shamsedine Gharib, First Secretary  
Mr. Djamal Hatam, Second Secretary

This was the second occasion on which Mr. Esfandiary presented Letters of Credence to the Governor-General of Canada. In November 1958 Mr. Esfandiary presented to His Excellency The Right Honourable Vincent Massey his Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iran to Canada.

The recent decision of the Government of Iran and Canada to raise their respective Legations to Embassies has now necessitated the presentation of Mr. Esfandiary's credentials as Ambassador.

Mr. Esfandiary was born in 1916. During his career he has served in various capacities in Stockholm, Berne and Geneva. Prior to his appointment to Canada, Mr. Esfandiary was Chief of the Division of Personnel and Budget in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Teheran.

He is married and has one son.