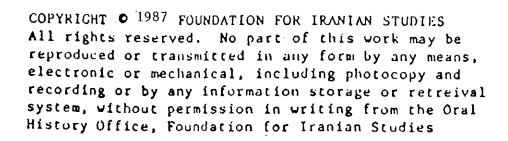
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Prince Mahmud-Reza Pahlavi was born in Tehran to Reza Shah's third wife. Being one of the youngest of the Pahlavi princes, following a brief education in Switzerland and the Military School of Tehran, he accompanied his father into exile. After the termination of World War II he left Iran for studies in the U.S., where he specialized in business adminestration and industrial management. Upon his return to Iran, the Prince followed a career in agriculture, and was particularly active in developing pistachio plantations in the province of Kerman.

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