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«I, who have ordered the formation of the Education Corps, shall lead you everywhere as the flag carrier of this national holy war.»
Extracted from H.I.-M'S Message

A Brief Account of The Recent Activities of the Education Corps

The constantly increasing activities of the Education Corps in the rural districts have brought radical changes in the conditions prevalent in the village. In the revolutionary schemes initiated by H. I. M. the Shahanshah, great emphasis is laid on the development of the villages, which are compared to cells in the social organism and are the simplest and basis community units.

In accordance with these schemes, the villagers need to learn to read and write, rebuild their houses according to new housbuilding plans, and obtain free access to medicine and the services of a doctor.

By the formation of village councils the peasants should be enabled to adopt suitable methods compatible with their rustic environment, and secure a better living. They should resolve differences and settle their disputes by means of the House of Justice; the members of which are elected from among themselves. They should extend their communications with neighbouring villages, towns, cities and community centres by constructing roads and bridges. They should pay particular attention to the planting of trees, which is an ancient tradition and a religious rite, and at the same time a vast source of income. They should build public baths, mosques laundries, and places for washing the dead before interment. They should make use of the experience gained by other advanced nations in economic development, and employ modern systems.

In all the above-mentioned activities for better social living the members of the Education Corps play an important role, and act as advisors, guides, helpers and sincere friends to the villagers.

So far, 23487 young men have been trained to serve in the Education Corps in rural districts. In order to increase their knowledge in this field and to further develop their skills and competences for the various activities in the villages and train them in such a manner that they can best perform the duties assigned to them, a special educational course has been arranged for the young men who hold the secondary school diploma. This training programme consists of a four months' course.

Those who join the Education Corps find ample opportunity for adding to their knowledge and securing their future progress. Those who abily and aptitude for further advancement are admitted to the classes

on supervision and teacher education as soon as they have finished their service in the Education Corps. Every year a number of the best qualified members of the Corps is selected to enter the Training Course for Supervisors and Teacher Educations for the Education Corps, and some of the graduates of that course also are chosen to proceed to Europe or America for further study. A member of the Education Corps, who realizes that opportunity for advancement is provided, and that his future career would be secured, if he performs his duties diligently which serving in the Education Corps, would show greater interest in his occupation. Thus the Education Corps, by affording higher training to its members will better achieve its lofty aims and activities in the villages.

In order to indicate clearly who effective and important have been the achievements of the Education Corps, the following statistics are worthy of note:

Terms	Number of Education Corps Trained	Number of Students instructed by the Education Corps		Total
		children	Adults	
1st Term	2400			
2nd Term	500	105995	62933	198929
3rd Term	3487	228492	110942	336439
4th Term	3450			
5th Term	4812	146085	77530	223621
6th Term	3859	12731	41186	169497
7th Term	4744			

Simple and interesting reading materials have been specially prepared and supplied for those who have newly learnt how to read and write, with a view to increasing their general knowledge, and familiarizing them with persian culture and literary works.

It is noteworthy that a great number of grown - up people attend the same classes in which their own sons and daughters are taught.

In the simple rustic environment children, together with their father and mothers gather in the same place to be taught, and to further their education.

So far the Education Corps has constructed or repaired 6714 elementary schools, has built 2376 mosques, 2224 public baths, and 557 places for washing the dead before interment. In road construction they have also had much success. They have constructed 16293 kilometres of good roads, as well as 7609 bridges over the streams and rivers in the areas where they are stationed.

In the provinces a body of 380 teachers is now cooperating with the Education Corps. This cooperation, which consists of exchange of views and adaptation of appropriate decisions suitable for rural conditions, has been markedly successful. It is the aim of the Education Corps to find out new ways and method for the implementation of the rural development programmes. To achieve this goal it is indispensable to make proper use of the practical experience and initiative of the rural people. This close cooperation which now exists between the members of the Education Corps and the peasants paves the way for their further collaboration, and makes them more closely associated, and in consequence gives a new attractiveness to the village.

The Education Corps hopes that its activities would not be limited to the present scale, but that attempts would be made to expand the scope of its activities as are as possible with ultimate aim of making the whole population of the 55,000 villages in Iran literate, and of acquainting them with customs of modern life.



An agriculture engineer gives some information about farming to the Corpsemen.



Corpsemen visit a literary class in the village.



The examination of the Education Corps

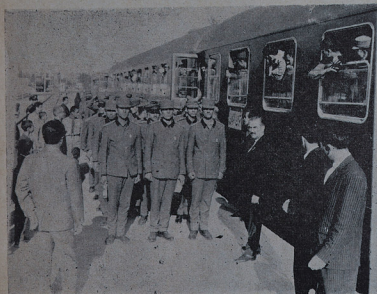


The people offer their respects to the Corpsemen who are ready to go to the villages



Corpsemen visit the construction of a public bath in a village during their training 4 months

Corpsmen march in the streets of Shahi, a beautiful town in the north



The Education Corps have arrived in the township and are ready to go to the villages

The Corpsmen march through the streets after they finish their first 4 months training, and are ready to go to the villages for their teaching



Active Corpsmen receive the picture of His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah as their prize



A scene of Corpsmen marching in the street of Sari, the Centre of Mazandaran



The women inhabitants in a village are dancing which is a sign of welcome to the corpsmen



The elder man of the village welcomes the Corpsman



Rural Children learn their lesson in the open air, under the net or in the hut





Teaching in the open air

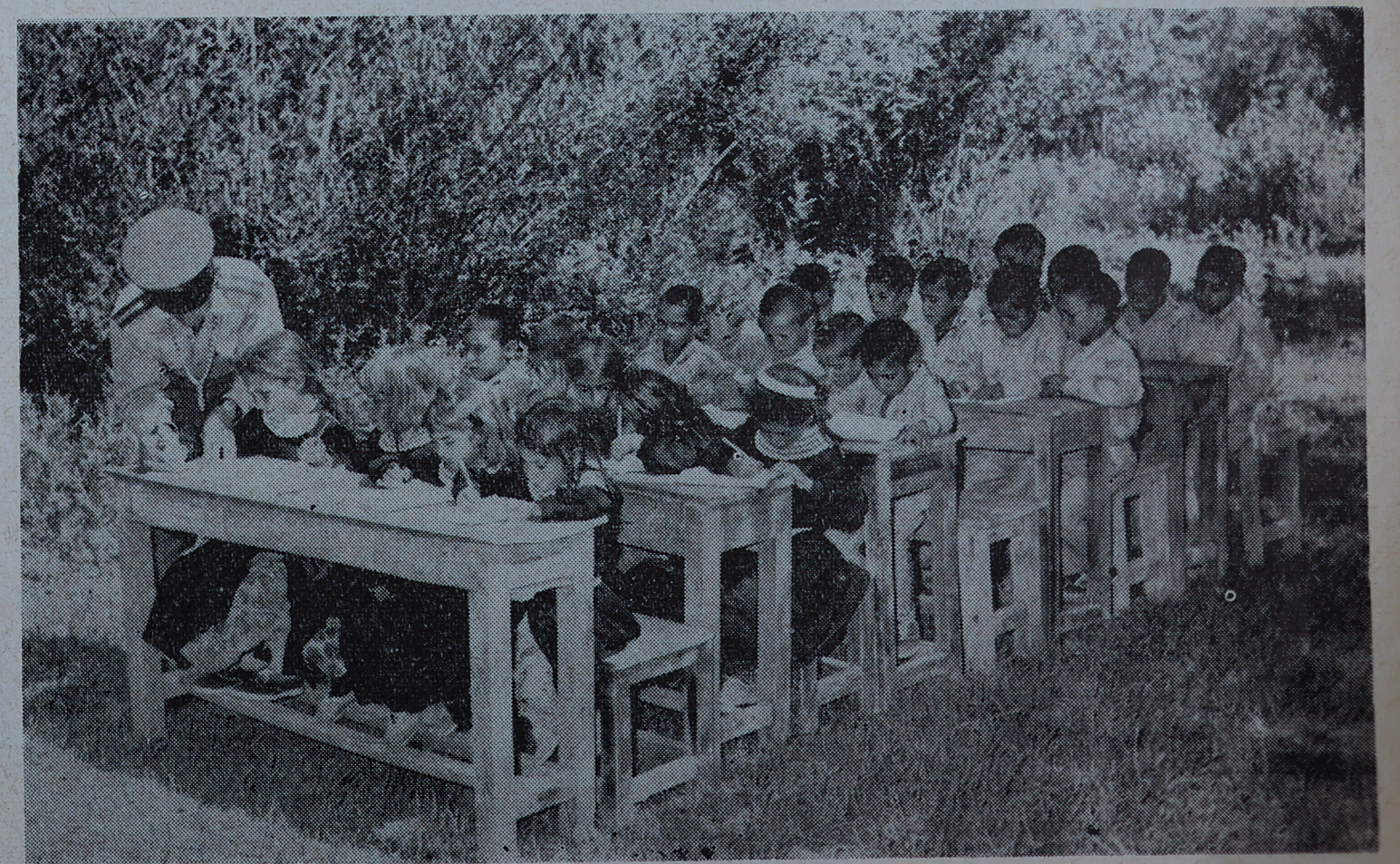


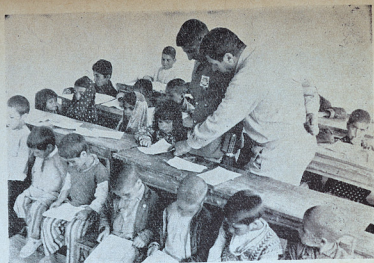
Children and adults
learn the Alphabet



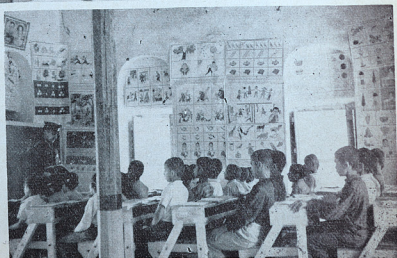


Teaching under the shade of trees, in the garden area

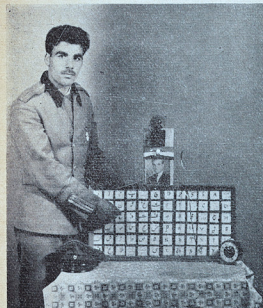




Teaching in the classrooms



Corpsmen try to find-new
methods for teaching





Active children learn their lessons



A holy endeavour
against ignorance



And now
Adults can read and write



The peasants read a simple magazine
which is published for them

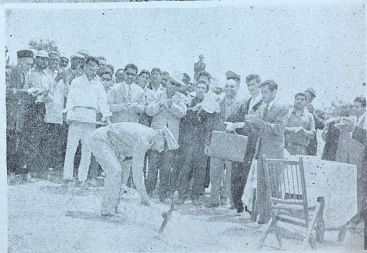




Corpsmen must teach evrywhere, either in the classroom or on the field



Various activities
of the Corpsmen





Corpsmen building schools
in the villages

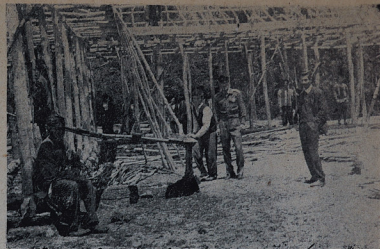


The first aim of the
Corpsmen is to build
a school in the village



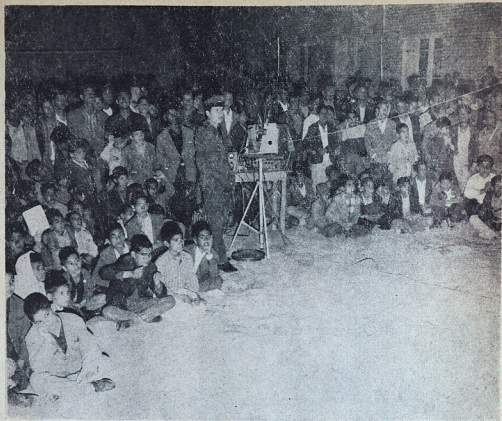


Corpsmen work with villagers
to build the schools



“As a school is built a
prison is destroyed”





A Corpsman showing films to the students



A library in the village



Flag raising ceremony



Scouting is one of the activities of village students



A scene of village
students praying



Scouts and sports are part of the Village students' activities

Scout-boys and scout-
girls in a garden.



Every day should begin
with joyful sports.

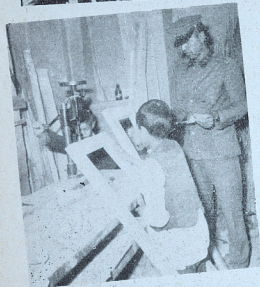


A sound mind in a sound body





Some learning activities



A corpsman inspectin the clearliness of the children

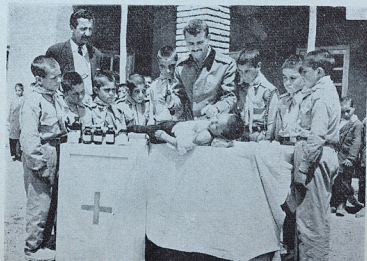


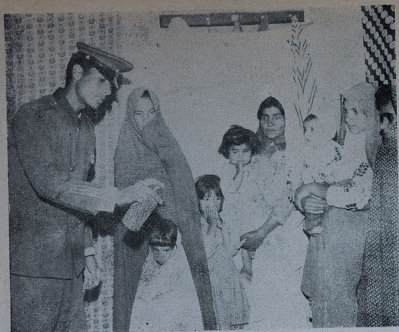


Health activities of Corpsmen

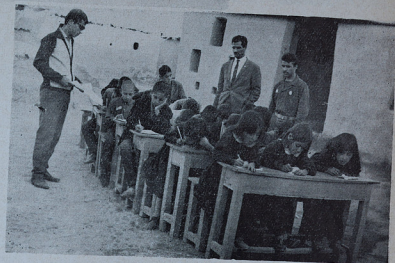


Another scene of health activities



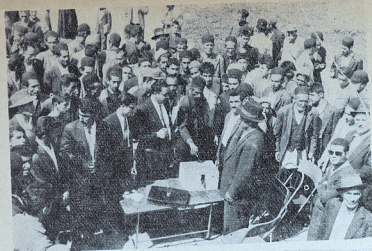


« An ounce of prevention is worth pound of cura »

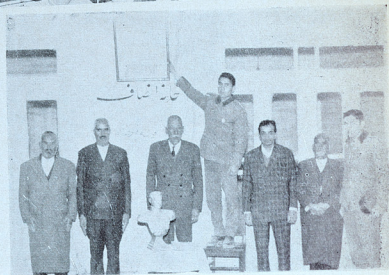


A group of parents
with the school
children





Voting to elect the member
of the House of Justice
and the village council

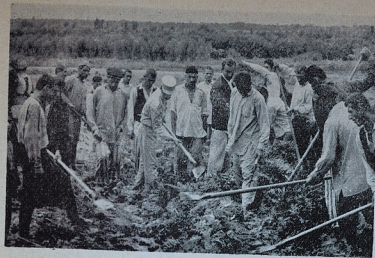


Corpsmen receive the boxes for the village letters





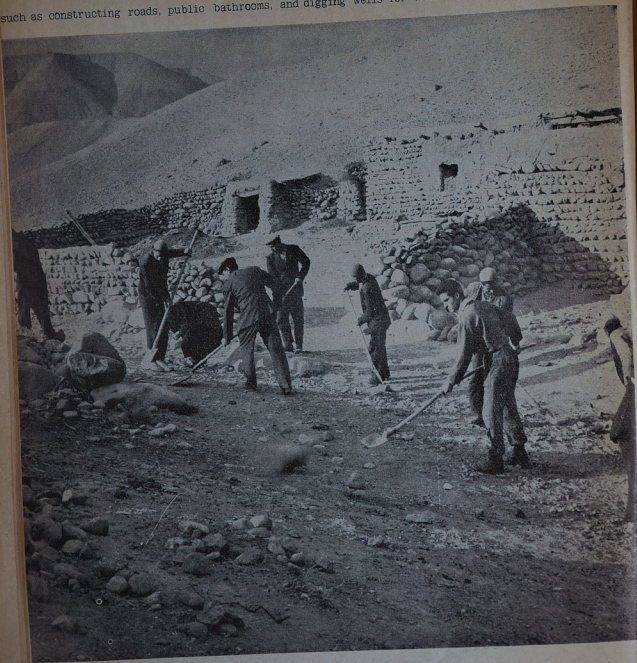
Corpsmen, besides teaching reading and writing, encourage the villagers to work for the development of their village



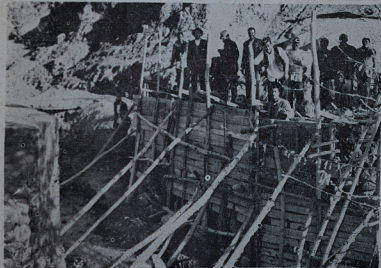
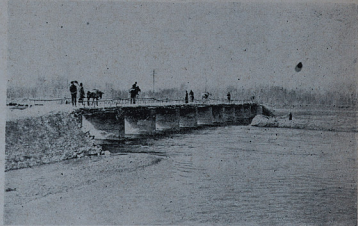
Corpsmen unddrtake various activities—



such as constructing roads, public bathrooms, and digging wells for watersupply



Corpsmen engage the villagers to construct bridges on the rivers





Corpsmen teach the elementary principles of agriculture to their students





Villagers constructing a road (and other activities)



کلیه دانش شماره ۴
 بهن ماه ۱۳۴۰
 درخت تو گویا بار دانش بچون
 نه ز آرد در دهن خیلو فری را



گزارش سپاهی دانش

با ایادت مدد از شمال و در اجرای نویات
 اعیان حضرت بهایون شاهنشاه از دور و در
 قریه گذشتو منلی اتران ت بوثری بظهور
 بهبود وضع کشا و زران و قاطبه اهالی ببل
 آمده که محقری از آن در زیر درج میشود
 ۱- ساختن مدرسه
 ۲- تعمیر مسجد بجاده، کوچه پای محروب
 ۳- آشنا ساختن اهالی با اصول کشاورزی
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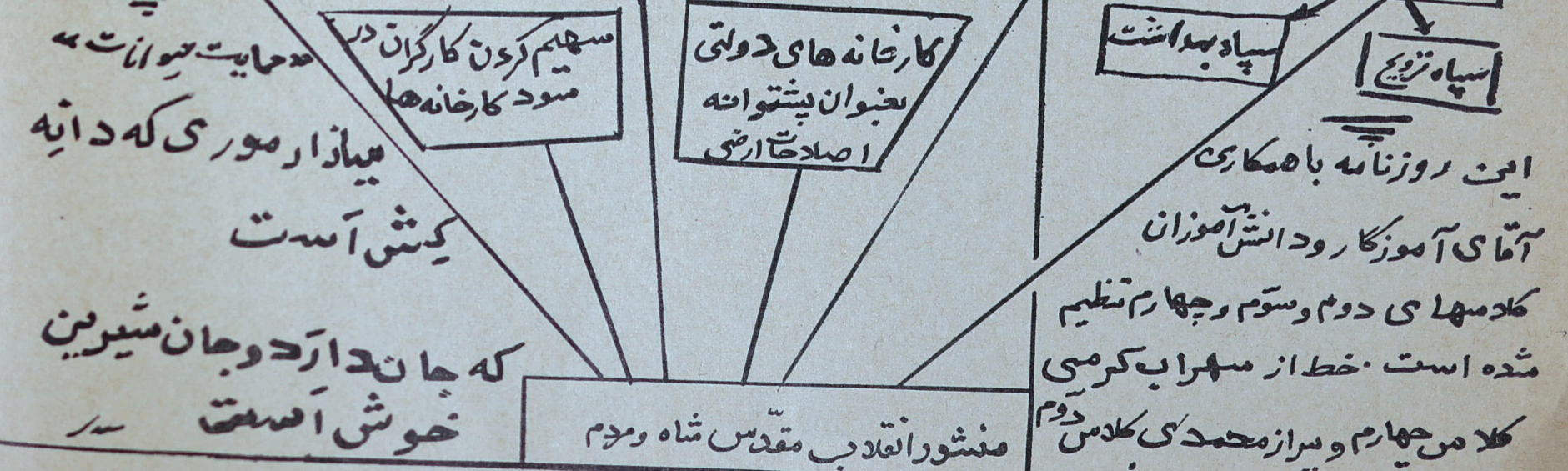
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 خدا کتاب اول تمام کردیم
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 شد و ما حالا در مدرسه
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 مینویسد

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شاهنشاه در یکی از سخنرانیهای خود فرمودند: ... مردم با رعیت
 زیاد به نقشه های من موافقت کردند و بموجب آن قانون است که -
 امروز رژیم پومیده مالک و رعیت از میان رفته و اکثریت مردم
 یعنی طبقه دهقان و کارگر بحقوق خود مائل شده اند. ایجاد سپاه دا
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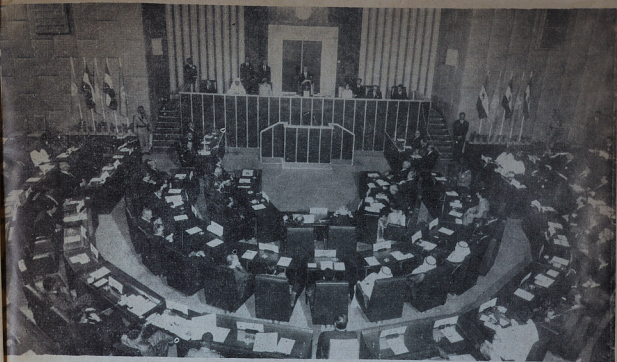
سپاه دانش



A sample of village newspaper made by the students



Foreign specialists
visit rural schools



The Congress of the Education Ministries of the world, who came to Tehran to
discuss about the war against illiteracy.



Villagers celebrate "Bahman 6" Shahanshah's white Revolution





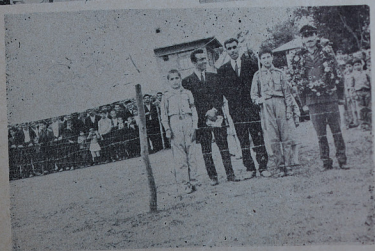
School children celebrate
"Bahman 6"

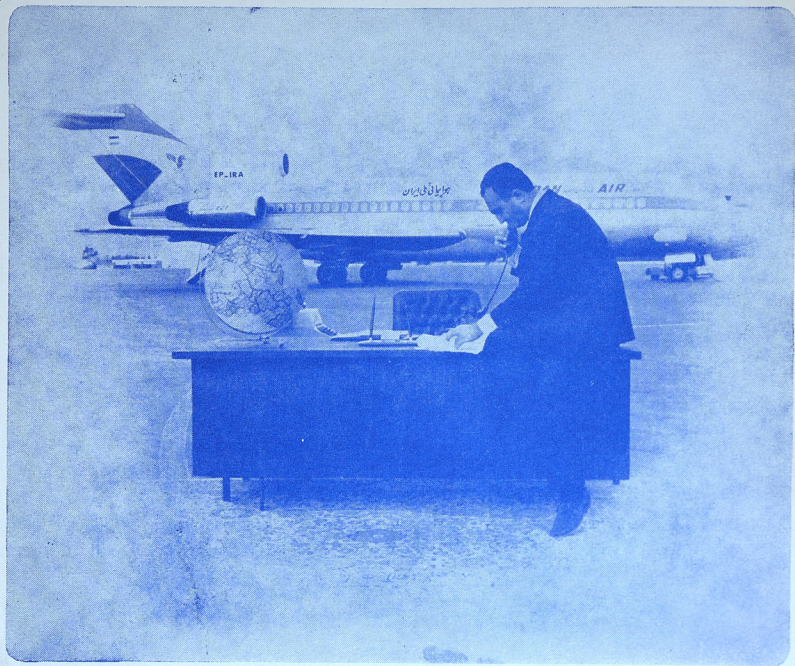


Seminars are held for the
guidance of the Corpsmen



The people give their respect to the Corpsmen





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