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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Daryush Ashuri was born in Iran. His formal education in Tehran was completed at the School of Law, Tehran University.

Mr. Ashuri's engagement in politics dates back to the 1950s in the National Front and after. His cooperation with Khalil Maleki and the Third Force Party is a significant aspect of this phase of his political activities.

Mr. Ashuri's recollections of the opposition forces in Iran and the relationship between the regime and the intelligentsia is revealing of the political tensions within the Iranian society. His later involvement with the First and Second Writers' Associations sheds further light on the inner dynamics of the intellectuals' involvement in the political process.

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