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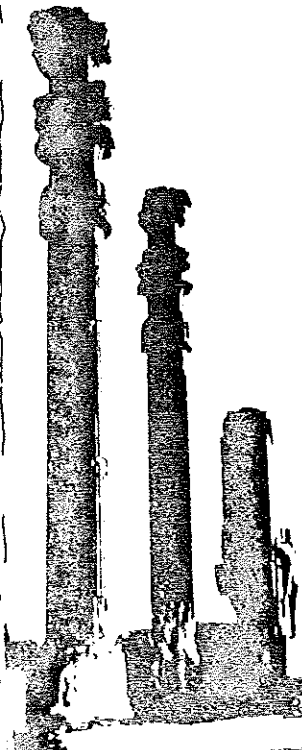
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Holaku Rambod was born in Talesh, Iran in 1919. He was born to a prominent tribal as well as land-owning family of Gilan, whose involvement in politics extended over several generations. He completed his primary and secondary education in Rasht and Tehran, and finally attended the Officers' Training College in Tehran, graduating as an officer. After three years of service as an artillery officer in the army, Rambod left the military in disillusionment wrought by WW II. He left Iran for the U.S. in pursuit of further education. After a brief stay at the University of Springfield, in Massachusetts, Mr. Rambod returned to Iran. He became immediately involved in politics, and participated in the elections for the Seventeenth Majles.

His unimpeded political career, which expanded over thirty years, revolved around the Majles and the minority party, Mardom. During this period, Rambod acted as one of the most vocal critics of the government. His diligent efforts in the Majles as well as in his own party gained him the respect of all participants in Iranian politics. In 1977, he joined the Amuzegar government, where he served as minister without portfolio in charge of parliamentary affairs. Mr. Rambod's knowledge of the workings of the Majles as well as his own party, and recollections of important junctures in modern history are no doubt invaluable to all observers of Iranian politics.

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