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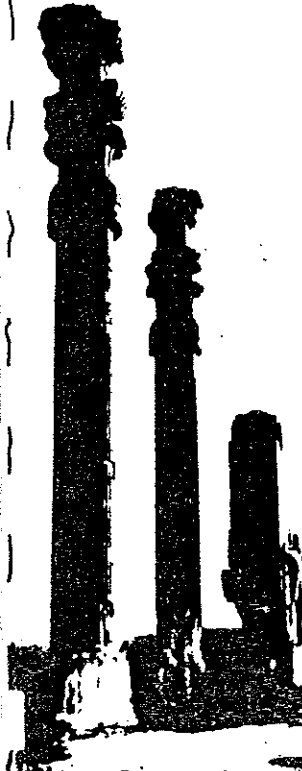
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jamshid Behnam was born a Persian diplomat in Istanbul in 1930. He completed his early education in Iran, and received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Paris. Upon returning to Iran, he initially worked for the Plan and Budget Organization, and participated in Hasan Ali Mansur's Progressive Circle. Later on, he concentrated his efforts at formalizing the teaching and education of sociology in Iran. He was a founding father of the Institute of Social Studies at Tehran University, where he worked and taught for many years. In addition, Dr. Behnam became involved with the planning for cultural development in Iran. He was charged with setting up and directing a university dedicated to the teaching of the arts in Iran named the Farabi University. Following the Iranian Revolution, Dr. Behnam settled in Paris, where he works for UNESCO.

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