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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Mehdi Ghassemi was born in Tehran in 1928. He completed his education in law at Tehran University. He was a prominent activist in the Tudeh Party before 1953. He served as an active member of the Party's Youth Organization as well as the Party's student movement. He also served on the board of editors of the Tudeh newspapers "Mardom" and "Be Sooye-Ayandeh".

Following the fall of the Mossadeq government and the demise of the Tudeh Party, Dr. Ghassemi spent a number of years in prison. Upon his release from jail he recanted from communism and left the Tudeh Party. He joined the Irnaian Radio and the Ministry of Information where he acted as advisor to the Minister under General Pakravan. Dr. Ghassemi served as organizer of radio programming and commentator on political events for many years. He also took part in drawing up the constitution of the Rastakhiz Party. Throughout his career he remained a man of letters and retained his contact with the intellectual circles in Iran.

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