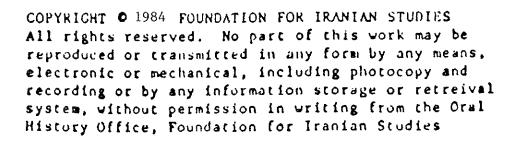
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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Shamsuddin Jazayeri was born in Iran in . His father was Ayatollah Hasan Shushtari. Moreover, his family was closely tied to Ayatollah Milani on one side, and the powerful court family, the Nafisys, on the other. Dr. Jazayeri received his university education in Europe. Upon his return to Iran, he first served as the principal of a number of high schools, the most famous of which was Sharaf. He then joined the Ministry of Finance. His career in the economic apparatus of government first took him to the directorship of Iran Insurance Company, and finally culminated in his directorship of Iran Tobacco Organization.

After the war, Dr. Jazayeri renewed the ties which he had established with the Ministry of Culture under Mer'at. He also became interested in politics and was elected to the Majles. In the Razmara Cabinet he became Minister of Culture. His last government position was that of Governor General of Khorasan. Until his retirement Dr. Jazayeri taught at Tehran University.

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