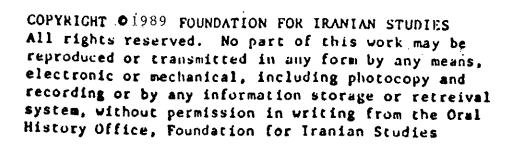
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PREFACE

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Taher Ziya'i was born in 1917 in Torbat to a prominant Khorasani family. Upon completeing his highschool education at the American College of Tehran (later Alborz Highschool), he travelled to Germany and Austria, receiving his Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Vienna.

Upon return to Iran, Dr. Ziya'i joined the Faculty of Tehran University, and later entered into government service. Since that time until the advent of the Revolution of 1978-79 he held numerous government positions including, Vice-Minister of Economy (1955-57); Vice-Minister of Industries and Mines (1957-60); Minister of Industries and Mines (1960-62); Advisor to the Pahlavi Foundation on industrial matters; Senator from Tehran (1967-79); and the President of Iran's Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines.

Dr. Ziya'i's recollections not only shed much light on the history of Iran's economic and industrial development, but is also replete with insights into the conduct of politics among Iran's political leaders.

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