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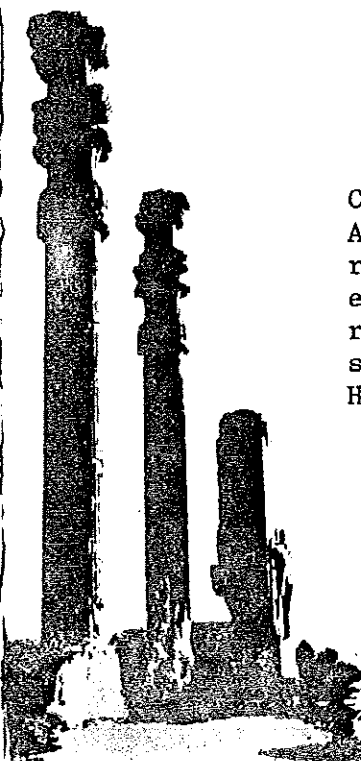
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Born in 1922 in Tehran, Mr. Afshar completed his secondary and college education in Berlin and later received his doctorate in political science from the university of Vienna. In 1948 he began his governmental career by joining the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Following a number of diplomatic tours of duty in the Netherlands, Indonesia, and the United States, he was elected deputy to 19th and 20th sessions of the Iranian Majles.

From 1967 to 1977 he served, respectively, as the Iranian ambassador to Austria, U.S.A., Mexico, and the Federal Republic of Germany. He also served, from 1968 to 1969 as the Chairman of the Board of the International Atomic Agency in Vienna.

Mr. Afshar's last governmental post was the Grand Master of Ceremonies to the court of Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi in the period immediately prior to 1979 revolution. It was during this period that he was in fairly constant touch with the Shah and could therefor observe, at first hand, the events leading to the departure of the Shah from Iran and the unfolding of the Islamic revolution.

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