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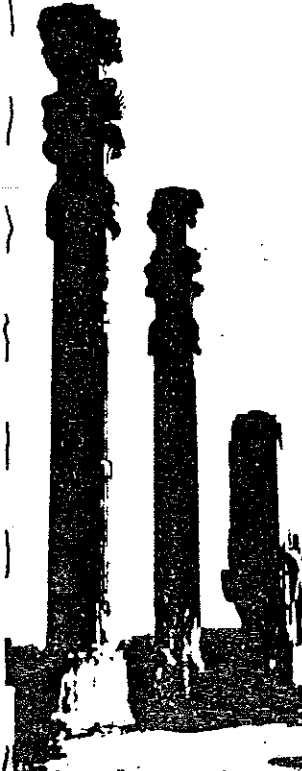
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Habib Bahar was born in Mashhad in 1926 to a prominent literary and political family. Mr. Bahar began his political career with the Pint Four Program of Khorasan. He then joined the staff of the Governor's Office in that province, and worked closely with governors such as Mehran and Amir Azizi. Under the latter's aegis Mr. Bahar became involved with the land reform efforts of the 1960s.

In the early 1970s Mr. Bahar became interested in parliamentary politics, and was elected to the Majles as a deputy of the Mardom Party from Mashhad. He served as a representative of Mashhad until 1979. During his tenure in the Majles he became closely acquainted with the proceedings of the Majles, especially pertaining to the martial law government of General Azhari, the proposal to disban SAVAK, and the selection of Bakhtiyar to become premier.

Mr. Bahar's memoirs moreover pertain to important political personages such as, ^cAli Shari^cati, Mas^cud Rajavi, Ayatollah Khamene'i, Dr. Baqa'i-Kermani, General Azhari, and provide insights into the workings of the governorship of Khorasan, the miliatry rule during the revolution, and the workings of the Majles.

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