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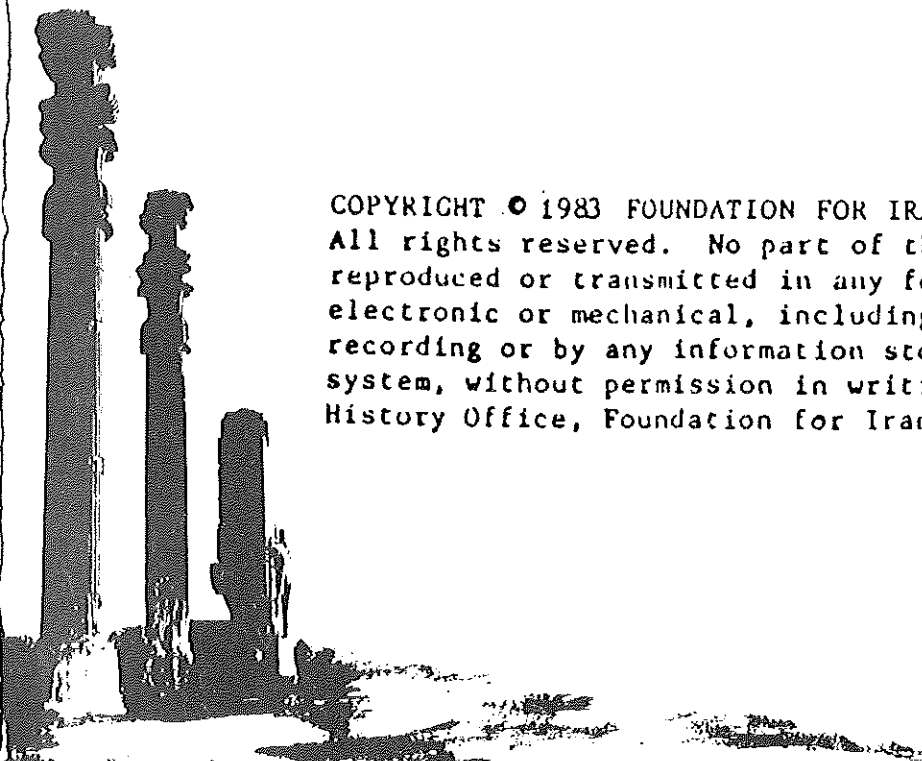
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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mozaffar Firuz was born in 1905 in Iran. He was the son of Nosratdowleh Firuz and the grandson of the Qajar Prince and Premier, Hosein <sup>C</sup>Ali Mirza Farmanfarma. He studied law and economics at Cambridge University before returning to Iran. Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Firuz returned to his country and began a political career in opposition to the reign of the Pahlavis. Mozaffar Firuz's father, Nosratdowleh had died during the reign of Reza Shah. Firuz struck an alliance with Seyyed Ziaoddin Tabataba'i with whose help he formed the National Will Party and the Ra<sup>C</sup>d-e Emruz Newspaper.

Firuz's political travails led him to cooperation with Qavamossaltaneh in whose cabinets Firuz served as Deputy Premier and Minister of Labor. During the Azabayan Crisis Firuz was appointed as Iran's Ambassador to Soviet Union. However with the fall of Qavam, Firuz who stood in opposition to the Pahlavi regime, did not return to Iran, and chose exile in Europe, which lasted for forty years, during which he continued to criticize the Pahlavi regime. Mozaffar Firuz died at the age of 83 in Paris on April 5, 1988.

## PREFACE

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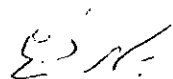
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