

# Iran and the Great Powers

# Master Program of Iranian Studies Session#6 Iran – Britain relations in 20<sup>th</sup> Century



# National Resistance Movement Oil Nationalization





# Anglo-Persian Oil Company

1908: D'Arcy 16% of the final margin 52.5% of management power, Veto right





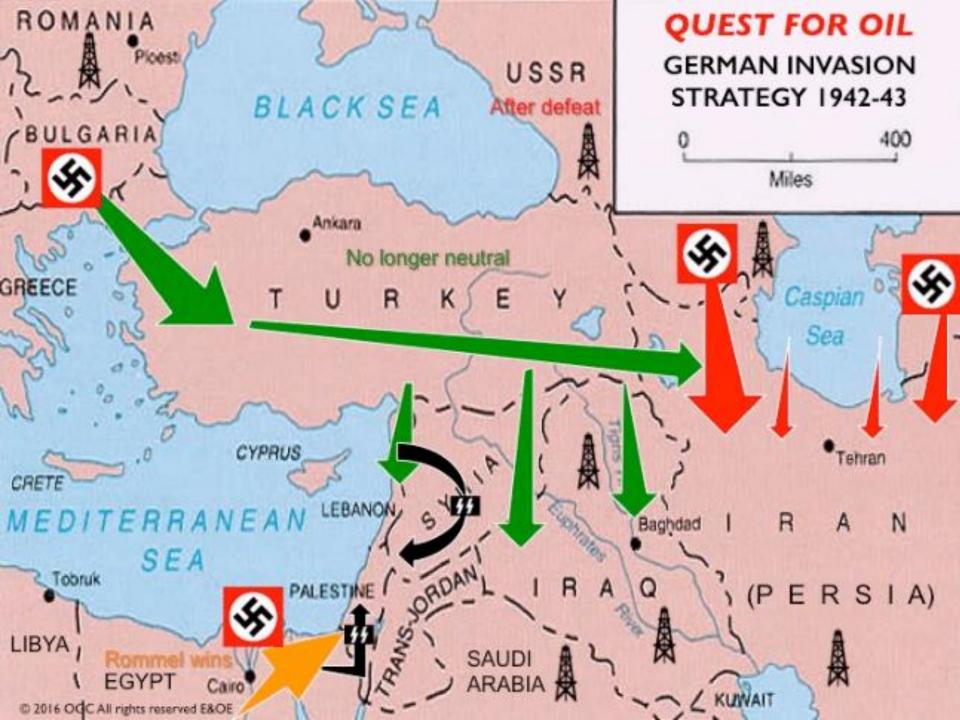
#### Conversion from coal to oil

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# 樕 oTabriz Caspian Sea •Mahabad **Oil Concession Denied Russians** Teheran IRAN IRAQ Abadan **Oil Concession** Held by British

AFGHANISTA





Royal Dutch Shell Gulf Oil Texas (Texaco) Standard Oil New York (Mobil) Standard Oil New Jersey (Exon) Standard Oil California (Chevron) CFP (French)



#### AIOC:

- 24 M£ +92 M £ foreign currencies tax to UK
- 347 M £ to £-Zone

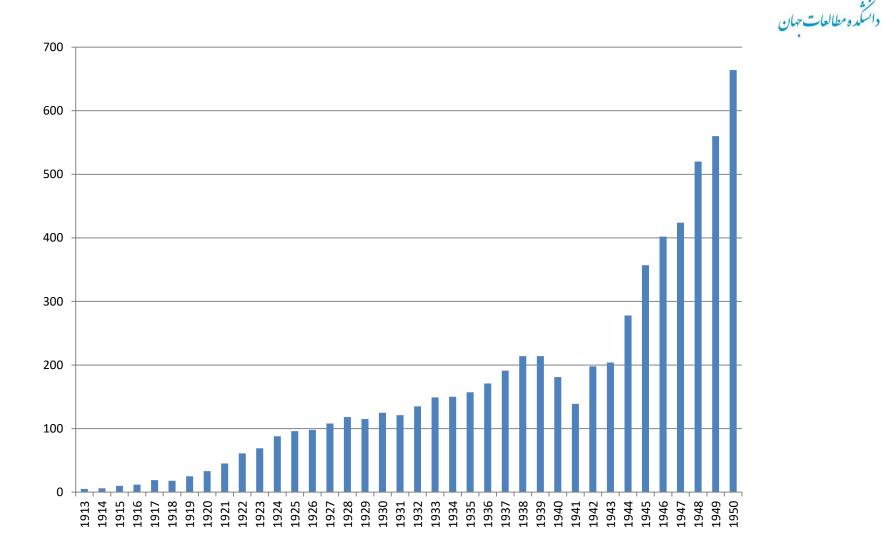
Holds:

- 50% of Kuwait oil company,
- 23% of Iraq oil company,
- 23% of Qatar oil company,
- 34% of Anglo-Egypt oil company,
- 55% of Refineries in Israel.
- Refineries in France, UK, Aurstalia.



#### Abadan Refinery: the biggest refinery in the world

- 7.7 sq.km.
- 24 Mton/year production
- 200 tanker/month
- 300 iner-ocean tankers worldwide
- Side-refinery in Kermanshah



#### **APOC Oil Production (K barrels/day)**



#### Mexico: oil nationalization 1938-40

Saudi Arabia: 50-50 Venezuela: 50-50

#### **APOC**: 1940

- 105 M f to Iran
- $\succ$  170 M f tax to UK
- > 115 M £ to share holders
- > 500 M £ investment



- All payments in £
- Limitation for Iranian workers
- Humiliation
- Racism



Labor day 1929: Strike in Abadan against UK With a support of Communist party

- 11000 workers
- Demands:
- 8 hours/day work cap
- Better salaries,
- House
- Unification right
- Equal salaries
- Extra payment for holidays



Labor day 1946: Strike in Abadan against UK With a support of Tudeh party

80000 workers

• Demands: same + labor law

Similar passion in the middle east was raising

### Dr. Mosaddegh



#### **Background:**

Family – wise Education – wise Political - wise

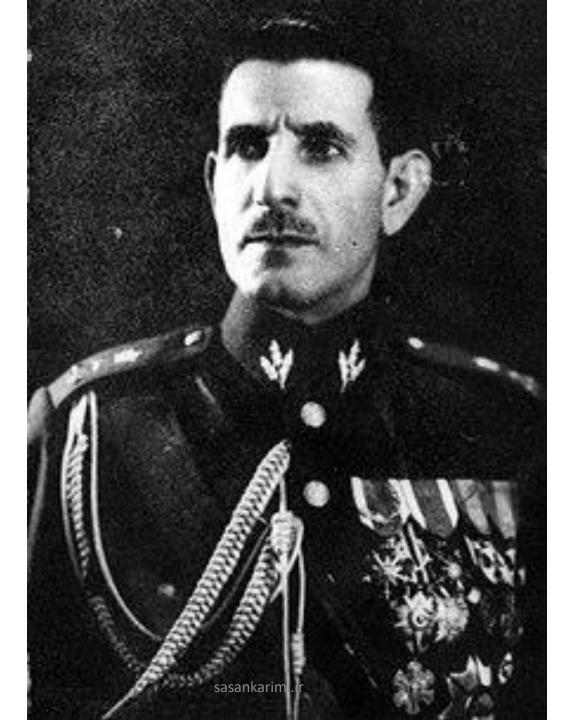
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### Devotees of Islam (فدائیان اسلام) Muslim brotherhood

terrors: Ahmad Kasravi Hajir Razm Ara Fatemi (unsuccessful) Hussein Ala (Unsuccessful)

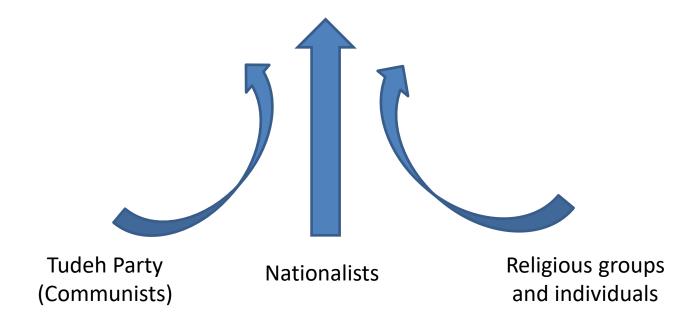




HajAli RazmAra Terror: 06<sup>th</sup> March 1950

19<sup>th</sup> March 1951 Oil Nationalization Day







### Another Oil Strike: April 1950

### Equality and fairness Hidden layer: pressure to nationalization









RAN

NO SHORE



- 1. 120M\$/year income
- 2. Technical knowledge
- 3. Independence







### The coup 19<sup>th</sup> August 1953







# Ayatollah Kashani



British capitals in Iran:

- 1. Experts with experience in Iran, Persian skill etc.
- 2. Unofficial network in Iranian Army
- 3. Network of civil people in Bazaar, newspapers, religious groups, vulgar groups,
- 4. Relation with high level politicians

American capitals in Iran:

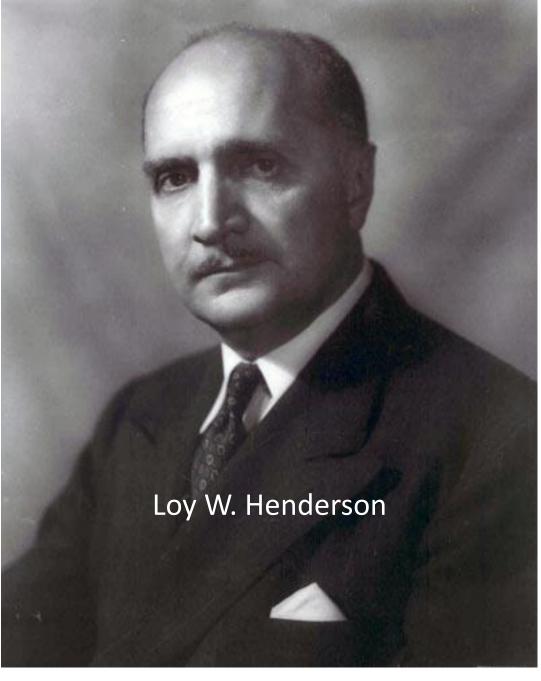
- 1. Embassy itself and diplomatic presence
- 2. Point 4 network
- 3. Presence in Iranian Army and air force
- 4. Civil presence (more than 1000 Americans in Tehran



### Sanctions and maximum pressure

"fair" compensation Oil sanction (118 kton in 18 month=1 day capacity) Stop American aids Securitizing Iran Put the ball in Iranian court

# Allen Dulles





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#### **Reasons: British point of view**

- 1. Mosaddegh defiance to accept the oil deal
- 2. Cash flow of the administration
- 3. Emotional policies of Mosaddegh
- 4. Proliferation of his power in spite of the constitutional law
- 5. Weakening the Shah and the Army
- 6. Cooperation with Tudeh party

## Kermit Roosevelt



### First Coupe: failed one 16<sup>th</sup> August 1953



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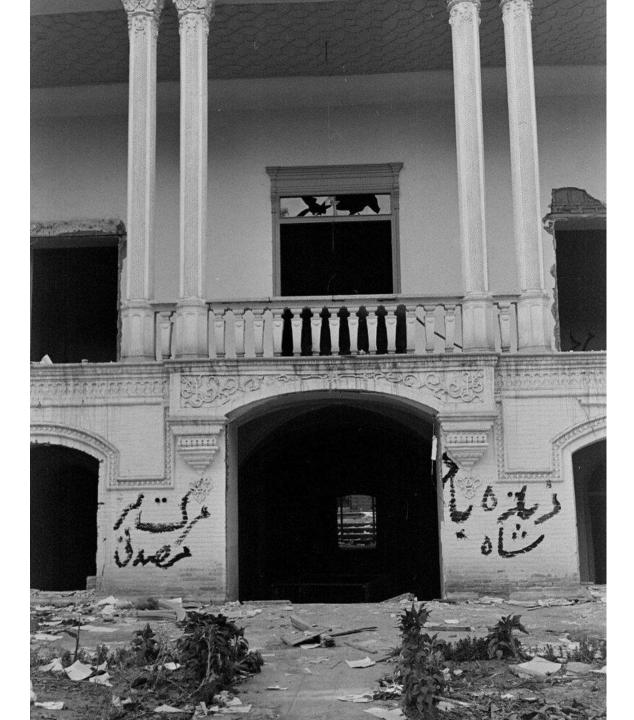






















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