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There was a person in Iran who confronted with Seven Sisters. His name was Mohammad Mossadegh. He became prime minister in 1951 and nationalized the oil company owned by Anglo Iranian Oil. As a counter measure, Seven Sisters kicked out the Iranian crude oil from the international market. US government, which disliked nationalist Mossadegh, supported Seven Sisters behind the scenes. Prime Minister Mossadegh was fell down. Reza Shah Pahlavi again gripped the power. After that Iran and US started the honeymoon relationship.

It took nine years that oil-producing countries challenged against Seven Sisters. They organized the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) in 1960. And then after 28 years, Iran and the United States severed diplomatic ties when Ayatollah Khomeini took the Iranian Revolution in 1979.

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