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Part II. Ethnic cleanser

Chapter 39 Retired General "Shy-Rock" (4)



His second assignment to the United States, after growing in age and experience, opened his eyes to the outside world. He was expected to pay his attention to the outside as a military attaché even though his rank in the embassy was relatively low. His main task was to collect the latest information on the military affairs of the foreign countries and the US arms industries. Another important mission was to establish close relationship with US military personnel, especially those in the Pentagon. They were very cooperative with Israeli officials.

He enjoyed his job of collecting military information from various foreign countries and the US arms industries. He originally had acquaintance with executives of the US Air Force and private companies because once he was a trainee of fighter pilot. To get the military information, he invited the foreign military attachés to parties held at the Israeli embassy, or he was invited to parties by foreign embassies. He collected the information from time to time. If he heard the rumors that bothered him, he directly interviewed military officers in Western countries such as the United States and U.K. to confirm it.

During the Cold War, most concerning issue of Israel was the large-scale deal of weapons between U.S.S.R and Egypt or Syria. Shy-Rock, therefore, frequently exchanged information with the Iranian military attaché. At that time, the pro-American Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi held absolute power in Iran. And Iran was called the "Police in Persian Gulf." Iran was a close ally of Western countries.

Iran and Israel had different religions and ethnicities. Their relationship was not so good in principle.

However, both of them had strained relationship not only with the U.S.S.R. but also Arab countries. They shared a critical view that the enemy's enemy was ally. And they were interrelated through the U.S. United States led its allies during the Cold War. Iran and Israel were closely exchanging information in Washington. Shy-Rock" usually worked in the office late into the night and sent reports back home.

Compared to collecting military information, he was not good at companionship with civilians such as Jews living in the United States. He was fluent about military-related topics, but he could not speak fluently for the ordinary topics. He was a quiet guy by nature. When dealing with Americans who were talkative and liked jokes, he became a one-sided listener. When someone asked him his opinion on a popular TV show, his answer was beside away from the point. In brief he had no interest in noisy TV sitcoms. He had no time to watch TV because he was busy writing reports. He thought it was the job of professional diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to check American TV programs.

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