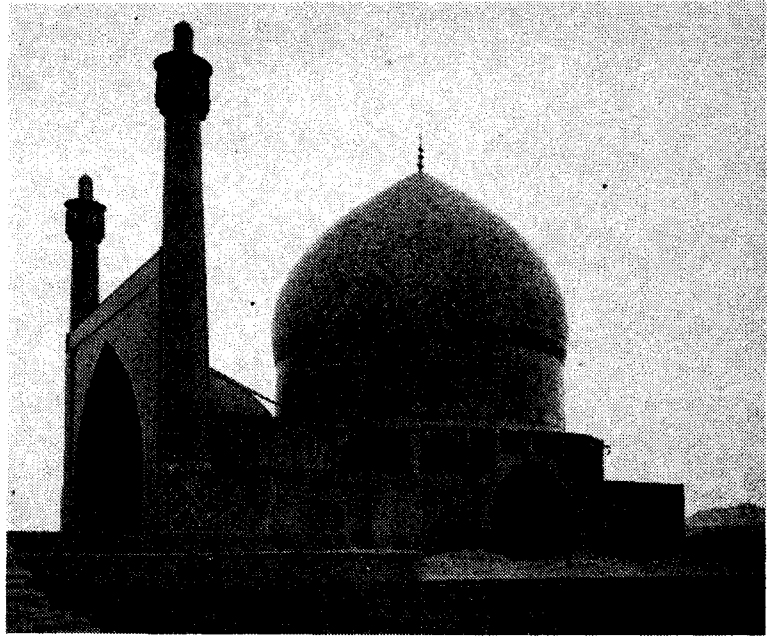


The magician: Khomeini caught stealing bones



Executive Intelligence Review has received from a special correspondent an article titled "New Tomb of Imam Ali to be Built in Iran," concerning cult leader Ayatollah Khomeini's latest attempt to shore up his declining support among the religious leaders of Shiite Islam. At present, most of the grand ayatollahs either publicly or silently oppose Khomeini's perverted theology. As the following makes obvious, Khomeini is currently attempting to perpetrate a hoax of historic proportions by claiming to have secret knowledge of the real whereabouts of Imam Ali bin Abu Talib, the Muslim caliph who founded the Shiite party, and to transfer from Najaf in Iraq to some obscure Iranian location the holiest shrine of the Shiite faith.

LONDON—It is reliably learned that a new tomb of Imam Ali bin Abu Talib, the fourth Muslim caliph, will be built in Iran near Qom, the residence of religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini. This will replace the holy city of Najaf as the burial place of Imam Ali. The new holy place in Iran will be called Heydara.

According to reliable sources, during a meeting between Hojatolislam Shirazi and a number of Muslim visitors from Pakistan and Afghanistan, the ayatollah divulged for the first time details related to a secret committee formed by orders from the Ayatollah Khomeini and drawn from the top-level strata of the Iranian clergy for the purpose of building a new mosque incorporating the tomb of Imam b

Ambitious plans have been made to build a totally new city called Heydara which is envisaged replacing Najaf, the most important center of the Shiite sect and the most respected religious seminary for Shiite studies.

Shirazi pointed out that the Faqih Khomeini was the deputy of the imam on earth and as such he would disclose some secrets related to this project and entrusted to him. These secrets have been kept in the custody of the Faqihs over 1,200 years, Shirazi said.

According to sources, the main part of the revelation which Khomeini will declare to the world is that the remains of Imam Ali were secretly removed from Iraq in the year 183 of the Muslim era. According to this story, Caliph al-Mamun abdicated the caliphate in favor of Ali bin Musa al-Riza, a descendant of Imam Ali. They both agreed on one condition: that the remains of the Imam Ali be removed to Iran. This was to be kept secret until such time as a government dedicated to the restoration of the full honor of *Ahl Bayt*, the descendants of the prophet, is restored to Persia.

It is worth mentioning that last year Khomeini called for the transfer of the Marji'ira (the central religious authority of the entire Shiite sect) from Najaf to Qom. The first stage of the current project involves the construction of the mosque and tomb and a number of buildings, including a religious college and a number of schools for Islamic law. The second stage will begin with a conference to be attended by religious leaders from most Muslim countries, during which Khomeini will divulge the secret entrusted to him and his predecessors. He will also explain why the caliphate insisted on moving the remains of Imam Ali to Persia some 1,200 years ago.

Shirazi gave additional details regarding the location of the shrine, to the southeast of Qom. And around the shrine a new holy city will be raised and a whole network of roads and communications links will be built to connect it with the rest of Iran and the whole world.