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Dear Bill:

Herewith is an article I wrote for the American Legion, to appear this summer. I think this is the odds of The Morning Line of what's likely to happen next in Iran. I believe Iran is the payoff turf.

There is a considerable amount of British intelligence stuff on the area. General Gubbins and Colonel Ellis, who served there, gave some blood-curdling accounts of the ferocity of the action. Ellis wrote a small book on the subject - "Trans-Caspian Episode," which certainly tends to prove the area is the "soft underbelly" of Russia. He is at great pains to prove that the British did not hang 24 Commissars; doth he protest too much?

For your information, when it got very late, the Shah consulted the AFL-CIO. They suggested free trade unions for workers of the oil fields to hold them against the Commies - but it was too late.

Sincerely,

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