

IRAN - Comments

This is chicken = no initial bgt space, no essential interest on either side, poss. of compromise

Force consisted of worsening of relations + goodwill.
Hyp: continuum from co-op to war; escalation = downward movement

Case shows importance of uncertainty, vs. miscalculation.
US reacted slowly + erratically - doubt about Iranian govt + limit of action.
Note bargaining styles. Br. have SOPs in Iran + do them.

or is it leader: US + SU each wanted to co-operate, each on terms favorable to itself. US: UN + universal rules, free trade. SU - sphere of influence.

or PD - control of Iran by each side vs independence, hands off small powers, UN control.

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P. 42 challenge? SU was going about its business.
or was it denial of U.S. penetration of Iran? P. 44-5

P. 46 Is this ex. of reputation for resolve?

P. 67 Denial Strategy

Why did SU fail?

Ulam - SU didn't take US rules on small powers seriously

{ UN was new + embodied hopes - SU didn't want to be condemned
→ SU hoped to continue big 3 collaboration.

SU underestimated Iranian hgg tactics

SU did not want its reputation ruined

SU wanted to keep co-op. options open

Byrnes, speaking

118 Dec. 19 : to Stalin: unless troops are withdrawn Iran would likely complain to UN; US would support Iran's right to be heard.

119 Stalin: Baku oil fields are close to border; must be safeguarded against saboteurs. No confidence in Iran govt. SU will not withdraw before Mar 15; will see then. Depends on Iran govt. SU has 1921 treaty rights.

Byrnes: US thinks date is Mar 2.

Stalin: SU has no designs against Iran; will withdraw when oilfields are secure.

Byrnes interp: Fear of saboteurs is poor excuse for SU troops; US worries about non-withdrawal are justified. Must re-state US position.

120 B: US will support Iran in UN

S: "We will do nothing that will make you blush"

In one lifetime

334 "or must be retained under terms of 1921 treaty"

Timmann

522 early Sept reports that R troops were stopping I police from moving into Tudeh area

523 late Sept State Dept reports invest in Az; encouraged by R.

Oct: additional R troops moving in

interp: R plan to control at least n. Iran

Part of pincers (w. Greece) against Near E + Med

Ominous signs; req. us effort to get R out of I