

FOREWORD



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The Middle East is one of the most fascinating areas on the globe, the focus of many of the world's greatest hopes and deepest fears. It is an area whose variety and complexity demand first-rate scholarship, and fortunately George Lenczowski has been contributing such scholarship for some forty years. The quality and scope of his contributions to a better understanding of the Middle East, and particularly a better understanding of its international relations, its revolutions, and the crucial role of oil, have earned him the compliment of this volume of essays by leading scholars in the field from the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

I first made Professor Lenczowski's acquaintance more than twenty-five years ago at the University of California's Berkeley campus. Already the author of the first major work on Middle Eastern politics, he organized and served as the first chairman of Berkeley's Committee on Middle Eastern Studies during the 1960s and labored diligently to expand the university's offerings in that critical field of study. Over the years my admiration has grown for the skill, intelligence, and effective commitment he brings to every endeavor he undertakes—and his energy is as considerable as his talents. Teacher, scholar, consultant, author—to each of these roles he has brought remarkable gifts that have made him internation-

ally recognized and respected. I am delighted to add my voice to those of his colleagues and admirers who have assembled this volume in the belief that his forty years of accomplishment merit this extraordinary tribute.

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