

To sum up, it may be said that the ANM has developed, in the course of the past two decades, from a small group of young revolutionaries aspiring to play a role in the Arab national liberation movement to a full-fledged political party upholding the political formulas of Marxism-Leninism. A host of political and social forces present on the Arab scene had, in one way or another, effected this radical transformation in the life of the ANM. However, the experience of the July 23 Revolution and the special relationship that developed between the leadership of the ANM and President Nasser himself, was a decisive factor in bringing about this change in the ideals and objectives of the Movement. Initially, the Nasser-led revolution inculcated the ANM with its progressive and socialist ideas. But in the course of its development the ANM was more prepared to go on experimenting with the prevailing socialist trends. Nasser as a responsible statesman sitting at the apex of a big bureaucratic machinery was inclined to be more cautious in employing the tools of Marxist analysis.