

3. Study and approve the programs of the higher organs in each Region;
4. Study and approve the Financial Report of the Movement;
5. Elect the members of the Movement's Court;
6. Elect the Executive Committee and study its functions.

The National Congress also meets in emergency cases to review and amend the Movement's line whenever the need arises. The Executive Committee called for such a meeting immediately after the Ba'thists' coups in Iraq and Syria in 1963 to examine the repercussions of the above coups on the Arab national movement.<sup>18</sup> Another extraordinary Congress met in the aftermath of the June war (1967) to come with the most important pronouncements yet on ideology and organization (discussed elsewhere in this dissertation).

From the inception of the ANM in 1951 until 1964 members of this most exalted organ of the ANM were carefully picked by the founding leaders of the Movement who were predominant in the Executive Committee; but a group of a younger generation who were promoted to the Executive Committee in 1963 were influential in amending the Internal Rules of the Movement so as to invite all the members of the

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<sup>18</sup>"The Extraordinary National Congress of 1963", The Political Report (Beirut, 1963).