

Movement's membership. One has to make the observation here that very few student members stick to the Movement after graduation. Dr. Michael W. Suleiman made the observation that intellectuals are more likely to follow the more sophisticated Ba'thists.²⁸ With all due respect to Dr. Suleiman, an authority on political parties in Lebanon, this author cannot subscribe to this observation. According to this author's investigation it is hardly possible to agree that the Ba'thists in Lebanon are more sophisticated than the Arab Nationalists. Besides, the Lebanese Ba'thists have been losing their graduates no less than the Arab Nationalists.²⁹ It is fair to say that since Pan-Arab movements such as the Ba'th and the ANM are still far from seizing the reigns of government in Lebanon, members of these movements do not envision a bright future for themselves after graduation by sticking their necks to illegal organizations. To put it in other words, energetic Lebanese would rather throw their lot in the system of laissez-faire and individual opportunities than to tie themselves to some unforeseen future.

The ANM in Lebanon is also active among Palestinians in the refugee camps. Until 1965 Lebanese and Palestinians

²⁸Ibid., p. 158.

²⁹Based on personal interviews with several Ba'thists in Lebanon, November 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1968.