

It goes without saying that the above analysis departed from the previous orthodox dogma but nonetheless, it was carried with the same dogmatic spirit. Once again, the nation was looked upon as a whole. Big landowners and capitalists were singled out as enemies of the people, but nothing was said about how the relationship between the other classes of the society would be.

Arab socialism, we are told, is different from communism in that it does not profess the inevitability of class struggle. After getting rid of capitalists and landlords, other classes could solve their differences peacefully.

Lastly, Muhsin Ibrahim championed the cause of uniting all the progressive nationalist groups into one Nasserite movement. The experience of the latter was discussed in the third chapter.

MARXISM

In the West ideologies usually enjoy a long life span. In the developing nations, ideologies have a short life. The Nasserite scheme of achieving Arab unity by supporting Free Officers' coups in other Arab states failed to achieve unity. The war of June 1967 was an explosion that shattered the whole ideology of Arab nationalism and socialism. The ANM was the first national party to admit, in the aftermath of that war, that its ideology and political program was defeated