

4. The role played by President Nasser in drawing the relationship between the nationalist and the socialist thought. Of particular significance in this respect is the National Charter which proclaimed that socialism is the path to social freedom and that, "scientific socialism" was the suitable style for finding the right method leading to progress.

5. The Nationalization Decrees and the Syrian secession have also shed doubt on the petty bourgeoisie as a unionist force. It is to be recalled that while the Hourani faction of the Ba'th supported the re-examination of the Nationalization Decrees, the Aflaq group was reluctant to take a stand. Aflaq declared, "that there can be no socialism without socialists".

6. The events of June 1967 revealed an apparent affinity between Israel, imperialism and the reactionary forces. The Arab Nationalists knew all too well the limitations of Nasser's policies. Hence their endeavor to wage a protracted war of liberation utilizing the doctrines of Mao, Giap and Guevera. As these doctrines of revolutionary warfare emanate from Marxist-Leninist thought, the ANM offshoot groups have increasingly upheld Marxism-Leninism as the ideological weapon that would challenge the enemy. They found in Cuba and Vietnam a working example of how an underdeveloped nation can face the technological superiority and the military might of a great power.