

After the September Revolution of 1962 they expanded the trade union movement and formed the General Union of Yemeni Workers. They also opened an Arab Cultural Club in Ta'iz which was instrumental in recruiting students and educated people.³⁴

The Nationalist Front of South Yemen was a coalition of the Arab Nationalists and other like-minded groups which believed that armed struggle was the only weapon to liberate South Yemen from imperialism and Arab reaction. Once they launched their attack against the colonial power an increasing number of peasants, workers, students and members of the Armed Forces joined their ranks. The Arab Nationalists who are the predominant group in the Front are very jealous of their structural organization and hence they are their own decision-makers.³⁵

LEADERSHIP

The leadership of the Arab Nationalists Movement has displayed, from its inception in 1951 to the National Congress of 1964, a high degree of collegial unity and internal solidarity. The founding leaders of the Movement who were in complete control of the organization until the latter date

³⁴Ibid., p. 17.

³⁵Statement by Qahtan al-Sha'bi, personal interview, July 16, 1967.