

the defeat, and the third, though admitting the shortcomings of the old line, nevertheless did not single out those shortcoming as wholly responsible for the defeat. Instead, it put the emphasis on the superior forces facing the Arab nation. In any event, the mother organization was dismembered, and the old factions now emerged as independent political groups.

It is significant to note that the emerging groups which have outlived the mother organization such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PDFLP), the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Gulf, the Organization of the Lebanese Socialists, and the Arab Socialist Action Party, have all subscribed to Marxism-Leninism. This trend towards Marxism-Leninism may be attributed to the following factors:

1. The industrious work of a group of party members who have absorbed Marxist through. It is believed that such influential members as Muhsin-Ibrahim and Nayef al-Hawatmah, both members of the Political Bureau of the ANM, were utilizing Marxism as a tool of analysis as early as 1959.

2. The Nationalization Decrees of 1961 in the U.A.R. have singled out the bourgeoisie as a force inimical to the cause of unity.

3. The secession of Syria from the U.A.R. prompted by the feudal-bourgeois alliance emphasized the conviction held earlier that the bourgeois class cannot be trusted anymore.