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It was not necessarily true that all of ordinary citizens were looking at such dictators critically. On the contrary, some of them welcomed their dictators with applause. The people in the Arab world were disillusioned by corrupt monarchies and bored by the warfare which took place one after another after the World War II. They expected re-construction work by young military officers who tried to overthrow an old system (Ancien Regime). Association of Free Officers were organized not only in Egypt but also in Syria and Libya.

Poor but ambitious young guys who could not participate in higher education acquired the latest knowledge and skills in military academy. They also got the ability of leadership to attract colleagues. Dictators also used to pay great attention to gain popularity of the masses. It was not true that he was a dictator by birth. When he rose to the top, he agitated the people and grabbed the power before the people awoke what the real situation was.

The dictator absolutely would not give up the power once he got it. His inner circle might support the dictator and take the lion's share behind him. They could enjoy such privilege only during dictator's tenure. However, they were not so courageous to become dictators by themselves. They were acquainted with the fact that the status of dictators was fragile. In any case they would hope the boss to keep his position as long as possible.

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