

junta has dismantled Numeiri's "security apparatuses": 3,400 functionaries were arrested and 30-40,000 informers dismissed. Daily, mass assemblies of 5-20,000 meet to debate their situation.

But Sudan's economic problems remain. And at a political level, a number of forces threaten the gains that have been made the Muslim Brotherhood, the Army, the bourgeois parties and their foreign allies. The debate and experience on the left in this period, however, will be very important. It is likely to influence the socialist and workers movement and the movements of national liberation in the Middle East for some time to come.

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