

The history of The Ministry of Social affairs (1939-1981)

This is a study of the history of The Ministry of Social affairs from 1939-1981. I have divided this study into an introduction, 7 chapters, and a conclusion.

In the beginning I discussed social activities in the beginning of the 20th century. This was summarized into main points. The first point was the influence of the intellectual people on society. The second point was the establishment of charity organizations as to fulfill a part of the religious ministry in providing services to the society. I used some examples of these organizations to clarify the way that these organizations used to work at these times. I was careful to choose these samples, keeping in mind the variety of different activities and ideologies of these organizations.

I also discussed the influence of both World War one and the revolution in 1919 on the society from one side, and from another side the influence of the existence of new ideas on the social services as a result of these events. For example, a high committee was established to address social issues and the Egyptian foundations of social studies (1936). In the first chapter I discussed the circumstances under which the Ministry of Social Issues was established. I gave examples about the circumstances of the society and its economical and social condition after World War I and during World War II. Then I discussed the effect of establishing the ministry on the society in that very important stage of Egypt's history. Next, I discussed the historical development of the ministry during the monarchy, and then in the time of the July Revolution. I also discussed the part of the ministry during the social growth from 1971-1981 focusing on the infrastructure of the ministry during

that period. And finally, I discussed the part of those who established the ministry.

In the second chapter I discussed the role of the ministry in elevating the public ethics and arts. I brought up several major issues like prostitution, and I discussed the role of the Egyptian government and the Ministry of Social Affairs in minimizing prostitution and eliminating it. Also discussed was the effect the ministry had on Coffee shops and gambling, as well as the ministry taking charge of the arts. I discussed the ministry taking charge of the cinemas and public theatres and their ability to censor unethical material. Then I discussed the ministry's regulation of Egyptian radio. Next I discussed the Department of Welfare for Inmates and viewed that department since it joined with the Ministry of Social Affairs until the time they separated. I also discussed the matters of sports.

In the third chapter, I concentrated discussion on the relationship between The Department of Social Affairs and laborers. First I discussed the establishment of the workers unions to protect the workers and ensure their rights. Many different rules about union establishment were discussed. Second the economical and social status of the workers was considered. In that I talked about the problems of inflation that workers are confronted with. Then, I discussed the employment offices and their role in solving unemployment. Next, I talked about the different Egyptian committees and their role in helping the workers. After that, I discussed the most important rules and special legislation for the workers, and I summarized most of the rules during the period of workers benefits to the Ministry of Social Affairs.

I named the fourth chapter "the relationship between The Department of Social Affairs and Farmers". I discussed in it the

different stages of the farmer before and after the establishment of the ministry. I addressed various issues in it. Most importantly was the foundation of growth of Egyptian towns, and the project of the central societies. I also discussed the health condition of the farmers and renovation of towns and homes as well as necessitating town growth. I discussed the organizations that focused effort on the issues of the farmers. I focused on illiteracy and its effect on the farmer: socially, physiologically, and economically. Finally, I discussed irrigating the lands and the issue establishing property ownership.

In the fifth chapter I talked about the subject of cooperation historically, as well as social cooperation services and fighting poverty and cooperation seminars. Finally I discussed establishing cooperation and organization to trade in wholesale.

In the sixth chapter I discussed programs of social care, one of the most important being insurance. Also discussed were: programs of social security, emergency funds to aid in disaster relief, the programs to help the challenged, like the handicapped, and the organizations that donate their work to help the society.

Finally in the seventh chapter, I studied the Egyptian family, and I discussed the different issues that the Egyptian family faced, as well as the solutions to some of these issues. Also, I discussed the different legislations of divorce since the beginning of the 20th century until the end of my study period. Finally I showed the women's activity and its part in different aspects of life, general and political.

In my conclusion of the study I gave the results of the research and its recommendations and I put at the end of the research a bibliography. I clarified the most important references that I felt were the most important in my study.