

## Chapter 3

### THE JULY 23 REVOLUTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ARAB NATIONALISTS MOVEMENT

The July 23 Revolution has been called by many Arab nationalist groups, including the ANM, the mother revolution. Indeed the impact of the Egyptian Revolution on the ends and means of the Arab national movement was so great that every national party with a pan-Arab objective had at one time or another sought to ally its fortune to the fortune of the Nasser-led revolution. The ANM in particular was immensely influenced by the July 23 Revolution. However, its relationship to this revolution did not run on one continuum, rather it had its ups and downs. In this chapter an attempt will be made to draw the relationships between the ANM and the Egyptian Revolution through the different phases of their development:

Phase I (1952-1954) -- The ANM hailed the overthrow of the corrupt monarchy with its facade institutions and welcomed the land reform measures decreed by the revolutionary leaders soon after assuming power. However, it remained skeptical of the Egyptian military leaders for the following reasons:

1. Theoretically speaking the ANM was, at this time, against all forms of military interference in politics. It