

## Chapter 6

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The ANM was one of the streams of the Arab national movement whose initial aim was national unification and independence. Its establishment in the early 'fifties, represented the rejuvenation of the ideals and concepts of an earlier generation. In the manner of the older and now defunct Group of Arab Nationalists, whose activities between the two World Wars spread in all parts of the Fertile Crescent, the ANM gave clear priority to the issue of national unification over all other issues. The creation of a unified Arab state was looked upon, by the founders of the ANM, as the cardinal objective that would lead to the liberation of the usurped Arab lands and to the establishment of a better life for future generations.

The ANM grew out of Dr. Constantine Zurayk's study groups at the American University of Beirut. There its founding leaders were imbued with the abstract thought of the early school of Arab Nationalists. Hence, they paid only little attention to specific social and economic problems at this early stage.

The character of the early ANM was akin to the German university student groups who, a century earlier, had fought under the banners of union and freedom. In fact the Arab