

PREFACE

This is a descriptive and analytical study of the Arab Nationalists Movement (ANM). A distinction must be made between the Arab Nationalists Movement, which is the name of a particular political party, and the Arab national movement in general.

The ANM is one of the leading political parties in the Arab World and one of few with a pan-Arab scope and dimension. Yet, no comprehensive study has been made on the ANM, and what little has been published is not reliable.

The study of Arab political parties should be of concern to all students of Arab politics. Recent studies on the Muslim Brotherhood, the Arab Ba'th Socialist Party, the Syrian Social Nationalist Party, and various other political groups, have proved to be useful in understanding Arab politics. This study on the ANM should fill a gap; it will help to provide a better understanding of the politics of violence in the Arab World, and it will help to explain some present trends toward Marxism-Leninism.

In order to place the ANM in its right historical perspective, the author surveys in Chapter 1 the origins and development of the Arab national movement in general. Chapter 2 traces the origins and studies the development of the ANM. An attempt is also made to establish the