The Syrian National Party is a semi-Fascist group. El Solh incurred its bitter enmity when the party's leader, Anton Saadeh, was condemned for revolutionary activities in Lebanon and executed by a firing squad in 1949. Once before—in March 1950—a young premier of Lebanon was assassinated in Jordan.

July 16. (AP)—Riad el-Solh, premier of Lebanon, was assassinated today in a Middle Eastern street. He was 57, had just left Jordan's King Abdullah's hotel. There were no accomplices to the murder.