

Pointing to Israel as the United States' only dependable ally in the Middle East, Mrs. George Rossyn of Malden, Mass., a member of the National Board of Hadassah, declared here, Tuesday, that President Eisenhower's call for aid for that part of the world is too late and too indefinite.

Speaking at the annual Donors Luncheon of the Lewiston-Auburn Chapter of Hadassah at the Jewish Community Center, Mrs. Rossyn said, "We would welcome intervention, but feel it will serve no purpose if betrayed for oil, for immediacy, for a false Arab peace."

Israel, she stated, is holding aloft high standards which the West mouths and so frequently betrays. Knowing her tragic history, Jews in the United States realized that when she began warring with the Arabs it was the only course open to her.

"Israel feels strongly that Nasser would have been exposed and defeated had not Britain and France interfered in the Suez Canal crisis," declared Mrs. Rossyn.

Mrs. Rossyn urged that the United States use its prestige in the promotion of peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Referring to the arrival of thousands of Hungarian refugees in this country and to the censure bestowed on Russia for her behavior in Hungary, she reminded her listeners that nobody opened their doors to the refugees of Nazism.

"Is there a double standard? Is a Jewish life less sacred than others?" she asked.

The United States has no treaty with Israel, but Hadassah has a treaty that goes back centuries with Jews wherever they are, said the speaker. The task ahead of Hadassah women in America is single and hard, she continued; to prove to the Jews in Israel that they have allies who will help with gifts and moral support, who will work for peace, not appeasement.

Mrs. Joseph R. Wilner, general chairman of the luncheon, welcomed the Hadassah members and guests and expressed her appreciation to her assisting committees. A few words of greeting were also given by Mrs. A. L. Cohen, chapter president.

Following Mrs. Rossyn's talk,

a group of chapter members presented a highly entertaining musical skit, "Me and Sympathy," under direction of Mrs. Harold Miller, who also served as accompanist. The performers, garbed in blue blouses and dark skirts, poked fun musically at the constant parade of committee duties which keep Hadassah members busy from September to May. Their offerings in solo and group work consisting of special lyrics written to popular songs.

Mrs. Leroy Baker served as narrator, and the singers were Mrs. Leonard Bell, Mrs. Charles Chason, Mrs. A. L. Cohen, Mrs. Al Dolinger, Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Mrs. Arnold Goldblatt, Mrs. Leonard Meltzer, Mrs. Sheldon Nussinow, Mrs. Avron Persky, Mrs. Charles Polep, Mrs. Maynard Rosenberg, Mrs. Milton Wiener and Mrs. Herbert Shalek.

Mrs. Howard Salovitch had charge of properties; Mrs. Jack Schnitzer, stage arrangements; and Mrs. Edward Laine, make-up.

Many compliments were heard on the unusually lovely hall decorations arranged by Mrs. Schnitzer. The color scheme was pink, with large circular and spiked mobiles strung across the hall and the tables decorated with pink candles tied with pink bows. Centering the head table was a prettily arranged bouquet of pink flowers and beneath it a huge satin bow from which satin streamers extended to the ends of the table.

On the bows were the numerals 45 in gold, signifying the 45th anniversary of the National Hadassah organization. Dominating the stage was a large picture of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, and beside it a candle which was lighted by Mrs. Leonard Meltzer before she sang a special solo in observance of the anniversary. Mrs. Arthur Blatt led the group in general singing and introduced the skit.

The invocation and benediction were given by Rabbi Norman L. Zdanowitz and Rabbi David Berent, respectively. Favors for those attending were contained in cardboard replicas of a birthday cake.

This luncheon benefits the Hadassah Medical Organization, whose work was outlined in small folders at each place.