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**CHATting WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR**—Abba Eban, Israeli ambassador of the United States, is talking with other special guests prior to last night's dinner in Lewiston in honor of Auburn shoe manufacturer Philip W. Lown. Left to right, seated, are Gov. Edmund S. Muskie, Ambassador Eban, Supreme Court Justice Donald W. Webber of Auburn, and Mr. Lown. Standing are Rabbi Norman Zdanowitz of Beth Abraham Congregation, Nicholas J. Grossman of Lewiston, dinner chairman, and Dr. Charles F. Phillips, president of Bates College and dinner toastmaster.

## ISRAEL FACES FIGHT FOR LIFE

**Israel Minister Eban  
Addresses 400 at  
Lown Testimonial**

**Gov. Muskie, Other Notables  
Attend Banquet at Jewish  
Community Center**

**BY DAVID W. EHRENFRIED**

Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban, said last night he foresees no radical changes taking place in the Middle East situation in the near future.

Ambassador Eban, speaking at a testimonial dinner for Philip W. Lown, Auburn shoe manufacturer, said Israel's destruction is the major target of Egypt's President Nasser. "Nasser should leave Israel alone, for Israel will repel both political and territorial attacks," he told the 400 persons at the dinner.

Israel's supreme interest is peace while that of Nasser is expansion, Eban said. Israel could sympathize with Arab nationalism if it had moved peacefully toward bettering its own social and economic problems.

The present Arab nationalism "has turned its back on affirmative visions," said Ambassador Eban. Imperfections exist, such as the hatred of European powers.

U. S. policy toward Israel, he commented, is for the protection of that small country's territorial integrity. "An enduring friendship exists between the U. S. and Israel," he said as he cited the \$400 million in loans which this country has given to Israel in aid.

#### Need Power Balance

A strengthening of its economic power is Israel's central task. "Israel was not established to be an armed camp, but as an economic entity," Eban said.

The action taken by the Western powers against Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal is important to the development of Israel's maritime trade, Eban felt. "The maritime powers," he commented, "did not show zeal when Israel was obstructed from the use of the Suez Canal."

Noting the hazards experienced by the little country the past year, Eban said Soviet arms aid to Egypt destroyed the balance of power, and Israel had to face "the stark issues of physical survival" and "the danger of assault." The Western powers' contributions have brought back the balance, he said.

Israel, he added, needs tenacity and perseverance to keep its statehood.

Gov. Edmund S. Muskie, in introducing the Israeli ambassador, paid tribute to Lown and to the Israeli bond drive. The drive, he said, shows the country "has a profound belief in its future" rather than in the past.

#### Phillips Gets Laugh

Lawrence G. Laskey, chairman of the New England Region, State of Israel bond drive, followed Am-

after their withdrawal from the Middle East; the lack of altruism among the Arab countries; and the neglect of their internal conditions.

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### Own People Suffer

Eban also noted that Nasser, in his quest for power, is subjugating his own Arab people and is "fighting against Israeli peace, the sovereignty of other and against the Western powers."

In citing the need for Israel's survival, Eban said the "downfall of dictators is assured." Israel, he said, is second to none in surviving dictators and he noted the history of the Jewish people from the pharaohs to Hitler.

"Israel is now stronger than ever... and cannot cease its efforts to remain strong," the ambassador said. He expressed his gratitude to the American-Jewish people for their aid through the buying of Israeli Bonds. It was "a precious transference of economic strength."

Ambassador Eban will have a strong appeal for the American-Jewish people to support Israel by buying bonds.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Bates President Charles F. Phillips. He provoked a laugh from the audience during his introduction of Governor Muskie as he explained that Muskie's presence on the honor roll at each term of college at Bates proved that "one good term deserves another."

Lown, a former Lewiston resident who now lives at Newton, Mass., and the honored guest, was presented a plaque for his outstanding philanthropic efforts and his work in the United Jewish Appeal and on the Israel bond drive. Supreme Court Justice Donald W. Webber gave the testimonial address preceding the plaque presentation by Ambassador Eban. The presentation was acknowledged by Lown.

Nickolas J. Crossman, chairman of the Lown testimonial committee, made the opening remarks at the dinner and was later given a citation for his work. Mrs. Louis A. Green of Auburn was also cited for her work.

The banquet was opened with an invocation by Rabbi Norman S. Nowitz, and closed with Rab-

David Berant offering the benediction.