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Senator Herbert H. Lehman charged last night that the present Middle East crisis represents "bad seed" sowed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in his four years at the helm of American foreign policy.

Speaking at a rally sponsored by a newly organized Columbia University "Faculty and Administrative Staff Committee for Stevenson," Senator Lehman accused Mr. Dulles of "building up" the dictatorship of Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser in Egypt.

Asserting that the Secretary of State had ignored Communist penetration into the Middle East and Egyptian threats against Israel, the Senator said this encouraged Arab leaders to believe they could have their own way.

When the United States finally acted after "the situation had passed beyond control," he said, it tried to invoke international agreements against Israel "the one friend this country has in the Middle East."

The rally was held in Horace Mann auditorium on the Columbia campus. An enthusiastic audience of about 1,500 filled the seats and stood around the walls of the hall.

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