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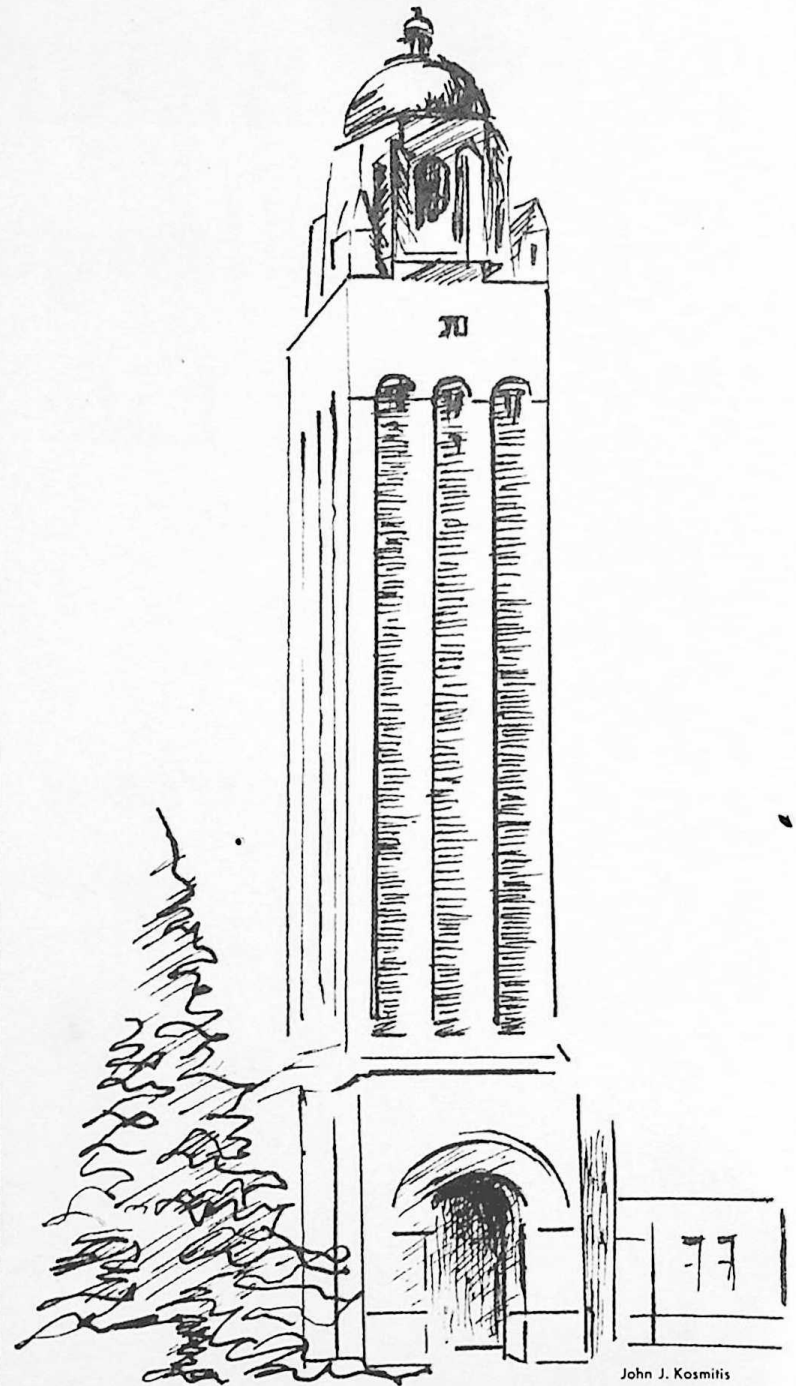
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P R E F A C E

HERBERT HOOVER: A Personal View

My warm and close friendship with President Herbert Hoover dates back to the day he visited Washington, shortly after I succeeded to the Presidency.


I was never among those who held President Hoover accountable for the economic disaster of the late 20's. And, while I did not see eye to eye with him on many of the basic domestic and foreign issues, I have held him in high respect as a devoted public servant and a great humanitarian.

It was in this higher calling that I was moved to invite him back into public service in the hope that he might resume the task of again feeding the hungry, in the wake of the frightful devastation visited on so many human beings in many parts of the world. I wanted to help restore as quickly as possible friend and foe alike to their normal lives and to peaceful pursuits.

President Hoover did not hesitate, nor did he weigh the matter of personal convenience and even hardships. He accepted at once. The meeting between him and me at the White House is now history. His work in feeding the hungry expressed the care and generosity of all Americans, regardless of political differences.

President Hoover and I have visited each other frequently and whenever either of us happened in the neighborhood of the other, we felt free to just drop in.

President Hoover helped in the dedication of the Library in Independence, Missouri, and I was glad to take part in the dedication of his Library at West Branch, Iowa. Briefly put, he was my friend and I was his.



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