The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, during his distinguished tenure of the high office of Governor of the State of New York, manifested great understanding and sympathy for the Republic of Czechoslovakia in the darkest hour of her history when that fair land was invaded by the Nazi hordes. Under his leadership UNRRA has rendered most valuable relief services to the people of Czechoslovakia, for which they will always be deeply grateful.

Herbert H. Lehman, an outstanding humanitarian, has been devoting much of his energies towards the achievement of permanent peace. For these efforts he has the appreciation and gratitude of the people of Czechoslovakia.

In view of the above, it gives me great pleasure to confer upon the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman the Order of the White Lion of the First Class.

Edvard Benes, m.p.
President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

(Signed) JAN MASARYK
January 17, 1947.