"To Herbert H. Lehman, first man of our people, Governor of our state, and Senator, you have wielded the power of high office for the betterment of mankind. Because of your striving toward the brotherhood of man, its goal approaches near to reality. You have honored and glorified the name of Israel.

"On this Passover, day of memorial for the deliverance of our people, we remember that you, too, are blessed, like Abraham of old, who withheld not his son from the altar of freedom, but gave him, your own heart's blood, in supreme sacrifice for human liberty. When the evil was overthrown, you, one of the driven and oppressed, were chosen, as by an act of God, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and comfort the distressed among all peoples. May the days of your years exceed the four score and ten, with the Grace of God and the love of all men."