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Biographical Sketch - Honorable Herbert H. Lehman

Herbert H. Lehman was born in New York City on March 28, 1878.

After leaving college, Mr. Lehman engaged in the textile manufacturing business. He became vice-president and treasurer of the J. Spencer Turner Compsny in 1906. In 1908 he became a partner in the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers of New York City, which was founded by his father and uncle.

He was commissioned a captain in the United States Army in 1917 and attained the rank of Colonel on the General Staff. He served as an assistant to General George Goethals. In 1919 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

On April 28, 1910 Mr. Lehman married Edith Altschul of San Francisco, California. They reside at 820 Park Avenue, New York City. His office is 41 East 57 Street. They had three children. The eldest, Peter, was a First Lieutenant in the Air Corps and was killed in the War. He was survived by a wife and two daughters. Their second son, John, served in the European Theatre during the war and became a Lieutenant Colonel. He is now employed with Lehman Brothers, New York City. Their daughter, Hilda Jane, served in the Army as a WAC in North Africa and Italy and is now residing in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Eugene Paul, and their daughter and infant son.

Mr. Lehman withdrew from business and entered public service in the fall of 1928.

He was elected Lieutenant Governor of New York State in 1928. In the November election of 1932 he was elected Governor. He served four terms, for ten years, as Governor, and at the end of 1942 he was appointed by President Roosevelt as Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations in the State Department at Washington. In 1943 Mr. Lehman was unanimously elected first Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (known as UNRRA) by the 44 nations which initially set up that organization. He served in this capacity until the spring of 1946. He has continued to be active in international work and is a member of the Public Advisory Board of the Economic Cooperation Administration and on the Board of the American Association for the United Nations.

The following colleges have conferred honorary degrees on Mr. Lehman: (M.A., LL.D) Williams College; (LL.D) New York University, Oglethorpe University, Hamilton College, St. Bonaventure's College, Alfred University, Niagara University, Syracuse University, Fordham University, Jewish Theological Seminary; (H.L.D.) Dropsie College, Hebrew Union College, Yeshiva College; (LL.D. and Phi Beta Kappa) Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Mr. Lehman has long been an active figure in the philanthropic circles of the country. He is an active officer and director of many civic, philanthropic, religious and educational organizations. Among these are the following;

Trustee,	New York University Law Center Foundation
Trustee,	Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
Director,	Henry Street Settlement
"	Visiting Nurse Service of New York
"	National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.
"	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
"	Palestine Economic Corporation
"	Woodrow Wilson Foundation
"	Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation
Co-Chairman,	United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York