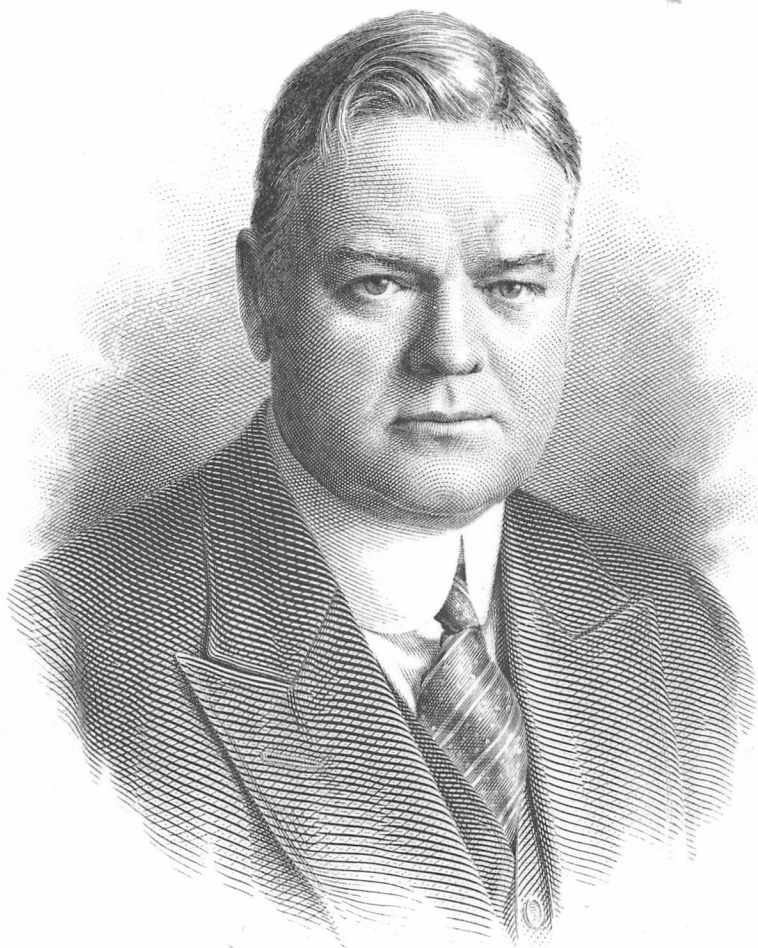


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31. HERBERT CLARK HOOVER

"The Grand Old Man"

1929 — 1933

Republican

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| Birthdate: August 10, 1874 | Married: Lou Henry |
| Birthplace: West Branch, Iowa | Children: Two |
| Education: Stanford, 1895 | Died: October 20, 1964 |
| Occupation: Mining Engineer | Place of Death: New York, New York |
| Home State: California | Place of Burial: Westwood, California |

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Thirty-sixth

Vice-President: Charles Curtis

EVENTS IN HOOVER'S LIFE

- 1896-1914 — Mining engineer
- 1914-1920 — European relief coordinator
- 1921-1928 — Secretary of Commerce under Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge
- 1928 — Elected to the presidency
- 1932 — Defeated in bid for re-election by Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 1945-1947 — Relief coordinator under Harry Truman
- 1947-1949 — Chaired the Commission on Organization of Executive Branch under Truman
- 1953-1955 — Chaired the Commission on Government Operations under Dwight Eisenhower

EVENTS DURING HOOVER'S PRESIDENCY

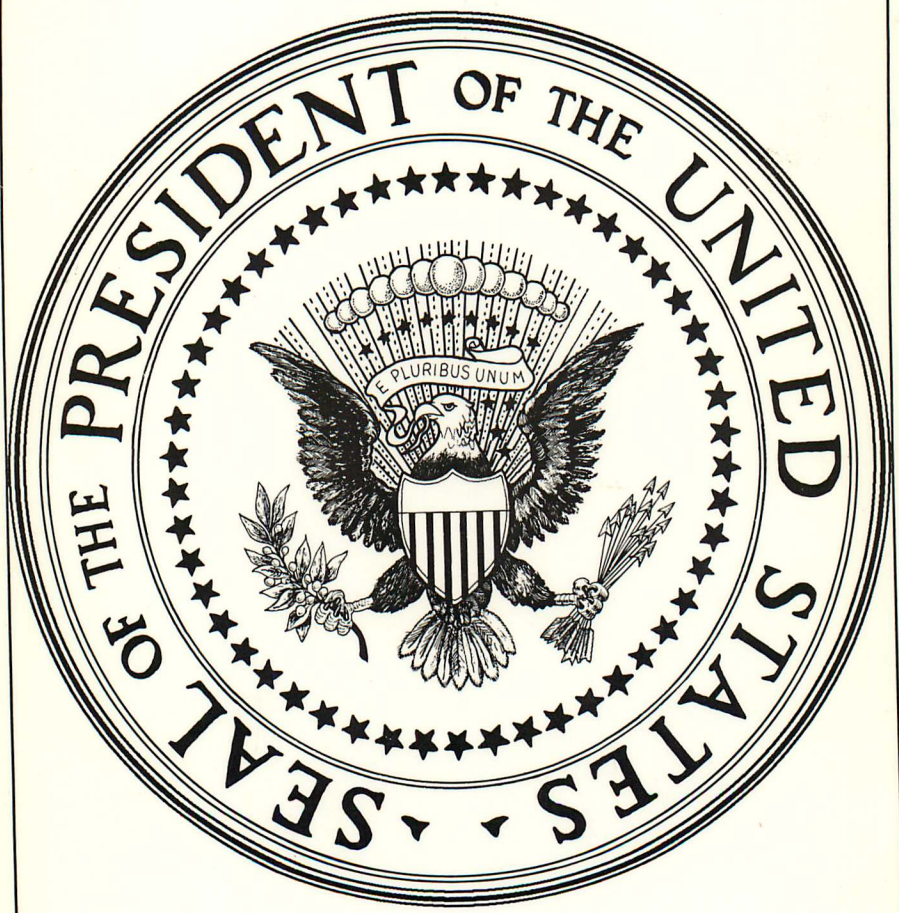
- 1929 — Wall Street stock market crashes, starting the Great Depression. First Blue Cross health insurance program is established. Agricultural Marketing Act is passed. Thomas Wolfe publishes *Look Homeward, Angel*. Erich Maria Remarque publishes *All Quiet on the Western Front*.
- 1930 — Smoot-Hawley Tariff raising duties on imported goods is enacted. Grant Wood paints *American Gothic*. Veterans Administration is established by Congress.
- 1931 — "Star-Spangled Banner" is officially adopted as the United States national anthem. Empire State Building, tallest in the world, is completed. Japan invades and occupies Manchuria.
- 1932 — Reconstruction Finance Corporation is established to rebuild U.S. economy. Aldous Huxley publishes *Brave New World*. The atom is split for the first time by Ernest Walton and Sir John Cockcroft.
- 1933 — Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany. Twentieth Amendment revising date for presidential inauguration is passed.

"Our whole system of self-government will crumble either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil for disregard of some law is that it destroys respect for all law." 1929



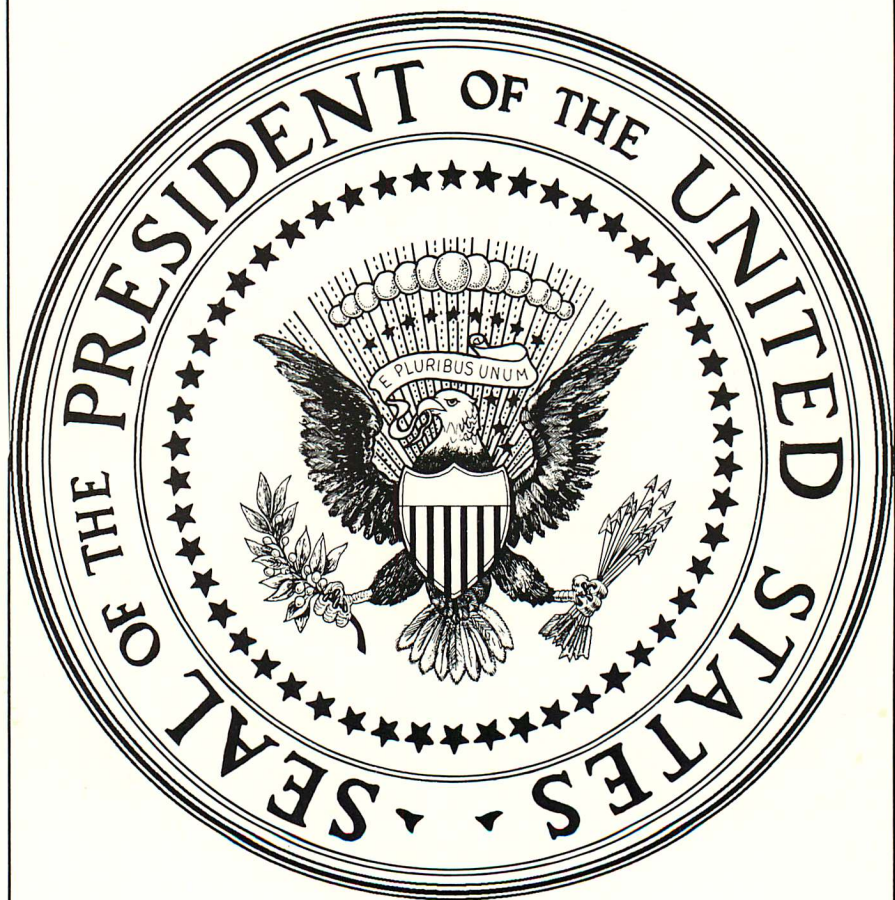
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33. HARRY S TRUMAN

"The Man from Independence"
1945 — 1953
Democrat

Birthdate: May 8, 1884 Married: Elizabeth Wallace, 1919
Birthplace: Lamar, Missouri Children: One
Education: Kansas City Died: December 26, 1972
 Law School Place of Death: Kansas City, Mo.
Occupation: Haberdasher Place of Burial: Independence, Mo.
Home State: Missouri

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Fortieth and Forty-first
Vice-President: Alben William Barkley (1949-1953)

EVENTS IN TRUMAN'S LIFE

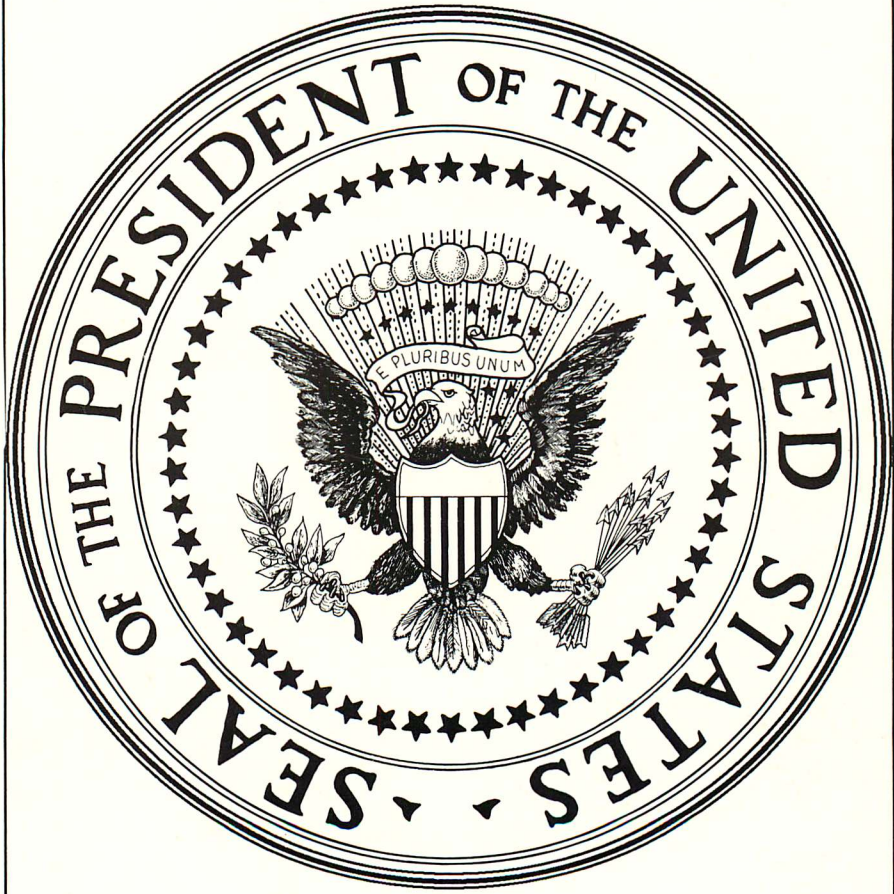
- 1906-1917 — Farmer
- 1917-1919 — Served in the Army in World War I
- 1919-1922 — Owned a haberdashery in Kansas City
- 1922-1924 — Judge of Jackson County, Mo.
- 1926-1934 — Presiding Judge of Jackson County, Mo.
- 1935-1945 — U.S. Senator from Missouri
- 1945 — Vice-President under Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 1945 — Succeeded to the presidency on the death of Roosevelt
- 1948 — Elected to the presidency
- 1950 — Assassination attempt was made by Collazo and Torresola

EVENTS DURING TRUMAN'S PRESIDENCY

- 1945 — U.S. uses the atomic bomb against Japan.
Germany and Japan surrender, ending World War II.
U.S. military is integrated by Executive Order.
- 1946 — United Nations meets for the first time.
Fulbright Fellowship Program for international scholars is begun.
- 1947 — Taft-Hartley Act, restricting the power of unions, is enacted.
The Dead Sea Scrolls are discovered at Qumran.
Jackie Robinson becomes the first black major-league baseball player.
- 1948 — The nation of Israel is established.
Ferdinand Porsche builds the first Porsche 356 sports car.
The transistor is invented in the Bell Laboratories.
- 1950 — Communist North Korea invades South Korea, beginning the Korean War.
First Xerox photocopy machine is produced.
- 1951 — General MacArthur is dismissed as U.S. commander in Korea.
Twenty-second Amendment, limiting the President to two terms, is ratified.
- 1952 — First hydrogen bomb is exploded by the U.S.
Jonas Salk develops a vaccine against polio.

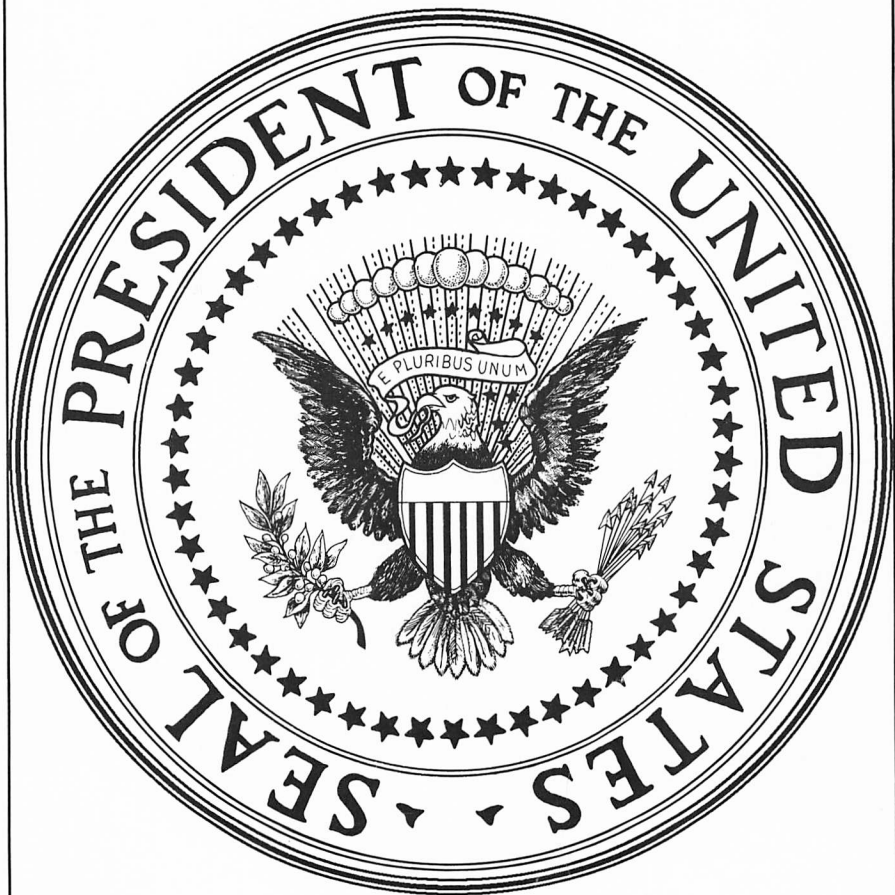
"Communism is based on the belief that man is so weak and inadequate that he is unable to govern himself, and therefore requires the rule of strong masters. Democracy is based on the conviction that man has the moral and intellectual capacity, as well as the inalienable right, to govern himself with reason and justice."

1949



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34. DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

"Ike"

1953 — 1961

Republican

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| Birthdate: October 14, 1890 | Married: Mamie Geneva Doud, 1916 |
| Birthplace: Denison, Texas | Children: Two |
| Education: West Point, 1915 | Died: March 28, 1969 |
| Occupation: Soldier | Place of Death: Washington, D.C. |
| Home State: Kansas | Place of Burial: Abilene, Kansas |

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Forty-second and Forty-third

Vice-President: Richard Milhous Nixon

EVENTS IN EISENHOWER'S LIFE

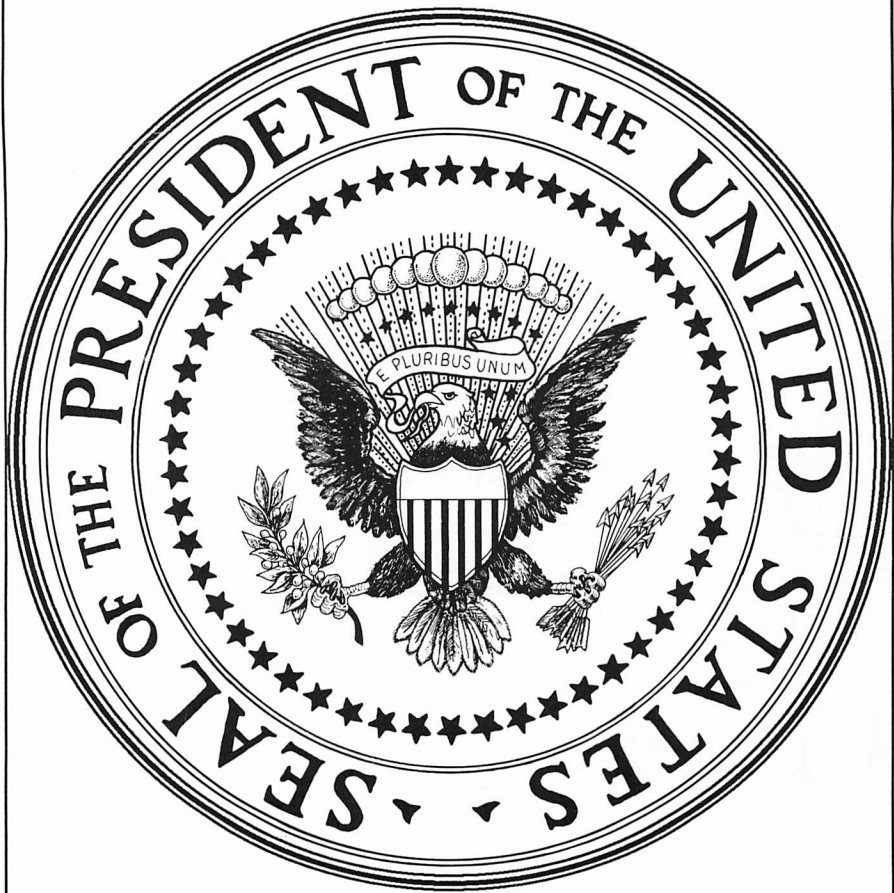
- 1915-1935 — U.S. Army officer in several positions
- 1932-1939 — Aide to General Douglas MacArthur
- 1942 — Allied Commander in Chief for the invasion of Africa
- 1943-1945 — Supreme Allied Commander in Europe
- 1945-1948 — Army Chief of Staff
- 1948-1950 — President of Columbia University
- 1951-1952 — Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 1952 — Elected to the presidency
- 1956 — Re-elected to the presidency

EVENTS DURING EISENHOWER'S PRESIDENCY

- 1953 — Joseph Stalin dies after 25 years as Soviet leader.
Korean armistice is signed.
- 1954 — Supreme Court rules that segregation is unconstitutional.
First under-four-minute mile is run by Roger Bannister.
Elvis Presley makes his first commercial recording at the age of 19.
- 1955 — Rosa Parks refuses to give her bus seat to a white man.
Disneyland opens in southern California.
- 1956 — Soviet troops invade and occupy Hungary and Poland.
Federal Highway Act is passed, starting the interstate highway system.
- 1957 — Eisenhower Doctrine, defending the Middle East, is announced.
Soviet Union launches the first man-made earth satellite.
U.S. Civil Rights Commission is established.
- 1958 — European Common Market is established.
- 1959 — Alaska is admitted to the Union as the 49th state.
Hawaii is admitted to the Union as the 50th state.
Fidel Castro comes to power as dictator of Cuba.
- 1960 — U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers is shot down over the Soviet Union.
First laser is developed by U.S. scientists.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

1961



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