

PROCEEDINGS ON THE DEATH OF  
MR. HERBERT HOOVER.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1964.

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Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE CLARK, MR. JUSTICE HARLAN, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, and MR. JUSTICE GOLDBERG.

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Mr. Solicitor General Cox addressed the Court as follows:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE:

It is with sadness that I inform the Court of the death, late this morning, of Herbert Hoover, the thirty-first President of the United States. He served his country unstintingly and with great distinction both before and after, as well as during, his Presidency. His death, while not wholly unanticipated, will be a shock not only to his fellow countrymen but also to millions of people in other lands whose suffering after the ravages of war he did so much to ease.

I move that the Court do now recess as a mark of respect to the memory of the former President.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Mr. Solicitor General:

It is with sadness that the Court receives from you the news of the passing of this great American.

President Hoover had a long and purposeful life—one of dedicated service to this Nation and to the world.

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People of every race on every continent of the earth are indebted to him for alleviating much of their suffering which resulted from the two most devastating wars in history.

I am sure they, too, will mourn his passing, as we do.

It is appropriate that you, Mr. Solicitor General, should make this motion, and the Court takes some consolation from the fact that it can, in granting it, pay its respect and veneration to his memory. Accordingly, the Court will transact no further business today and will stand adjourned until tomorrow.