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## President Lauds Hoover

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WASHINGTON, May 4 — President Nixon paid the nation's final tribute to J. Edgar Hoover today, calling him a giant, a "legend" during much of his long life and an American institution.

The President, delivering the funeral oration at services held at the National Presbyterian Church for the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that the "bureau he built to last" over 48 years would be his real memorial.

Mr. Hoover, found dead in his home Tuesday at the age of 77, was buried in historic Congressional Cemetery beside the graves of his parents and a sister who died in infancy. It is only a few blocks from where he was born on Capitol Hill.

The American flag that had covered Mr. Hoover's coffin while he lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda was given to Clyde A. Tolson, his closest friend. Mr. Tolson, 71 years old, who resigned yesterday as

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Laird and Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, arrived just before the service began. Vice President Agnew and his wife preceded them.

One of the earliest public figures to be ushered in was Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. For 20 minutes she sat in the front pew, alone and still, until she was joined by the President and Mrs. Nixon and L. Patrick Gray 3d, whom the President named yesterday as the F.B.I.'s acting director, and his wife.

### A Call to the Ministry

In his opening remarks, Dr. Elson recalled that Mr. Hoover had thought as a young man of becoming a minister. He said that his friend had "struggled in the depth of his being over a call to enter the ministry of the church or to give his life to the legal profession."

"Our loss of a clergyman in the church has been the great gain of the legal profession and a lifetime of devoted service to the public," Dr. Elson said.

After the Lord's Prayer, the Army Chorus of 25 men in gold-ribbed black tunics rose in the chancel. Their voices rang out, without accompaniment, in "How Firm a Foundation" sung to the tune of "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful."

Dr. Elson read the 46th and 23d Psalms and eight selections from the New Testament. Then President Nixon moved slowly to the lectern.

He called the day one of sadness but also one of pride in "one of the giants" of America.

"America's pride has always been its people," Mr. Nixon said, "a people of good men and women by the millions, of great men and women of remarkable numbers, and, once in a long while, of giants who stand head and shoulders above their countrymen, setting a high and noble standard for us all."

"J. Edgar Hoover was one of the giants."

### 'Institution in Own Right'

"America has revered this man not only as the director of an institution, but as an institution in his own right. While eight Presidents came and went, while other leaders of morals and manners and opinion rose and fell, the director stayed at his post."

In the eulogy, the President

## Pimlico Plans a Race In Honor of Hoover

BALTIMORE, May 4 (UPI)

— Pimlico Race Course announced today that it would name a handicap or stakes race during the 1973 season in honor of J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover had appeared in the winner's circle at Pimlico every year for a quarter of a century to make the trophy presentation of the \$50,000-added Dixie Handicap.

He was scheduled to present the award at the 71st running of the Dixie May 13. Track officials said flags would be flown at half staff that day.

said that "the trend of permissiveness in this country, a trend which Edgar Hoover fought against all of his life, a trend which has dangerously eroded our national heritage as a law-abiding people, is now being reversed."

"The American people today are tired of disorder, disruption and disrespect for law," he continued. "America wants to come back to the law as a way of life."

When he had finished, Mr. Nixon stood with Dr. Elson for a long moment before the flag-draped coffin, then returned to his pew.

The benediction was pronounced, the young military pallbearers moved slowly up the aisle and slowly bore the coffin away, followed by the Government dignitaries, the diplomatic corps and finally by the public. The congregation today numbered 2,000.

The motorcade of the hearse and 10 limousines, carrying only friends and the few survivors in the family of Mr. Hoover, a bachelor, sped across Washington with a motorcycle escort.

He was buried next to a simple marble marker inscribed: "Dickerson N. Hoover, 1856-1921; Annie M., his wife, 1860-1938; Sadie Marguerite, 1890-1893."

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associate director of the F.B.I., appeared bewildered and enfeebled as he was led away from the grave to a limousine.

Minutes after the brief ceremony at the cemetery, was over neighborhood children pilfered flowers given in memory of the nation's most feared law enforcer and carried them away jubilantly.

### High Officials Attend

Mr. Hoover's body was taken from the Capitol to the church in far Northwest Washington this morning. He had been a parishioner there for many years and a friend of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, who is also the Senate chaplain.

High Government officials streamed into the modern white stone building until the final seconds before the 11 A.M. service.

Among those near the front were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Associate Justice Byron R. White, Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Also, Gerald R. Ford, the Republican leader of the House; Frank L. Rizzo, Mayor of Philadelphia; Presidential advisers Robert H. Finch and George P. Shultz and Treasury Secretary John B. Connally.

Defense Secretary Melvin R.