

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal  
and  
Citation of Merit  
1967 Recipient**



**Harold Howe II '36  
1918-2002**

Graduate of Taft in the Class of 1936, you began your Taft career as a faculty brat when your distinguished father was chaplain and assistant headmaster. At Yale you are remembered as the most respected member of the Class of 1940. After wartime service in the Navy you served in many secondary schools, first at Andover and then in several outstanding public school systems, from which you went on to launch the Learning Institute in North Carolina. Simultaneously a trustee of Vassar and a fellow of the Yale Corporation, you seem to foreshadow the shape of things to come. With your qualities of discrimination, wisdom, and sophistication, you have served Taft well as a trustee. Now a commissioner, you preside over the highly complex and hazardous United States Office of Education, where your administrative skill, your resolute devotion to duty, and your outspoken affirmation of what you believe to be right have won you tremendous respect. Your fellow alumni salute you with confidence, admiration, and affection and take pride in awarding you the Alumni Citation of Merit.