

SHEER FORCE OF CHARACTER AND NATURAL ABILITY. LATER, IN TIME OF PEACE, THESE SAME GREAT QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP COMPELLED THE RESPECT AND COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP OF ALL WITH WHOM HE CAME IN CONTACT, FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS AND POST COMMANDERS AT FORT SILL, AND TEXANS OF SUCH STATURE AS CHARLES GOODNIGHT AND BURK BURNETT, TO PRESIDENTS WILLIAM McKINLEY AND THEODORE ROOSEVELT. HAVING GIVEN HIS HAND IN PEACE, QUANAH DEVOTED THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE TO HIS PEOPLE'S WELFARE. HE CONSTANTLY INSPIRED THEM TO GREATER EFFORTS IN TAKING UP THE NEW WAY OF LIFE--IN LEARNING TO PLOW FIELDS AND PLANT WHEAT AND BUILD HOUSES AND RAISE CATTLE AND SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL. HE WAS ABLY AIDED IN HIS WORK BY THE KIOWA AND ALLIED CHIEFS, WHO SAT WITH HIM ON THE INDIAN COURT AND ACCOMPANIED HIM TO WASHINGTON TO DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF THEIR PEOPLE AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ENDEAVORS AND THOSE OF THEIR FELLOW TRIBESMEN IS EVIDENT TODAY. THE COMANCHES, KIOWAS, APACHES, AND ASSOCIATED TRIBES HAVE BECOME VITAL FORCES IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND CHIEF QUANAH'S DESCENDANTS AND KINSMEN REPRESENT SOME OF THE BEST CITIZENSHIP OF THE SOUTHWEST.

NOR MUST WE NEGLECT TO PAY DUE HOMAGE TO CHIEF QUANAH'S MOTHER, CYNTHIA ANN PARKER, A TEXAN. HER DEEP, UNFAILING DEVOTION TO HER CHILDREN AND QUANAH'S DEVOTION TO HER IS A PART OF SOUTHWEST HISTORY AND AMERICAN TRADITION. SHE IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF MOTHERHOOD IN ADVERSITY EVERYWHERE. INDIAN MOTHERS IN THE SAME SPIRIT HAVE GIVEN THEIR SONS IN DEFENSE OF OUR LIBERTY IN TWO GREAT WORLD WARS. THE COMANCHES, THE KIOWAS, AND KINDRED TRIBES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUPERB WARRIORS. INDIAN SOLDIERS ARE AMONG