

FOREWORD

The Mineralogical Society of America on November 8 and 9, 1969, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The celebration included the presentation of three special symposia, with Harry H. Hess of Princeton University as chairman of the symposia committee. He personally organized the sessions for a symposium on the *Mineralogy and Petrology of the Upper Mantle*. A symposium on *Sulfides* was organized by Gunnar Kullerud of the Geophysical Laboratory, and a symposium on the *Mineralogy and Geochemistry of Non-Marine Evaporites* was organized by Blair F. Jones of the U. S. Geological Survey. After the untimely death of Harry Hess at Woods Hole, Massachusetts on August 25, 1969, George Faust, convener of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration asked E. F. Osborn of The Pennsylvania State University to assume the chairmanship of the committee on symposia and the sessions on the *Mineralogy and Petrology of the Upper Mantle*. At the same time, I was asked to edit the papers submitted by the speakers for this volume. It has been a great personal pleasure for me to aid in the realization of this project with which my former professor and friend Harry Hess had been so closely associated.

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