

His weekly radio broadcasts, although delivered in poor, halting Korean, were eagerly listened to by millions of the Koreans not only of South Korea, but of the North as well. They were full of terse, common-sense wisdom. His contacts with the people were not limited to his radio talks alone. Not a day passed without his speaking before several gatherings. On all these occasions his talks were either on moral or a practical topics. His favorite utterances were: "Right makes might, not might the right," and "Earn your daily bowl of rice instead of chasing after the stars."

Despite his repeated statements to the effect that he was not interested in any political position in Korea, thousands upon thousands of his admirers persisted in urging him to run for the Presidency of the Republic of Korea. Hundreds of organizations, political, religious, educational, and civic, sent in their petitions to him informing him that one short sentence, "I will accept the position if offered," would result in his election by a landslide. All those who thus urged him to be a Presidential candidate had to approach him in utmost secrecy, of course, for they were well aware that in the event Dr. Jaisohn positively declined the position and someone else was elected, their lot would become most unfortunate. Some political leaders, aroused by his popularity, sought to stem the growing clamor for his candidacy by spreading the rumor that only a handful of disreputable individuals promoted him. The truth was that the majority of the members of the newly elected National Assembly called on him secretly and tried to persuade him to run. Over two-thirds of the high officials of the South Korean Interim Government, which functioned as the Korean counterpart of the U.S. Army Military Government in Korea, had favored Dr. Jaisohn. Two of the Big Three in Korea at the time, Kim Koo and Kimm Kiusic, while eliminating themselves from the race, gave their silent blessing to those who sought to per-

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