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**Letter, General C. B. Ferenbaugh to Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Invitation to Syngman Rhee to speak at a ground-breaking ceremony for Eighth Army Memorial Hospital.

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HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY (FORWARD)  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL  
APO 301, San Francisco, California

18 April 1955

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Dear President Rhee:

It is my privilege to extend to you an invitation to attend the ground-breaking ceremony symbolizing the start of construction on the Eighth Army Memorial Chest Hospital. The ceremony is scheduled for 1400 hours, 23 April, on the grounds of the Chosun Christian University of Seoul.

The hospital is an AFAK project and will be dedicated as a memorial to the service of the Eighth United States Army in Korea.

We will be greatly honored if you would address the guests attending the ceremony. A schedule of events is inclosed. Due to the extremely short time permitted to us for arranging the program we have taken the liberty of listing you as the principal speaker. We sincerely hope that this meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

C. B. FERENBAUGH  
Lt General, USA  
Deputy Army Commander

Incl:  
Program

His Excellency, Syngman Rhee  
President, Republic of Korea  
Seoul, Korea



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR EIGHTH ARMY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Eighth Army Band provides music as guests arrive.

PROGRAM

- |  |                               |   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Invocation:<br>Eighth Army Chaplain   | 1 min                         |   |
| 2. SMP & Severance Choir Sing two Songs  | 6 min                         |   |
| 3. Brief History of Severance, Union Medical College and Hospital:<br>Dr. Kim, President   | 5 min (including translation) |   |
| 4. Description of the New Facility (why it is needed and what it will accomplish):<br>Dr. Weiss, (Surgeon) and Dr. Y.S. Lee, (Superintendent)  | 5 min                         | " |
| 5. Brief remarks by Dr. George C. Paik, President Chosun Christian University (welcoming Severance to new site):   | 4 min                         | " |
| 6. Remarks:<br>General Lemnitzer   | 10 min                        | " |
| 7. Groundbreaking Ceremony:<br>Colonel Wilson<br>General Disney<br>General Lemnitzer<br>Dr. Kim<br>Dr. Weiss<br>US Soldier from SMP<br>* Gen Lemnitzer shovels one spadeful of earth | 10 min                        | " |
| 8. Remarks and Prayer: Bishop H. K. Lew  | 6 min                         | " |
| 9. Remarks:<br>President Rhee  | 10 min                        | " |
| 10. ROK and US National Anthems: Eighth Army Band  | 4 min                         |   |
| 11. Benediction:<br>Korean Minister  |                               |   |

(Eighth Army Band plays recessional as guests depart)

Each event announced in English and Korean languages over public address system from hidden mike.