

## THE KOREA VETERANS MEMORIAL

But, there is another, greater Memorial to our service then—and since.

The Republic of Korea today is itself a memorial to American and Korean sacrifices which is written not in stone but on living hearts in our flesh and blood, and as such is the Supreme Korean War Veterans Memorial. For this reason, if no other, we must take every measure, devise and carry out every plan, and work until we can work no longer to build up, then build up again, and then again, our Mutual Alliance.

Should our Alliance fail, grow gray, then feeble, then on life support, and finally disappear, then I suggest to you that something of our mutual National bodies will have died. Something which has energized us to accomplish the best there is through the past few years will have been excised. And, just as surely as our physical bodies will perish when the heart is ripped from them, the very essence of mutual accomplishment shall leave us, orphans as it were, to try to make our individual ways--rather than the Allied way--in a hostile world.

Korea is great not because the USA is great; the USA is better, or great, because Korea is great. That is the kind of relationships we have between ourselves and the ROK, my fellow veterans of Korea. We must preserve, defend, and ever build higher our relationship.

*Louis T Dechert*  
**THIS WE'LL DEFEND!**

