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**John F. Weber, 'Thinking of Syngman Rhee'**

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**Summary:**

John Weber's poem "Thinking of Syngman Rhee" as sent to Syngman Rhee by Harry Weber.

**Original Language:**

English

**Contents:**

Original Scan

**THINKING OF SYNGMAN RHEE**

by

**John F. Weber**

(Born Jan. 16, 1875; Died July 2, 1954)

This rough, uncorrected, pencilled poetic musing was found among miscellaneous papers on a stand in the living room where he died the day following his death. He had anxiously looked for information from Korea while his son was there and some of it he compiled to appear in the local newspaper. He had hoped one day to meet President Rhee. His son presented this "poetic thought" to His Excellency on his visit to Washington D.C. 7/29/54

Son Harry said it was a treat  
And great pleasure, Syngman Rhee to meet  
One thing made him glad  
To be the same age as his Dad

The way each spent his boyhood days  
Were so much different in many ways  
That would not be hard to understand  
Two distant countries, It was Planned

Every one is meant to fill his place  
Such varied environments each has to face  
The same Loving Father to guide their feet  
No matter what difficulties they had to meet

For some purpose every man was given life  
So must carry on through turmoil and strife  
After we have done what we have known best  
We are Promised a better Home for Rest

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