

## The Draft of the Constitution Tells

Many heart-warming stories are written on each page of the history of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that tell the wise leadership of President **Kim Il Sung**, who built a genuine country for the people, whose master is the people themselves, and wisely led it so that it could serve people faithfully.

The following is one those numerous stories.

One day in September Juche 37 (1948) the Constitution Committee met in the conference hall of the then People's Committee of North Korea to deliberate the Constitution of the DPRK.

The meeting was held in the way of informing the committee members of the draft Constitution to be submitted to the deliberation of the Supreme People's Assembly of Korea article by article and asking their opinions.

As the deliberation got intensified, many suggestions were raised and the debate got more and more heated.

**Kim Il Sung**, carefully listening to each suggestion, gave answers to wrong views with a close-knit argument and explanation.

When the issue on the cultural life was being discussed, a member stood up and suggested adding in the draft an article on removing the chains of outdated conventions while giving an example.

**Kim Il Sung** said: The conventions are outdated customs handed down from olden times; as people have been accustomed to them in the course of long life, it is

difficult to remove their chains; they cannot be removed by such compulsory measures as law and order; we should encourage the people to free themselves from them by making them gradually realize their harmfulness; our nation is a resourceful people, who have created a time-honored history and culture, so they would reject the conventions without the help of legal sanctions and create a progressive and civilized new life while being awakened in the course of building a new Korea to the injustice of the outdated conventions handed down from the past.

The member who made the suggestion got flushed.

He realized that he had been fallen into national nihilism of losing sight of the excellent merits of his nation and regarding them as an outdated and backward people.

Looking at him, **Kim Il Sung** continued that we should take into consideration the fact that adding such an article into the Constitution might cause hindrance in ensuring its faithfulness to the people.

As his ennobling view on the people is embodied in each article of the Constitution like this, all the Korean people say that **Kim Il Sung** was a peerlessly great man endowed with affection for and trust in the people.