



# The Chang Moo Kwan



**ABOVE:** Participants of the first promotion test in 1948 in the Ministry of Tae Kwon Do department. **LEFT:** The committee to create a name for a new Korean martial art (Tae Kwon Do). Grandmaster Lee and General Choi are two of the dignitaries present at the event.

“...Korean Kwan instructors claimed heritage to Taek Kyon, the only Korean style that was practiced during the colonial occupation.”

social dilemma developed when thousands arrived in the Korean cities and towns. The practice of not acknowledging another person did not change even though there were so many trying to live in the towns and cities. As a consequence of this practice, the towns and cities became extremely hostile places to live and to find work since no one was being hospitable. Crime, hunger and vandalism spread everywhere.

Practitioners of organized martial arts in the cities and towns were looked at by the police as unofficial deputies. The Chang Moo Kwan and its members helped to provide safety on the streets of cities like Seoul. The American military remained in Japan after the war with presence in both Tokyo and Okinawa. They were there to assure that whatever government that was re-established in Japan remained free from the radical imperial movement that brought war across Asia for 75 years. As Japan was rebuilding its government and cities, members of the Japanese mili-

**BELOW:** After the third promotion test for Yongsan High School students at the Chang Moo Kwan headquarters in 1957.

