

Seeks Taiwan presidency

Formosan stumps U.S. for support

SUNNYVALE — Dr. Kuo Yu-hsin of Taiwan said here Saturday he is challenging the son of the late Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the presidency of Nationalist China.

Kuo, 69, an independent political figure, said he is touring the United States to elicit the "moral support" of the American Taiwanese community in his bid to defeat Chiang Ching-kuo in the March election.

Speaking at a rally here sponsored by the Northern California Formosan Federation, Kuo said he has not officially announced his candidacy in his homeland because he fears harassment by assemblers in the

ruling Kuomintang Nationalist Party.

Kuo, a non-party contender, said he is circulating a petition among assemblers in Taiwan in hopes of garnering enough signatures to place his name on the March ballot.

"Knowing the oppressive policy of the KMT (Kuomintang Nationalist Party), my strategy is to try to get 100 national assemblers to sign a petition and sponsor me as a candidate," he said through an interpreter.

Kuo said that the country's president should be elected by a direct vote of the people rather than by the assemblers. He also advocates

- Freedom of speech and freedom of the press which are guaranteed by the constitution.

- The guarantee of the formation of political parties.

- The release of political prisoners.
- The abolition of martial law that was imposed upon the people of Taiwan since 1949.

"We appeal to the people and government of the United States and peoples and governments of all nations in the world that the will of our people should not be ignored in the approach to the solution of international problems involving Taiwan," he said.

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Kuo Yu-hsin addresses Formosan group in Sunnyvale — Staff photo