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It was 197 years ago today when a brave group of men joined forces in Philadelphia to place their names to the greatest living document ever created by man. In signing the Declaration of Independence, these men pledged everything, including their lives to win freedom from the repressive rule of King George of England.

This brought about the revolution and in spite of all the odds being against them, they won. And it was this hard-earned victory which brought the United States of America into being.

Today we observe the 197th anniversary of the signing of this great document, the Declaration of Independence. Never forget that all-important title given to a creation which has made America the greatest country and our form of government the finest in the history of mankind.

And as you observe this important occasion and give a silent prayer for the blessings made possible by what happened 197 years ago, think a little about what is happening in the nations of the world.

Know that there is a force in existence which is determined to change "independence" to "interdependence." It is the force pushing for a one-world government and planetary citizenship to replace your United States citizenship. It is a devious force which is preying on the minds of our young citizens to have them accept the false promises of a better world if there is just one government.

They are selling the idea of a one-world government on the thesis all nations are interdependent upon one and another. But this is the smoke-screen behind which they are hiding the real purpose of one-world government, that of leveling off the standard of living of all the peoples of the world. But this will not be the standard which we enjoy today.

Look about you on the world scene. One by one, nations are being taken over by dictators. Uruguay and Chile last week were the latest to have all personal freedoms wiped out by a single stroke of the pen abolishing the countries' constitutions.

Uruguay and Chile are the latest since the Philippine gov-

ernment became a dictatorship within this past year. Others where the peoples have no privileges include South Korea, Brazil, Bolivia, Red China, Paraguay, Ecuador, Peru, Cuba and all the Iron Curtain countries now under the thumb of the Soviet Union. More than two-thirds of the peoples of the world are slaves to dictators.

In America, we still have our freedoms. But what all of us must begin to realize, in the face of what's happening to freedom all over the world, is the fact the Declaration of Independence does not protect our freedoms. It only guarantees these freedoms. It is left up to each of us to protect them if we want to enjoy them.

As you enjoy the parade today which symbolizes the great sacrifices made by those brave men prior to and after 1776, or the fireworks which emblazes in the sky their determination to be free men, think of what America has made possible for you by your living in freedom.

Does the American Heritage mean anything to you? Would you be willing to repeat what our Founding Fathers did if you had this choice to make today? Do you want the kind of interdependence fostered by the UN?

Those who sell this brand of interdependence tell us the Constitution of the United States has outlived its usefulness and like the horse and buggy, it must be replaced. Resolve today as the American Flag passes by you in the parade that you will not buy this form of deceit.

The Constitution is a living, breathing document which is as alive and as effective as we can make it. But the beautiful words and phrases it contains do us little good unless we, the citizens of the United States, make them live by our dedication to our wonderful and free country.

In signing the Constitution, the founders said: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor."

They gave everything to give us our freedom. It is your freedom. Keep it alive and you keep America free.