



Soon the people of the United States in big cities and small hamlets will celebrate the anniversary of our independence. It was on July 4th 174 years ago that we became a free people.

It is important that each year at this time we recall this day. Today we enjoy a large measure of comfort and security because our forefathers, both before and after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, suffered hardships and were imbued with a pioneer spirit which conquered a savage west and developed our country into the most progressive nation in the world.

Throughout the years of our country's growth and development Americans have held fast to the individual rights guaranteed them under the Constitution. We have been a free people interested in our local, state, and national government. The right to acquire property, the right to worship as we please, and the right to work where we wish are among the factors that have made the United States a great nation.

From other shores have come the persecuted whose inventive genius and hard labor have been responsible to a great extent in building our country. Our spirit of free enterprise has resulted in mass production and mass sales that have given us the highest standard of living in the world.

Individual independence is synonymous with national independence and on this Independence Day it is important to reaffirm our belief in the dignity of man and make positive that we are not losing any of the rights for which others fought so hard and sacrificed so much.