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Independence Day Killed by Apathy

LET'S take the day off Thursday to mourn Independence Day. It's dead!

The Fourth of July didn't die just because it has become a day for fun and accidents, nor because fireworks have been banned. Independence Day expired as a significant occasion because apathy has displaced patriotism, because citizens neglect their civil responsibilities, because our heroes have been smeared by those who have rewritten history to serve selfish aims, and because the rights of freedom are being used by subversives to dim the Light of Truth.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The rights of the majority are often trampled in a scramble to serve the rights of those who would destroy America.

"To secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from consent of the governed."

Congress has delegated law-making authority to various bureaus and agencies, without consent of the governed.

"King George . . . has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass the people and eat out their substance."

King George was a piker, because he never had IRS, EPA, EEOC, FEO, OSHA, CPSC and a couple of hundred other bureaus that harass

the people and business, eating out their substance. We have.

King George was accused of "imposing taxes upon us without our consent."

Congress has done a much bigger job of this, without our consent, not to mention the "Fat Cat" tax laws in Oklahoma.

The Declaration of Independence said King George interfered with legal processes, caused others to be elected than the choice of the people, and overruled legislative functions. We've had several modern equivalents of King George on these points.

"King George . . . made judges dependent on his will alone."

With lifetime tenure, federal judges now outrank King George, imposing their personal philosophies, social reforms and their own wills upon the people through their decisions.

"King George . . . has excited domestic insurrections amongst us."

But he never had a Watergate; only the Revolutionary war!

"We . . . solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states."

The United States of America (plural) have power to act as free and independent states, providing their actions do not conflict with any court, congressional or bureau ruling from Washington.

"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."

Let's take the day off to mourn the passing of Independence Day, and remember also how lightly we regard our remaining rights.