

Our Well of Freedom Running Low

TO PARAPHRASE an adage: "You never miss the water of liberty until the well of freedom runs dry." Our "Well of Freedom," dug 204 years ago by over-regulated colonists, is running low.

The superstructure of our "Well of Freedom" has been damaged by needless liberty-restricting laws and skewed by interpretations of the Constitution by federal courts.

Access to the water of freedom has been blocked by the debris of thousands of pages of regulations issued by federal bureaus.

Somewhere below the water line is a crack called "Redistribution of Wealth" that is draining resources of producers to support non-producers. Other holes in that well that need patching include useless government programs, misdirected foreign aid, graft by dishonest officials and waste by irresponsible bureaucrats.

The water itself is being polluted by seepage from cesspools of crime and immorality that permeate all levels of society.

Our filtration system has been de-

stroyed so that the vermin of socialism and communism dwell on the ledges and debris of the well. They claim "Constitutional Rights" to live there and befoul the water.

Whenever a well of water becomes contaminated and clogged it needs cleaning out. Only the voters can order such a cleanout to be made and designate those who are to do the job.

This could be accomplished by electing congressmen committed to limiting government to its proper functions and seeing that these are honestly and efficiently carried out.

Too often, voters are disappointed because representatives they send to Washington to clear out the bureaucracy become bureaucrats themselves. They are dedicated to self-perpetuation in office rather than to performance of sworn duties and promised intentions.

A prominent political analyst recently said: "One reason why Presidents Ford and Carter have had so much difficulty with Congress is that we're electing brighter, better-educated, more-independent-mind-

ed people."

Many voters tend to discount younger and older candidates, either because they may have too little experience or too much experience. Age is not nearly as important to our future as political patterns.

On Friday, July 4, an American flag 411 feet by 210 feet, called the world's largest flag, is to be unfurled on a bridge in New York. This is a great symbol of American freedom and unity, but we need a much larger one to cover the entire nation. Too many citizens will ignore this flag and any other sincere display of patriotism.

Americans should never forget that the principal grievance that brought about the signing of the Declaration of Independence was "Taxation without representation." The colonists recognized that power to tax is power to control.

Americans now have "Taxation with representation." It is still true that power to tax is power to control, and today's officials have vast power to spend as well, which gives more power to control.