

Declaration of Dependence in Vogue

TELEPHONE advertisements often encourage folks to call relatives for a chat. Lots of them do, especially Uncle Sam.

A large part of these calls are not made for social reasons but to request help in some real or imagined difficulty. Politicians encourage this, because the more demands they and nearly three million federal employees receive, the more secure their jobs may be.

People call Uncle Sam for anything and everything, but mostly for money.

If you want to pay your taxes or if you want your taxes cut, call or write Uncle Sam.

If you lose your job, failed to save enough to pay your hospital bill, if you run out of groceries or gasoline, or if you want to run for president, call Uncle Sam.

If your crops failed, insects ate them, a storm, flood or drouth wiped them out, call Uncle Sam.

If you need a loan to save your city government, finance urban renewal, save your big business or your small business, or to pay your

youngster's college expenses, call Uncle Sam.

If prices are too high on things you buy or if you want price supports on what you have to sell, call Uncle Sam.

If you want to buy a house or make improvements on the one you have, especially if repairs may be called energy conservation, call Uncle Sam.

If your town needs a new park, slum clearance, water source or sewer system, call Uncle Sam.

If the air or water is polluted, a riot breaks out, a tornado hits or a volcano spews over, call Uncle Sam.

If you have a child out of wedlock, decide whether you want an abortion or aid for dependent children, and then call Uncle Sam.

If railroad passenger service is sidetracked, your bus system can't pay expenses, or highways need rerouting, call Uncle Sam.

If you have a problem with inflation, recession or depression, high interest rates or government spending, call Uncle Sam.

If you want a share of profits on production you haven't helped produce, call Uncle Sam.

If you want instant education, instant social prestige, instant business success, instant equality and instant rights but don't have qualifications to earn them, call Uncle Sam.

If you want a lawyer to help you obtain welfare rights, forced busing, territorial reparations, homosexual rights, prisoner privileges, amnesty for draft evaders, labor union advantages or other special treatment, call Uncle Sam.

Even other countries have Uncle Sam's number. If they want to feed their people, expand their government or buy arms and planes to wage war, they call Uncle Sam, too.

The annual celebration of our Declaration of Independence has passed but a lot of people apparently are making new Declaration of Dependence daily. And everything they get from Uncle Sam seems to be free.