

WHAT MEANS THIS DATE?

One summer day, late in the eighteenth century, a number of men, all of them leaders, met in convention and published a declaration to the world that the New World colonies, thirteen in number, had decided to throw off the yoke of old world supervision and rule their own destinies thereafter. Freedom was the keynote of this declaration.

The result was war. Untrained farmers and clerks composed the main body of this courageous army. Their opponents were skilled professional soldiers. Yet, with this great handicap, the few colonials finally won the independence of the settlements and established a nation which has since grown to be a deciding world power.

Out of rebellion has grown this nation, which has been officially named United States of America, designating that it is a government composed of governments. Principals of freedom and democracy are the beacon lights which were set to guide its course.

July Fourth is the one real, unadulterated American day. Other holidays might be shared with other people and other nations, but July Fourth is ours alone.