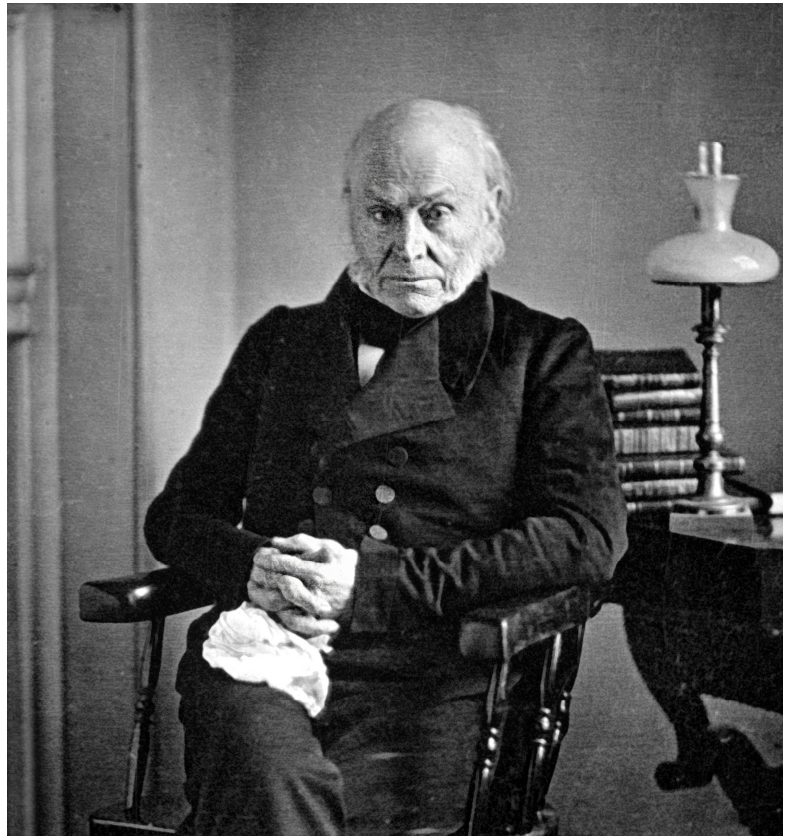


America at 250: Will We Now, As We Once Did, Come to the Aid of Our Country?

June 9, 2026—We must not allow this 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence to be either trivialized or co-opted by a normalization of evil. A wrestling match on the lawn of the White House, now set to occur on Flag Day, this Sunday, June 14, is the exact opposite of the image of America that the world needs to see. What could be further from the historic thinking process that was occurring in Philadelphia, at this very time, 250 years ago?

The Continental Congress meeting in June and July of 1776 was the most intensive deliberation on the principles of self-government to have occurred in history since at least the time of Athens, two thousand years earlier. Perhaps we should convene a Trans-Continental Congress on the Inalienable Rights of Man that properly reviews, resurrects and emulates the true spirit of the American Revolution which, right now, is in this most dark hour. What could then be more disrespectful of not only America, but of humanity itself, than the wrestling match on June 14 at the White House?

Instead of the ugly spectacle proposed for the White House Lawn, why not call the American people together, as was done at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday 1939, when the great contralto Marian Anderson sang “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee.” before 75,000 people, after being excluded from Constitution Hall because of the color of her skin? *That* is the beauty of the America the Declaration of Independence created.



“Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will her heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy.” John Quincy Adams, July 4, 1821.

We, the American people, are better than this. This great occasion calls for more than a great celebration. It calls for a rejection of present-day Anglo-American imperial and war policy—a policy that will soon bankrupt the United States, and soon plunge the world into thermonuclear war. It calls for the replacement of “bread and circuses” carnival spectacles with ceremonies that celebrate the unalienable rights of all humanity.

On July 4, 1821, John Quincy Adams, son of the American Revolution and then the Secretary of State, gave a great speech. He said that America goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy:

She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in *all the wars* of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which *assume the colors* and usurp the standard of freedom.... She might become the dictatress of the world. *She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit.*

Pope Leo XIV has said in his recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, “Certain events make it clear that history can also change when individuals truly take the dignity of everyone seriously: the civil rights movement in the United States of America, closely associated with the testimony of Martin Luther King Jr., or the end of apartheid in South Africa following the release of Nelson Mandela and his decision not to surrender the future to hatred.” We should take Pope Leo seriously, and make a change now.

On May 17 of 2023, Helga Zepp-LaRouche had issued an “Urgent Appeal by Citizens and Institutions from All Over the World to the (Next) President of the United States!” It stated that “We, the undersigned, therefore express our hope, that the (next) President of the United States finds the greatness in herself or himself to adopt the viewpoint which was expressed by JFK in his historic (American University, June 10, 1963) speech.” The Trump Administration rejected that. The independent presidential campaign of Diane Sare, and the congressional campaign of Jose Vega embody and aspire to that hope.

We must not surrender our future to the normalization of evil. In the next weeks, there should be readings of the Declaration of Independence in all towns and cities of our nation. John Quincy Adams’ words to America 205 years ago should inform our foreign policy right now.

No imperial wars! No searching for monsters to conquer! We are called in this moment of impending world war, to declare independence from 500 years of colonialism, and stand up for the dignity of humanity, as was done July 4, 1776.

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