The Department of External Affairs is pleased to announce that Canada has accepted an invitation to participate in the 1976 "Bicentennial" half-time show of the Shrine Game, in Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, California on January 3, 1976. The theme of the Shrine game half-time presentation will be Canada Salutes the U.S.A. Bicentennial. Canada, as a close neighbour and friend of the United States, has chosen to participate in this traditional East-West All-Star College game, to present a bicentennial salute to the American people. The 200 strong Special All-Canada contingent is composed of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride, The Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Band from Calgary, the City of Winnipeg Massed Pipes and Drums and pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Vancouver, B.C. and of the Canadian Scottish Regiment, Victoria, B.C.

The profits generated by the game will be presented to Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children in both the United States and Canada. This is one of a series of Canadian participations in Bicentennial events in the United States during 1976.