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Notes for an Address by the Honourable Paul Martin,
Secretary of State for External Affairs, at a Concert
Celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the
Ukrainian Canadian Committee in Winnipeg, on October 10,
1965.

Mr. Chairman,

I should like to thank you and other members of the Executive of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee for the invitation you extended to me to attend the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your organization. I am very pleased to be present on such an important occasion and to be able to greet all of you who are taking part in the celebration.

In looking back over the activities of these 25 years, you will undoubtedly derive great satisfaction from the accomplishments of your organization in helping to preserve the finest in Ukrainian traditions.

The contribution of this important element to Canada's national life dates back much longer, of course, to the time, almost 75 years ago, when Ukrainian settlers first came to Canada. Their devotion to the centuries-old culture of their homeland enabled them to transplant it successfully in Canadian soil.

You, as the descendants of the first settlers, have given your first allegiance to Canada and your devotion to the general traditions on which this country is based. You have combined with these loyalties the preservation, in pride and dignity, of unique cultural values from European civilization, which are of interest and benefit to us all. I can speak for Canadians of other origins in commending you for the contribution which you are thereby making to our national life.

I am also particularly aware, from contacts with your representatives, of the keen interest shown in world affairs. You have undoubtedly reviewed your own activities of the past 25 years in the light of world developments during that period. It might be appropriate, therefore, for me to indicate the part played by our own country.