

Advance Text of Address by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, to be delivered to the Detroit-Windsor International Freedom Festival (Salute to the Olympics) Luncheon, Veterans Memorial Building, Detroit, 1:00 p.m., July 2, 1963

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I am very pleased and honoured to have this opportunity to speak to you today at this 5th Detroit-Windsor International Freedom Festival. This fine festival is a living reaffirmation of the spirit of neighbourliness and friendship which exists not only between our two cities but between Canada and the United States.

As we celebrate together the Canadian National Day, July 1st, and your Independence Day, July 4th, we give striking emphasis to our shared values and ideals and to a friendship and a partnership which is unique among the nations of the world.

This annual celebration begun in 1959 by the Mayors of Windsor and Detroit can demonstrate to a troubled world how Canadians and Americans of every race, colour and creed can live side by side in peace and friendship along the world's longest unarmed border.

I would like to congratulate Mayor Cavanagh of Detroit and Mayor Patrick of Windsor and also the many people who have worked so hard to make this festival such a great success.

The main purpose of this "Salute to the Olympics" Luncheon is to emphasize the unique advantages which the City of Detroit has as a site for the 1968 summer Olympic Games. I want to say something about these advantages. I have lived in the Detroit-Windsor area for the past 30 years and I can attest to the fact that this is one of the great sports capitals of the world.