ACadian Move
To Be Observed

Year-Long Events Set for Migration Bicentennial

Plans for a year-round, state-wide observance in 1963 of the 200th anniversary of the migration of the Acadians to Louisiana were announced here Friday.

Announcement was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Acadian Bicentennial Celebration Association of Louisiana. The observance will be climaxcd by a full-fledged pageant, to be held in St. Martinville in October, Thomas J. Arceaux, dean of agriculture at Southwestern Louisiana Institute and association president, announced.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth, of England, will be invited to attend as will high-ranking representatives of the governments of Spain and France. The year's observance will open with entertainment and parade at the 1963 Sugar Bowl.

On January 11, the Camellia Pageant, in Lafayette, will be dedicated to the Acadians, with between 300 and 500 Canadians on hand as special guests.

In February, Mardi Gras observance will mark the arrival of the Acadians. Stepenes of "Boilin' De Dance" will be held under way April 20, will be dedicated to the bicentennial while "New Orleans" St. Louis Flats will be tied in with the Acadian theme.

Evangelism to Be Emphasized

On April 22, April 30 and May 1, a pilgrimage to the Mother Church of the Acadians, St. Martinville, is attended. During the pilgrimage, girls from every parish of the state will visit the church for the honor of bearing down the "Kangaroo." There will be a Mississippi Pilgrimage, put on in Lake Providence, the first part of August. The August 13, Louisiana Day, will open the visit of the Canadian. During September, October and November, state fairs and festivals will be held around the Acadian theme. In October, the French House, at E.L.U., will be formally opened.

Guy de Scheurleer, French consul,