ACADIANS NOTE
POITIERS EVENT
Anniversary Is Celebrated
by Some 150

POITIERS, France (AP) —
Some 150 Acadians from Louisiana and Canada ended a five-
day celebration Friday to mark the 200th anniversary of the return of Acadian communities to the Poitiers region of Central France.

Acadia was a 17th and 18th Century French colony consisting mostly of what is now Nova Scotia.

Mayor Kenny Bowen of Lafayette led a 130-member Louisiana delegation that included Stephen Dupuis, personal representative of Gov. Edwin W. Edwards.

During their stay, the visitors saw an Acadian exhibition at the Chatellerault City Hall, visited the main center of Acadian resettlement, took part in historical and economic discussions with local civic leaders and attended a reception at the Cultural Center of Chauvigny.

The celebrations closed with a banquet in a Poitiers hotel Friday night.

Bowen said French government officials took an active part in the celebrations.

"We expressed to them our appreciation of the French government's program to reinstate French language teaching in Louisiana schools with the help of 250 teachers sent from France," Bowen said.

Among other participants in the celebration were James Domengeaux, head of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, Mayor Ralph Stutes of Rayne, La., the Rayne High school band and members of the City Council of Eunice, La.