Bi-Lingual Project
Meet Tomorrow

A French-Acadian conference designed to present the advantages of bi-lingual programs will be held Saturday morning at the USL French House. Miss Audrey Babineaux of the foreign language division, state department of education, has announced.

Elementary teachers, principals, school supervisors and other interested parties will learn of the immediate and far-reaching objectives of bi-lingual projects like the one established in Texas, and hear of plans for one proposed in Louisiana.

The conference at the French House gets underway at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow with registration, followed by a welcome by USL President Clyde Rougeou.

Dr. Joel Fletcher, coordinator of international education for the state department of education, will address the assembly. His topic will be "Bi-lingualism, An Asset, Not A Set-Back."

Dr. Edwin Hindsman, executive director, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, will outline the Texas bi-lingual program. Dr. Elizabeth Ott, director of the language and reading education of the SEDL, will give a film demonstration on a Spanish-American bi-lingual program.

A live demonstration by bi-lingual Acadian children is planned followed by a panel on "Implication for Louisiana Bi-Lingual Programs," Dr. Ott will moderate the panel. Panelists will be Anthony Mayeaux, professor of French, McNeese State College; Dr. Raymond Rogers, professor of social studies, USL; and Alan Babineaux, chairman, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Acadian Heritage Committee.

"Responsibility of Supporting Institutions" will be explored at the conference. Gillis Ledet, special assistant for federally funded programs, will tell of the role of the Louisiana Department of Education. Miss Virginia Koeing, director, 1968 N.D.E.A. French Institute for Elementary Teachers, will look at USL's role.

Houston Jenks, assistant director for programs, will review the role of the Southwest Educational Development Library.