'Cajun' Is Endorsed by CODOFIL Head

By Howard Jacobs

"HAVING CALLED MYSELF a Cajun all my life," wrote CODOFIL chairman James Domengeaux, "your column of Aug. 5 stating 'There are those who wish to remove the reference to Acadian people as Cajuns' perturbs me greatly. So I went to see my good friend and renowned Cajun philologist Lolo Broussard. Lolo said:

'The palatization assimilation of Acadian to Cajun is not strange.' 'It isn't?' I said. 'No,' he assured me. 'It is attributable to metathesis, and perhaps to yodization, a normal process of linguistic evolution.' 'You don't say,' I said. 'I sure do,' he said, elevating his index finger proudly in the air and adding:

'And don't you let anybody lift their nose on that extremely exciting phonetic evolution from the Acadian of that far-off Acadia in Canada, where they are still called Acadians, to the Cajun of the Bayou Country where a new people has arisen. In that evolution is contained the noble history of a noble race.'

'With that I went out into the sunlight with my head high, proud to be called a Cajun.'