Dodd Suggests Taking Teachers

BATON ROUGE — Education secondary teachers so that Louisiana can offer the best foreign programs possible for young people, Superintendent William Dodd said during a meeting of the State Board of Education, today. Dodd strongly suggested that Louisiana take advantage of an offer by France to send elementary school teachers to the state.

"In addition to summer programs of study offered by Canada and France for many of our teachers, France is also offering to send us one hundred trained teaching assistants at bargain prices to work closely with our own elementary and high school teachers. The awards consist of an all-paid French-Education trip of 32 days in the outdoors atmosphere of the College of Jonquiere, north of Quebec City, for the students; and for their teachers, bursaries towards a six-week stay in France where they will improve their techniques with modern methods of teaching French."

President Frederick Tannehill pointed out that the Legislature by Act 408 of 1968 authorized the teaching of French in elementary schools as expeditiously as possible, not later than the school year 1972-73. He said the offer from France would send teachers at a bargain price to the local school boards been a first step towards this goal.

"The Department of Education has already approved this program," Tannehill said. "I hope that as many school boards as possible may take advantage of this opportunity. The movement to rejuvenate the French language in Louisiana is rapidly growing."

State Education Board Member Louis Michot underlined the fact that "the renaissance of the French language in Louisiana has no local, political, religious or provincial, or even ethnic connotations. Louisiana is building on its existing layer of a million and a half French-speaking people."

"And by so doing, the State is giving the leadership in the development of foreign languages throughout the United States at a time when only communication between nations will assure the survival of mankind."

Winners Listed

Following are the award winners: Paul Breaux High School, Geneva Ledet, Sweepstakes winner and Miss Ruth Bradley, teacher; Terrebonne High School — Catherine LeBoeuf and Miss Irma Dover, teacher; St. Augustine High School — Catherine A. Gouigis and Andrew Davis, teacher; Academy of Sacred Heart — Jennifer Melancon and Mrs. Richard Giennie, teacher; Ruston High School — Jane Olivia Barnwell and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, teacher; St. Charles Academy — Deborah Hebert and Mrs. Genevieve Sensat, teacher; Alexandria High School — Gwen Hebert and Mrs. Florence Anastasio, teacher; North State College — Kathy Morrow and Mrs. Gloria Wandrey, teacher; Holy Name of Jesus Mercy Academy — Yvette Gouanche and Mrs. Mary Austin, teacher; Lafayette High School — Steve G and Mrs. Ethel Burleigh, teacher; Martin Behrmann High School — Mrs. Rhonda Bargas and Leon Touez, teacher.