J. Domengeaux Invited To Conference

A two-day conference on the French Language Community in North America has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Notre Dame College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Among those invited to attend is James Domengeaux, state chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, who has been asked to deliver a brief discourse on the progress and goals of CODIFIL.

In a letter to Domengeaux, Dr. Marron C. Fort, coordinator of the conference, wrote, "Many of us here in New England have followed the progress of CODIFIL with a great deal of interest and, quite frankly, envy. You in Louisiana, farther removed from Neighbor French-speaking regions than we, have achieved much more in advancing bilingualism and in making Louisiana truly a part of the international 'Communaute Francophone.'"

Fort said, "As I am fond of pointing out, we Americans have rolled the Anglo-Saxon pancake from border to border and from coast to coast and it has become pretty thin. A country as ours, it cannot unite all under one cultural banner, especially under the banner of an Anglo-Saxon culture which has a tendency in its more extreme aspects to set one group against another and to emphasize competition when cooperation is sorely needed."

On Friday morning, a panel discussion on "The Franco-Americans - An Invisible Minority" has been scheduled with Domengeaux to serve as one of eight panel participants.


Governor Edwin W. Edwards has also been extended an invitation to open the Saturday session of the conference.