French Bilingual Conference Set

The first North American French Bilingual Conference under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title VII will get underway in Lafayette on Tuesday, Jan. 11, and continue through Fri., Jan. 14.

International in scope, the conference, initiated by the St. Martin Parish Bilingual Project, directed by Mrs. Hazel Delahoussaye, will attract participants and special guests from Canada, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Washington, D.C. as well as from Texas and Louisiana.

Cosponsors for the conference, in addition to the St. Martin Parish Bilingual Project, are the Lafayette Parish Bilingual Project, directed by Miss Ruth Bradley and Service de Liaison Des Projets Bilingues Francais-Anglais (ESEA-Title VII), with Robert Paris, Greenville, N.H. as coordinator.

USL Host

Conference headquarters will be the College Inn in Lafayette. University host for the conference is the University of Southwestern Louisiana with Louis Roth, assistant director of University College Division, as coordinator.

James Domengeaux, Lafayette, chairman of the

Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, will address the Conference. Dr. Ray Authement, USL vice president, will also speak to the gathering.

The conference will feature panel discussions, major evaluation of problems and demonstration lessons.

Establish Relationship

“This conference is the first to deal with the French English program in this area,” Mrs. Delahoussaye said, “and is being held to establish a good interrelationship among the French-English Bilingual Projects.”

One of the panel discussions will deal with an “Overview of The Evaluation of the Bilingual Programs.” Stanley Ahmann, staff director, Denver, Colo., National Assessment of Educational Progress and evaluation consultant, St. Martin Parish Project, La., will serve as leader for the panel discussion. Panelists will include directors and evaluators of the various pilot bilingual projects in the United States.

Richard Goulet, Washington, D.C., bilingual program manager, ESEA Title VII, and H.B. Dyess, Baton Rouge, La., supervisor of foreign languages, Louisiana State Department of Education, and state coordinator for ESEA Title VII Bilingual Programs, have been key planners for the Conference and will be in Lafayette for the event.