French Language Moves Announced

Two moves to further the French language in Louisiana were announced today in Baton Rouge and in Lafayette.

Gov. John McKeithen has announced the appointment of Wade O. Martin, French-speaking Louisiana Secretary of State, as Chairman of a Joint Louisiana - Quebec Committee to implement a program to expand the French tongue throughout Louisiana.

James Domengeaux, Lafayette chairman of the Council For the Development of French Language, announced a nine-week course to be taught at Lafayette High School under the auspices of the Adult Education Department of the local School Board.

Domengaeaux said, "We of the Council are interested in all programs which will help to promote the use of the French language here," he said. "This course, we believe, will contribute significantly to that effort."

The course will begin Feb. 16.

Other committee members named by McKeithen are Rep. Richard Guidry; Morris Ford, director of the Louisiana Tourist Department; LSU Chancellor Dr. Cecil Taylor; Dr. Ray P. Aubry, Academic Vice President at the University of Southwestern Louisiana; James Bezou, Director of Performing and Cultural Arts in New Orleans; Homer Dyess, French Language Dept. of the State Department of Education; Dr. Carlos Fandal, Foreign Language director at Northeast State College; Joseph Glorioso, Lafayette Parish School Board; Dr. Anthony Mayeaux, Foreign Language director, McNeese State College; Dr. Gary McCann, Foreign Language director, Nicholls State College; Hanes Morris, Foreign Language supervisor, New Orleans Public Schools; Dr. Walter L. Mosley, Director, Language Department, Northwestern State College; and William T. Hackett Jr., Department of Commerce and Industry.

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Other Members Robert Arceneaux, director of adult education, said a fee will be charged, with family and individual rates worked out after the number of participants is determined.

"By conscientious participation in the program," Arceneaux said, "a family should be able to converse in French about regular family and home matters."

Arceneaux said further information may be obtained by calling him at 232-2620.

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