French-language television debuts

Sunday Dec. 14 will mark a milestone in the history of the Louisiana French Renaissance Movement with the debut of locally-produced French-language television.

Produced by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), the one-hour show "Ma Louisiane" will be premiered on station KADN-TV, channel 15, Sunday Dec. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The station is relayed by most of the cable systems in southwest Louisiana.

KADN donated the air time for the broadcast in order to aid in the development of French in Louisiana, according to the station’s Public Affairs Department.

Commenting on the program "Ma Louisiane," James Domengeaux, CODOFIL Chairman, said "I am confident that you will enjoy the program. Every segment features an event or an individual from our area; you may even recognize yourself or a friend on camera."

Jean-Louis Beland of Radio-Quebec and currently "on loan" to CODOFIL by the Quebec government produced this show with the assistance of experienced local cameraman William D. Froeba.

The program will include reporting on the "Cajun Figaro" of Lafayette, the 1980 Tribute to Cajun Music Festival in Lafayette, the first statewide French Club Convention in Baton Rouge, the Historical Festival at Grand Coteau, a live Cajun Music broadcast from Prejean’s Restaurant, Lafayette; and children participating in French classes in Cameron and Lafayette Parish elementary schools.

Domengeaux added that CODOFIL encourages viewers to respond to the program by writing CODOFIL, P.O. Box 3936, Lafayette, La. 70502.