French-Speaking People of La. to Honor Governor at Banquet

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ST. MARTINVILLE, La. — Gov. John J. McKeithen will be honored by French-speaking people Thursday night for his encouragement in promoting legislation to preserve the French heritage in Louisiana.

The banquet also will pay tribute to members of the Legislature and to William J. Dodd, state superintendent of education.

The setting and the menu for the event will be French Acadian. Children dressed in native costumes will sing Acadian songs for the event.

High lighting the evening will be the presentation of a plaque to the governor in appreciation for enacting legislation creating the Council for the Development of French Speaking Louisiana.

James Domengeaux, chairman of the new state agency, will address the group after being introduced by former Gov. Sam Jones. The chairman will explain the aims and purposes of the council.

Dr. Clyde L. Rougeou, president of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, will introduce Dodd. Sen. Edgar J. Mouton, Lafayette, will present