An airline strike in France has pushed back by one day the scheduled convention of French speaking journalists from 11 countries who were to gather in Lafayette beginning tomorrow.

The journalists, who represent newspapers and magazines with a combined readership estimated to be in excess of 14 million, were scheduled to arrive in Lafayette tonight, however a strike ‘against Air France delayed their departure.

Local coordinators of the convention said they had been in contact with Air France authorities by telephone this morning and had received “100 per cent assurance” that the 125-man delegation will be able to depart France in time to arrive in Lafayette tomorrow night.

They said the Friday schedule of the 8-day convention will be eliminated, but that the convention will begin here Saturday.

Planned for the visiting journalists—also are tours of tourist attractions such as the Jungle Gardens, Rip Van Winkle Gardens, Loreauville Heritage Museum, Long fellow Evangeline State Park, Sl Martin de Tours Church and even country horse racing.

Fishing expeditions are planned in the Gulf of Mexico and Atchafalaya Basin.

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