The executive committee of a 39-member kindergarten—early childhood advisory board recently appointed by Gov. John J. McKeithen met at LSU Alexandria, recently. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate plans and goals for the implementation of French education at the kindergarten—preschool levels. "This preschool program is the most important step taken so far to root bilingualism in Louisiana," said James Domengeaux, state chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL). Domengeaux stated that this effort has to complete support of the State Department of Education. In order to fulfill the immediate need for a great number of teachers, to place this program in existing early childhood facilities, CODOFIL is negotiating with the French Government to obtain highly qualified student—teacher aides. These aides would come to Louisiana for a very minimal cost to the hiring institutions.

The executive committee, composed of one representative from each congressional district, and three members at-large, is headed by Dr. Carlos Fandul, chairman of the foreign language department of Northeast University in Monroe, La.

Dr. Ruth Bradley, Lafayette Parish Bilingual Program, Lafayette, represents Congressional District 3 on the executive committee. Other members of this advisory board from this area are: Dr. Helon Harwell, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux; Miss Louise Bourne, Lafayette Day Care Center; Supervisor, Lafayette; Robert Carter, director of Headstart Centers, Franklin; Mrs. Audrey Babineaux—George, Houma; Mrs. Imogene Montgomery, president, LACUS, Lafayette; Mrs. Catherine Jones, supervisor, elementary education, Lafayette; Mrs. Odette Coussan, Carencro; Mrs. Juliette C. Alford, supervisor, elementary instruction, Reserve; and, Mrs. Hazel Delahoussaye, director, bilingual program, Breaux Bridge.

CODOFIL has the support of candidates for governor, superintendent of education, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

In a letter appointing the advisory board, McKeithen, who has given his complete endorsement of CODOFIL since its inception, said that the state is uniquely blessed in having so many people who still speak and understand French. He praised CODOFIL for "providing the movement for the children in the state to learn a second language so desperately needed in a complicated and shrinking world so lacking in communication and understanding". "In 20 years we will have a bilingual society for the betterment of all Louisiana and of the United States", declared Domengeaux.