Louisianians Travel To Canada

Four prominent Louisianians left this weekend for the third annual meeting of the International Association of French Speaking Legislators being held in Canada. Sen. Ramson K. Vidrine; Reps. Richard Guidry and P. J. Laborde and attorney Paul Tate represent the state of Louisiana, gratuitously, through an invitation made by the Association to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL). Some 40 countries will be represented at this meeting.

"Louisiana is the only state of the union to be invited to such a prestigious meeting," said CODOFIL Chairman, James Dometteaux. "This is yet another sign of the worldwide attention being given to Louisiana through its State Agency of CODOFIL."

Another Invitation

Dometteaux said that another invitation, again gratuitously, has been tendered to CODOFIL for the second conference of the Cultural and Technical Cooperation Agency to be held next month, also in Canada. This agency can be compared to a commonwealth of French speaking nations of the world. Sessions of both meetings will take place in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa.

The International Association of French Speaking Legislators whose purpose is to establish strong democratic institutions and to promote peace and collaboration between these nations. Their common bond is the French language, and the desire to unite in the common cause of peace through the amelioration of the human conditions.

"Unique Distinction"

"Louisiana has the unique distinction and prestigious position of being bilingual, in essence English and French speaking," the CODOFIL Chairman said. "This distinction is being strongly recognized by the French nations of the world."

"CODOFIL has reawakened the French world to French Louisianian's cultural and economic potential and in the near future Louisiana will be the cultural and economic corollary to the United States for European and Latin American countries," Dometteaux said.