EUNICE - Preliminary plans have been made for an Oct. 30-31 Eunice meeting for people interested in spreading the French language in the state.

The plans were discussed Wednesday at LSU at Eunice. The meeting is expected to draw a crowd of more than 500, said James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

"If the movement to preserve and spread the French language and culture is to succeed, Louisianians, especially Acadians, must accept the challenge," Domengeaux said.

The success of the program depends on the amount of energy the people are willing to put out...

He predicted more than 500 would attend the meeting because of the statewide interest already generated by the program. Further, some foreign dignitaries may show up," he added.

A St. Landry chapter of CODOFIL will probably be chartered in August, Domengeaux said. This chartering will help raise the interest in the upcoming meeting even more, he stated.

A committee was formed for coordinating the late October meeting. Its members are: Dean Anthony Munohrey of LSU; Mrs. Joan Hernandez of Eunice; Matthias James Fruge of Eunice; Joseph Glorioso of Lafayette; Mrs. Irene Petitjean of Rayne; Mrs. Dronet Vidrine of Ville Platte; Paul Tate of Mamou; Mrs. Mary Alice Richel of Opelousas; H.G. Jackson of Eunice; Kearney Tate of Eunice; Gladney Manuel Sr. of Eunice; P.J. Baker of Eunice; C.J. Bernard of Eunice; Mrs. Anna Belle Hoffman of Breaux Bridge; James Bezore of New Orleans; Inez Gautier of St. Martinville; Jose Philips of Lafayette; and James Domengeaux of Lafayette.