Quebec Officials Coming To City

Quebec high officialdom has provided a special kind of endorsement of the International Congress of the French-speaking Americas to be held in Lafayette April 3, 4 and 5. Nine representatives of the provincial government will be in Lafayette for the Conference.

The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana is sponsoring the international event, and CODIFIL Chairman James Domenechaux hailed Quebec's participation as indicative of the Canadian province's early and continuing support given the movement to preserve and expand the French language.

20 Countries
Representatives from 20 countries of the French-speaking world are expected in Lafayette for the 3-day conference that will underscore Louisiana's progress in bilingualism. The Congress theme is "The bilingual quality of the great French-speaking family of the Americas — its dynamic role in the rapprochement between people and nations." The public is invited to attend events of the Congress.

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Angelle Hall on the USL all Quebec bureaus in the United States including Lafayette, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Boston, will also attend the International French Congress.

Other Officials
Other Quebec government officials coming for the congress are Lionel Jean Tardif, director of Cooperation, Education Department; Beaudouin, secretary-general for Cooperation with the Exterior; George Henri Daganeau, director of Cultural Services for the Exterior; Jules Brie, deputy minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Jean-Guy Fredette, deputy minister of Natural Resources.

"We in CODIFIL are extremely gratified with the top-level official delegation that Quebec is sending to the conference," Domenechaux said. "Quebec is one of Louisiana's most honored friends and has always given much assistance to our program to preserve and expand our mutual language." Quebec, with a land area one-third the size of the continental United States has five million of her six million citizens who are bilingual.

Native French-speaking Louisianians will be heard throughout the three days of the Congress.