State Council Meets With French Staff

ST. MARTINVILLE - Officials of the French government and members of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) will meet here tomorrow to discuss steps to preserve and expand the French language in the state.

The foreign delegation representing the minister of foreign affairs, Republic of France, will be honored at a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Evangeline State Park Lodge, James Domengeaux, chairman of CODOFIL, said, the visit to Louisiana by the French officials "resulted from the meetings held in France with officials of the French government and is a response to a request made for assistance to help CODOFIL preserve and expand the French language in Louisiana."

"This is a milestone in CODOFIL's effort to obtain the cooperation of France to achieve its goals and to establish definite lines of liaison between the Council and France, especially in efforts to develop educational programs and to expand its student and teacher exchange program," Domengeaux said.

The visitors from France have the capacity to make recommendations to the French government.

Following the Dutch treat luncheon here, the French officials will be guests at an Acadian Coffee Party at 3 p.m. at the French House on the USL campus.