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CULTURAL IDENTITY

in

French-Speaking Lowell

April 2, 1977

A conference sponsored by the University of Lowell with support from the University of Lowell Foundation, Inc. under the auspices of the Alumni Association; Aubert J. Foundation and The Lowell Sun.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:30-9:30 A.M. - REGISTRATION, Coburn Hall

Display of informative and cultural material, coffee and danish, name tags and exhibits.

9:30-10:30 A.M. - CONFERENCE ADDRESS, Mahoney Hall Auditorium, Little Theatre

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. John B. Duff, President, University of Lowell

Introductions: Alain Grenier, Consul Général de France
Gaston Harvey, Cultural Information Counsellor of the Quebec Government Bureau in Boston

Address: "The Franco-Americans of Lowell: Realities of the past, Hopes for the future," by DR. RICHARD SANTERRE, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, author of *Bibliographie des imprimés franco-américains parus à Lowell de 1837 à 1968* (1969), *The Franco-Americans of Lowell* (1972), *L'Histoire d'un peuple* (1977)

10:30-12:30 P.M. - WORKSHOPS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS, Coburn Hall

I. LANGUAGE AS AN EXPRESSION OF CULTURE: A discussion on language as vehicle and reflection of an ethnic culture.

Panel: Claire Quintal, Dean of Graduate School Assumption College, President, Fédération Féminine Franco-Américaine
Paul P. Chassé, Coordinator for New England and the Middle West, Franco-American Ethnic Heritage Studies Program
Marguerite Lyons, Journalist, Women's Editor, Lowell Sun
✓ Joseph Garreau, University of Lowell, Lowell, Mass.

II. FRANCO-AMERICAN TODAY: MOTIVATIONS AND CAREERS: How the presence and motivations of a bicultural community, today, coincide with the career options and the general needs of contemporary society.

Panel: ✓ Francoise Paradis, Coordinator, Franco-American Gerontology Program, U of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, Maine
Madeleine Giguère, Sociology, University of Maine

III. THE TEACHING OF FRENCH IN A BILINGUAL SETTING: An investigation of the particular needs and advantages of teaching French in a bicultural setting, and of the ways to establish a bilingual school in the community.

Panel: Norman Dubé, Director, National Materials Development Center for French and Portuguese
Robert Paris, Assistant Director, National Materials Development Center for French and Portuguese
Grégoire Chabot, Franco-American Bilingual Program, Boston University
✓ Robert Bousquet, University of Lowell

IV. TRADITIONS AND FOLKLORE IN LOWELL: The popular cultural and family lifestyles in Franco-American Lowell with emphasis on the oral, theatrical and musical heritage through the years.

Panel: ✓ Julien Olivier, National Materials Development Center for French and Portuguese, (Author of *New England French Traditions and Folklore*) 86. River Road, Bedford, N.H.
Louis Eno, Editor of *Cotton Was King*, Lowell Historical Society
Armand LeMay, Lowell City Councillor
Arthur Paquin, "L'Equipe du Bon Vieux Temps"

V. LOWELL URBAN CULTURAL NATIONAL PARK AND THE FRANCO-AMERICANS: A discussion of the proposed Federal Urban Cultural National Park and its role as both witness and animator of cultural ethnic awareness.

Panel: Pat Mogan, Long Range, City of Lowell
Sister Lillian Lamoureux, One Land Cultural Heritage Project, Lowell

VI. CULTURAL EXCHANGES LOWELL-QUEBEC: With Lowell as a model, the panel will explore the advantages for Franco-Americans of cultural relations with Quebec and its people.

Panel: Gaston Harvey, Cultural Information Counsellor of the Quebec Government Bureau in Boston
Donald Moisan, Chairman, The American and French Cultural Exchange Commission for the State of Massachusetts
Paul Blanchette, President, French Television Cable Commission
Harvey Champigny, Reporter Radiomutual, Montreal, P.Q.

VII. FRENCH IN THE CLASSROOM: An examination of contemporary trends in teaching French effectively in the Merrimack Valley classroom.

Panel: Roger Brunelle, Superintendent, Ayer Schools
Sister Jeanne Belliveau, St. Louis Academy, Lowell
Albert Coté, Editor, *Le Journal de Lowell*
Jacqueline Brovender, University of Lowell

12:30-2:00 P.M. - *Franco-American Luncheon*

Remarks: Reverend Armand Morissette, o.m.i.

2:00-2:30 P.M. - PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT, O'Leary Library

"The Franco-Americans of Massachusetts, 1860-1976," a retrospective view in photographs, on loan from the Franco-American Historical Society

2:30-3:30 P.M. - AUDIO-VISUAL DOCUMENTARIES, O'Leary Library, Media Center

1 - "The Franco-Americans of Lowell," a slide presentation prepared and narrated by Dr. Richard Santerre

or

2 - "The French Bicentennial Celebration at the State House in Boston," a videotape in French provided by M. l'Abbé Clarence d'Entremont

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