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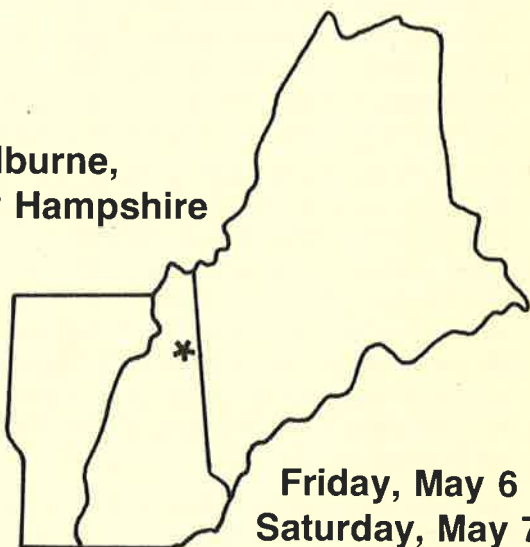
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TRI-STATE CONFERENCE ON THE EDUCATION OF LIMITED- ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN

**Shelburne,
New Hampshire**



**Friday, May 6
Saturday, May 7
1977**

**Sponsored by
The "Bilingual" General Assistance
Center in cooperation with the State
Departments of Education in Maine,
Vermont, and New Hampshire**

The *Tri-State Conference on the Education of Limited-English-Speaking Children* is being planned and presented under the direction of the following individuals:

Normand Dubé, St. John Valley Bilingual Program, Madawaska, Maine

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Paul Paré, Free-Lance Journalist, Sabattus, Maine

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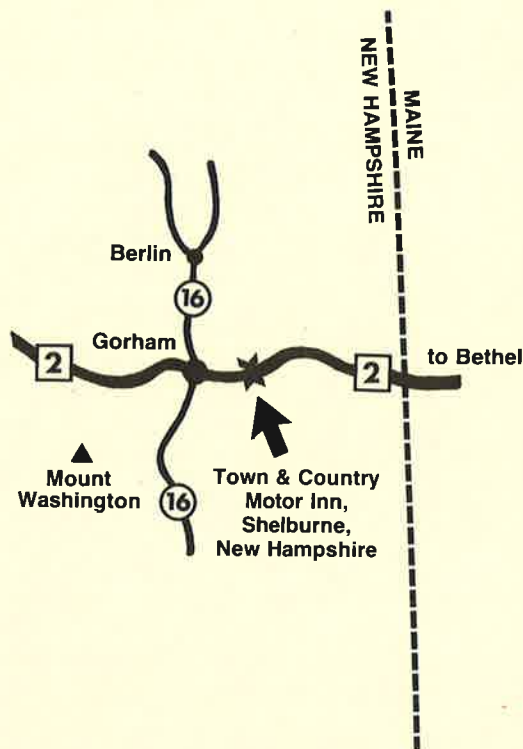
Anne Wolfson, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

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For information about all aspects of the conference other than hotel reservations, contact the *Conference Coordinator* by letter or telephone:

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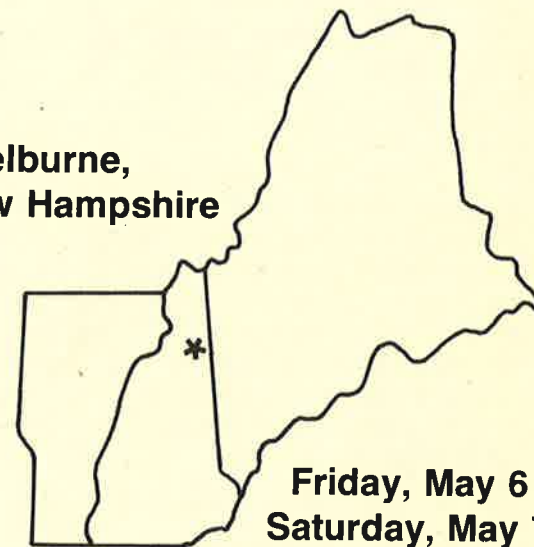
Information about reservations at the Town & Country Motor Inn may be obtained from:

Ralph Labnon
Town & Country Motor Inn
P.O. Box 220
Gorham, NH 03581
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A reservation form for room and meals accompanies this brochure. It should be mailed to the address above.

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How can educators in the tri-state region better meet the needs of limited-English-speaking children?

This is the question that will be addressed by the *Tri-State Conference on the Education of Limited-English-Speaking Children*. The speakers and workshop leaders are almost all educational practitioners from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont who have been successful in meeting the cultural and linguistic needs of these children in their local programs. The conference is intended to give them an opportunity to share their experiences and techniques with those who are facing, or who may soon face, similar challenges.

The conference is open to *all* who have a professional or personal interest in the education of children who are members of a cultural and/or linguistic minority. Administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school committee members, university-based educators, and concerned citizens all are encouraged to attend.

The conference will begin at 6:30pm on Friday, May 6, and will end at about 3:30pm on Saturday, May 7. All meetings will be held at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, New Hampshire, where a block of rooms has been reserved for those who will be staying overnight. The management of the Inn is offering participants three special meals. It is recommended that participants avail themselves of this offer since alternative eating establishments are not accessible except by car.

Reservations for rooms and/or meals must reach the Inn on or before Friday, April 1. It is not necessary to reserve a room or meal in order to attend the conference.

Conference Schedule

Friday, May 6, 1977

6:30-8:00pm Dinner

8:00-8:15pm Welcome, Announcements, Introductions

8:15-9:00pm Address: **What is an American?**

Madeleine Giguère
Department of Sociology
University of Maine at Portland-Gorham

Saturday, May 7, 1977

7:30-8:45am Breakfast

8:45-9:30am Address: **Education and Minorities in Upper New England**

Anne Woolfson and Normand Dubé
School of Education St. John Valley
University of Vermont Bilingual Program
Burlington, Vermont Madawaska, Maine

9:30-10:00am Address: **The Lau Decision and O.C.R. Procedures**

Andrew Stewart
Equal Educational Opportunities
New Hampshire Department of Education

10:00-10:45am Coffee and hotel checkout

10:45-12:00 noon First presentation of workshops
(see next page)

12:00-1:00pm Choice between two activities:

1. Question and answer session regarding the Lau decision and O.C.R. procedures.

Andrew Stewart and Stan Seidner
New Hampshire Department of Education "Bilingual" General Assistance Center

2. Viewing of examples of the TV series *La Bonne Aventure* and *La Machine Magique* (intended for French-Canadian children in the USA), and discussion.

Jim Bisson and Eric Van de Bogart
Maine Public Broadcasting Network
University of Maine at Orono

1:00-2:15pm Lunch

2:15-3:30pm Second presentation of workshops
(see next page)

Conference Workshops

Each of the six workshops will be presented twice so that participants may attend any two of their choice.

1. **Funding of Bilingual Programs.** This workshop will be of special interest to district administrators. Norma Barisco V. de Garcia.
2. **Community Involvement in Generating Bilingual Programs.** Four individuals who have participated in or observed community action in favor of bilingual education will relate their experiences. Margarite Vaillancourt, Robert Hockman, Paul Paré, and Andrew Stewart.
3. **Exemplary Bilingual Programs for Franco-American Students.** Two programs now successfully functioning in the Tri-State region will be described and discussed. Normand Dubé and Claude Ouellette.
4. **An Exemplary Bilingual Program for a Diverse Student Population.** The program offered in Cambridge, MA, for students from five language backgrounds will be described and discussed. Joseph Fernandez and José Figueiredo.
5. **Materials for Teaching French Language and Culture.** Materials available from commercial distributors, Title VII projects, and other sources will be exhibited and discussed. Grégoire Chabot.
6. **Assessing and Placing the Bilingual Student.** Topics will include general issues of language assessment in bilingual education as well as technical and practical considerations in instrument selection and/or construction. María Alvarez.

NOTE: If there is a topic of concern in your local district that you would like to have discussed in a seventh workshop, please contact the Conference Coordinator. If several requests are received for a similar workshop, every effort will be made to offer it during the conference.