YOUNG TEACHERS from Quebec, Canada look on as their supervisor, Jan Lobelle (second from right) briefs them on the Louisiana French language movement in which they will participate. They are among 16 Quebecers who will join 230 French citizens in teaching French to elementary school pupils in Louisiana. At right is Leo LeBlanc, Quebec government representative permanently stationed in Lafayette. At left is Abel Souron, director of the French Cultural Center in Lafayette, where the teachers were greeted over the weekend.

11 Teachers from Quebec in State to Boost French

Tutors Join CODOFIL Language Efforts

By TRENT ANGERS (Special to The Times-Picayune)

LAFAYETTE, La. — Eleven teachers from the French-speaking Canadian province of Quebec have arrived in Louisiana to take part in this state's movement to rebuild the use of French as a second language. The 11, plus five more who are scheduled to arrive in the state Wednesday, join the ranks of 230 teachers from France who are participating in Louisiana's French movement by teaching their language to elementary pupils throughout south Louisiana and in some northern parts of the state.

It was during an official state visit to Quebec last month that Gov. Edwin Edwards asked Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa to send the teachers to Louisiana, according to Leo LeBlanc, Quebec government representative stationed in Lafayette.

Joining Edwards in the request were James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), and State Education Supt. Louis Michot.

The teachers were recruited to come to Louisiana by Jon-
FRENCH TEACHERS — French teachers assigned to Lafayette Parish schools under a program sponsored by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana are (left to right) top photo, Brigitte Rouvillain, Phillipe Delaume, Jirard Princeau, Marie Helen Princeau, Didar Jaham, bottom photo, Dominique Petreault, Marie Petreault and Jean-Michal Granger.