Acadiana Youths Going To France

The scheduled departure of 76 Acadiana youths to France tonight marks the "commencement of a massive exchange program with France" which has been planned for three years, according to James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

The exchange program participants, who are students from south Louisiana schools, were scheduled to leave for France in Houston at 11 p.m. tonight. Those making the trip are children of Rotarians of District 6970 of Rotarians of District 76 of south Louisiana district.

Four Weeks

Domengeaux said one of the 76 young Louisianians will spend four weeks in the homes of French Rotarians. And, beginning August 1, a similar number of French students will spend about the same amount of time in the homes of south Louisiana Rotarians.

CODOFIL and the Lafayette Rotary Club have coordinated the exchange program with the French government and French Rotary clubs. Domengeaux said CODOFIL has a representative in France who has assisted in coordinating the French end of the project, he added.

CODOFIL has also been instrumental in effecting other student-exchange programs with Quebec, Canada.

Prime Aim

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