LAFAYETTE, La. — Being black and bilingual is a unique combination of assets Louisiana French-speaking Negroes can use in pursuit of careers in education, business and diplomacy, says James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

Domengeaux made the statement following the return of a Negro New Iberia native who speaks French and who represented CODOFIL in the State of Louisiana at the Eighth United Towns Organization Congress in Dakar, Senegal, in black Africa. Douglas Hypolite attended the UTO Congress after being invited there by Philippe Malaud, president of UTO for Europe and former French minister of information. Attending the conference with 1,200 other people from six different countries, Hypolite attended meetings dealing with worldwide inter-municipal cooperation, bilingual education, the struggle for peace and human rights, environment, urban planning and municipal administration and structures, Domengeaux reported.

Hypolite is currently furthering his study of the French language at Sorbonne University in Paris, France.