CODOFIL ASKS POW 'HUMANITY'

La. Body Adopts Resolution for Hanoi

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EUNICE, La. — The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana Saturday adopted a resolution urging the government of French speaking North Vietnam to deal more humanely with prisoners of war and to allow them to correspond with their families back home.

The resolution was unanimously approved by CODOFIL members attending the third annual statewide CODOFIL convention, which ended here Saturday.

James Bezou, CODOFIL representative from New Orleans, introduced the resolution, which pointed out that 400 American servicemen are known to be prisoners in North Vietnam, in addition to the more than 1,000 listed missing, many of whom could be captives.

Bezou said the resolution was made in cooperation with a plea by the American Red Cross that as many people as possible write to the Hanoigovernment, urging it to honor the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

The conference called for prompt identification of POW's adequate medical care and diet, communications with families back home and protection from torture and abuse.

The resolution asks CODOFIL members and other interested persons to write individual letters, in French, to the President of North Vietnam, requesting that his government abide by the Geneva Convention.

The resolution will be sent to the North Vietnamese president Monday, according to CODOFIL chairman James Domengeau.