French Teachers Meet in New York

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LAFAYETTE, La. - The work of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana and the efforts of James Domengeaux, chairman of CODOFIL, were praised at the 45th National Convention of the American Association of Teachers of French, which was held recently in New York City.

Dr. Zoe Lyons, USL associate professor, reported the French Cultural Embassy entertained members of AATF and on that occasion Counseiller Culturel, M. Jean-Herve Donnard expressed to her his interest in the efforts of CODOFIL to restore the French language to Louisiana.

He recalled with pleasure his visit to Lafayette in October which was climaxed by the dinner offered by CODOFIL in honor of the visit of the French Ambassador, Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet, who spoke at the dinner.

M. Donnard later addressed the general meeting of the AATF and complimented Domengeaux and the work of CODOFIL in Louisiana. Dr. Lyons said teachers from other areas of the United States where French colonies had been established expressed regret that a similar program to that of CODOFIL was no longer possible in their areas since there were no longer a sufficient number of French-speaking persons to preserve the language.

All expressed great interest and enthusiasm for the initiative of CODOFIL, "she said.

Dr. Lyons attended lectures on medieval, 19th century and 20th century literature during the convention in addition to the series of linguistics which included "Recent Empirical Research in French Phonology," "Generative Phonology and Diachronic French Linguistics" and "Recent Trends in French Syntax."

She attended the luncheon given by Central College which has an excellent European Studies program in France at the Sorbonne, in Vienna and in Madrid. Among dignitaries at this function were Edouard Monot-Sir, former Conseiller Culturel to the French Embassy and Germaine Bree, well-known writer and critic.