Efforts of USL,

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LAFAYETTE, La. — The efforts to preserve the French language in Louisiana by the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana are noted in an article by Louis J. Schwarz, USL English instructor and foreign student advisor, and published in "Around the Region," a publication of the Institute of International Education.

Schwarz wrote of the 24 French Canadians brought to USL for the 1969-70 term, saying that they achieved outstanding success as "cultural ambassadors" and took part in Acadian French events, CODOFIL conferences, French television programs, civic group meetings, etc.

He wrote also of USL's educational television department's series of 47 programs featuring a French Canadian student who interviews experts on French and Acadian language and culture.

"The foreign student enrollment at the University of Southwestern Louisiana has tripled over the last three years due in part to its role with CODOFIL," Schwarz wrote. "USL also has gained students from the Middle and Far East."

He noted also that CODOFIL's cultural exchange program brought 30 teachers from France to Louisiana to spend two years teaching French in elementary schools. Last summer 169 Louisiana students and teachers studied in Canada, France and Guadeloupe under CODOFIL auspices.