EXCHANGE PROGRAM

French Teachers Arrive In City

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The arrival of 30 French teachers from France is probably the most important event in the state's French movement since the inception of CODOFIL. James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, said yesterday that the group's Tuesday night arrival in Lafayette as part of CODOFIL's teacher exchange program with France, the group will teach French in Louisiana elementary schools for two years.

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Two-Day Briefing

In morning ceremonies today Mayor Rayburn Bertrand welcomed the 16 unmarried teachers and 14 married with their schools:

Two-Team Teachers

- 10 married
- 6 unmarried

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"The teachers, all having bachelor or masters degrees in education, arrived in New Orleans early Tuesday where they were greeted by the French Consul General Jean LeCanncllier, James F. Beaux, CODOFIL representative in New Orleans, Keith Summers, cultural attaché for CODOFIL, and Jean Pelitnelli, French cultural attaché in New Orleans."

While staying at Arnelle House, the teachers will review teaching methods, materials and assignments.

A university reception in President Clyde Rousso's name will be held Thursday afternoon followed by a bus tour of Acadiana and a stop for gumbo in Evangeline State Park in St. Martinville.

The group will depart for individual assignments Friday morning after breakfast.

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- Allain Delsol in Lafayette
- Jean Jacques Delgas and the Delgas team in Lafayette
- Martinville
- Evangeline State Park
- New Orleans, with communities:
  - Orleans

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