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Lafayette Couple Hosts Paris Gathering

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS MICHOT of Lafayette, La., were hosts at a reception in Paris for Louisianans living in France. Among those attending the event were (from left) Joe Glorioso, Lafayette Parish school board supervisor and educational consultant for the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; Dr. Bernard Bienvenu, head of the University Department of Management and Administrative Studies; Mrs. Michot; Dr. Joel Fletcher Jr., coordinator for overseas studies at the City University of New York, and Michot, a member of the Louisiana Board of Education. Michot and Glorioso were guests of the French government and helped coordinate programs for USL and CODOFIL.

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Michot and Glorioso helped negotiate a program with the State Board of Education and CUDOFIL leading to the establishment of a University of Southwestern Louisiana study center in France and various programs designed to expand educational and cultural opportunities in France in 1971 for 230 Louisiana teachers and students.

The USL study center would be a two-semester program administered by USA, with enrollments of about 200 students who are enrolled in the state universities of Louisiana. Michot and Glorioso said that students would be taught by USL instructors, and credits would be transferable to their state college, if they added.

Michot said during meetings throughout France, he found an overwhelming response from the people of France to further relations with the United States through Louisiana.

Glorioso met with Lionel Dore, secretary-general of a French inter-ministerial transport association. They discussed a Rotary Club student-exchange program between Louisiana and France.

The project proposes to send 109 Louisiana students to France from July 1 to July 31 by independent air transportation to live in the homes of French Golarians. In return, Louisiana students, arriving April 15, will host 109 French students from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, Dore's association in arranging the transportation.

A second program will involve a four-week visit to France for 20 young Louisiana bond-servants of the ages of 17 and 20. This joint CUDOFIL-French government project calls for a stay of 28 weeks in Dole in the Alsatian coast, a visit to the site of French independence. Schools and training will be provided in the corporate sector.

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