A group of 43 Catholic writers and doctors from France are in Lafayette this week for a study tour of Acadiana organized by the Bureau International de Voyages in Parish. The group is being assisted locally by CODOFIL.

The group arrived in the area Thursday and will remain until next Thursday at which time it will leave for New Orleans. The members of the study tour are especially interested in the efforts made by CODOFIL to revive and promote the French heritage in Louisiana.

Attending Talks

During their visit to Acadiana, the members will attend several talks on French culture and language in Louisiana given by French-speaking people from the area. In addition, the group will visit a number of towns as well as the state capitol.

Discussions between the tour members and representatives of CODOFIL will take place concerning the problems of reading and language in French-speaking Louisiana.

Will Lecture

On Wednesday, April 9, Fr. Riquet, who is leading the group, will lecture on "France and North America." The lecture will take place at 1:45 in Griffin Hall on the USL campus and the public is invited. The group will be given a farewell dinner on Wednesday night. The event will be presided over by James Domengeaux, president of CODOFIL.

Included in the trips will be St. Martinville, Breaux Bridge, Abbeville, Delcambre, Grand Coteau, Arnaudville, Leonville, Opelousas, Ville Platte, Mamou, Eunice, Church Point and Crowley.

During the trip to New Orleans, the group will visit Avery Island, Thibodaux and Houma.