Journalists from throughout the French-speaking world will hold the first United States meeting of their international association in Louisiana March 22-27 under the auspices of the Council For The Development of French In Louisiana.

CODOFIL Chairman James Domengeaux announced today that Louisiana would host over 150 newspaper editors, television and radio news directors, reporters and other media representatives from a dozen countries. They are members of the International Association of French-speaking Journalists that includes representation from both the print and broadcast media. The association is the professional organization for approximately 8,000 journalists.

Public Invited

During their stay in Louisiana they will visit area towns, dine with French-speaking families and attend a number of French language social and cultural events including an Acadian (Cajun) music festival. The public is invited to the festival and other convention activities.

This event, held in a different French-speaking area of the world each year, engenders a continuous flow of feature articles and programs in the years following the convention," Domengeaux said. "This means that Louisiana will be written about in newspapers and magazines and talked about on radio and television in a dozen countries for years to come.

"The convention will give Louisiana added recognition in its endeavor to save, develop and expand bilingualism through increased use of French, a language native to this deep South state, and still spoken or understood by a third of its close to four million residents," the CODOFIL chairman added.

Evening Reception

Scheduled to arrive aboard an Air France charter flight from Paris Thursday, March 21, the delegation will be hosted in Lafayette at a late evening reception at the Sheraton Town House Motel.

The weeklong convention (Continued On page 4, Col. 4)