An anticipated move to recommend the elimination of foreign French elementary teachers in the state public schools by the Louisiana Teachers Association did not come to pass during the convention in Lafayette this week.

A much milder resolution was adopted by the educators which called for a study but did not oppose the "employment of teachers from France."

The resolution commended the contributions some school boards and the Council For the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) have made toward the promotion of bilingualism in the state and the rejuvenation of "pride in our French culture."

'Determine Availability'
The LTA recommended a study to "determine the availability of certified elementary teachers of French in Louisiana."

The expected resolution which recommended the elimination of foreign French teachers from the CODOFIL exchange program 'never materialized'. The anticipated move had drawn sharp criticism from CODOFIL chairman James Domengeaux.

Domengeaux was pleased with the LTA action. He said this morning, "This is probably the strongest recommendation and endorsement that CODOFIL has ever received, since it comes from the teachers who ultimately are responsible for the success of this program."

'Just Merger'
Another controversial issue in the past, gained convention approval when a resolution was passed calling for "a just merger" of the LTA with the predominantly black education group, the Louisiana Educators Association.

The predominantly white group reaffirmed its support for the merger "on the basis of membership equality."

Last year the LTA was expelled from the national association because the two Louisiana groups had not merged resulting in a lawsuit brought by the LTA against the National Education Association.

'Own Rules'
Today's resolution called on the national group to "adhere to its own rules and principles in the establishment and support of guidelines designed to eliminate vestiges of racism that may exist in our professional association."

Negotiations are presently underway between the two Louisiana groups for the "just merger". Any plan agreed upon can not become effective until approved by the 1973 convention of the LTA.

More than 50 resolutions were adopted by the educators at the convention, most of them dealing with retirement, salaries and teacher benefits.

The three-day convention ended today.