FRENCH STUDIES GROUP DEPARTS
10-Week Program Aids Teachers, Students

The first of three groups of Louisiana teachers and students who will study the French language abroad this summer left New Orleans International Airport Friday afternoon for France.

Group members, consisting of 54 teachers of French in the state, will study at four French universities under a program sponsored by the State Department of Education and the French government.

The 10-week program for the first group is for the teachers to obtain refresher courses in French language teaching techniques and to afford them the opportunities to keep current with changes in the modern French language.

The programs are being conducted under the auspices of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

From the group which left Friday, five members will study adult education at the University of Montpellier, 25 will study elementary education at the University of Angers, 21 will go to the University of Besancon for secondary education and three to the University of Grenoble for special training in French language education.

After the first four weeks, the 51 persons (18 from New Orleans) in training at Montpellier, Besancon and Angers will tour France. Those at Grenoble will pursue a six-weeks program in post graduate studies of French.

A second group of 20 French language teachers will soon leave Miami, Fla., for Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, to study at the International Center for French Studies, run by the University of Bordeaux.

The third contingent, consisting of teachers and students, will leave New Iberia for the College of Jonquieres in Quebec. Of the 150 persons in this group, 50 will go to the college and the others to various summer camps in Canada.