The CODOFIL French program is funded jointly by the Louisiana Legislature and the state department of education and is part of the program to revive the French language in the state.

CODOFIL, under the direction of chairman James Domengeaux, is continually expanding its French programs and hopes to make the French language available to all elementary students in the near future.

French Teachers Return To Homes

A group of 140 associate teachers of French have finished their stay in Louisiana and are returning to France. The teachers were brought to Louisiana by the council for the Development of French in Louisiana and of the 140 returning to France, about 40 will return to Louisiana this fall to teach for another year.

The teachers left the state Monday to go to Houston for the return trip to France. They departed Houston International Airport on Tuesday.

More than 40,000 students in 26 parishes were reached by the teachers of elementary French.

35 Parishes

This fall, 35 parishes in the state will be involved in the French program and it is estimated that the teachers will reach more than 50,000 elementary school students.

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RETURNING TO FRANCE — These teachers from France play cards while waiting for a plane to Paris at the Houston Airport. They are part of a group of French teachers who returned home after spending two years in Louisiana in a CODOFIL-sponsored program. Pictured (from front left clockwise) are Jean-Paul Brutus, Francois Valfort, Jean-Paul Chapeon, Gilbert Valfort, Jean Rainville and Colette Retord. (AP Wirephoto)