By ARTHUR ROANE JR.

Louisiana and Quebec are but two of the three main French bastions of heritage and culture in North America, an official visitor noted here Friday.

Quel est le troisième pays?

Eh bien, mes amis. Pensez. Give up? Third one is (or are) Guadeloupe and Martinique, in the French Antilles of the Caribbean. They are considered overseas departments of France.

Prefect Jacques LeCornee, the main representative of France there, paid courtesy calls Friday on Lt. Gov. James E. Fitzmorris Jr. and Mayor Moon Landrieu.

He also had lunch with the presidents of Tulane University and University of New Orleans about possible student exchanges.

Through interpreter Alain P. Gouhier, vice consul for the French Consulate here, LeCornee said his visit involves education, commerce and tourism.

Thursday he met with James Domengeaux, president of Codofil (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana) and the president of Southwestern Louisiana University, Lafayette.

Guadeloupe, he said, is completing construction of a modern university and will be ready for a student exchange.

LeCornee, Gouhier and Gilbert Bochet, counselor in the French Ministry of External Affairs, Paris, chatted privately with Fitzmorris about increasing tourism and commercial ties.

LeCornee said Guadeloupe and Martinique already attract many American tourists.

Martinique was in the news this past winter when President Ford and French President Valery Giscard d’Estaing conferred there.

Regarding tourism, Fitzmorris said he is continuing his efforts to bring Air France to New Orleans as a regular air carrier.

LeCornee also renewed an invitation for Gov. Edwin W. Edwards and a Louisiana delegation to visit the two French Caribbean isles, “a little bit of France on the American continent.”

Honors bestowed upon LeCornee by Fitzmorris were those of colonel in the Louisiana National Guard and an honorary state senator.