Last summer a French Boys Choir from Paris, France, came to Louisiana. "Their tour was so successful," said James Domengeaux, "that we have once again, with pleasure and anticipation, agreed to help another French Boys Choir to perform in Louisiana."

The "Paris Boys Choir", under the direction of Roger de Magnee, has for years travelled in many places throughout the world such as Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The choir specializes in contemporary choral music while its repertoire includes classical music. It is composed of approximately thirty young boys from Paris, all ten to fifteen years of age. These young men are continuing their regular studies while receiving an advanced musical education.

Persons of the highest musical rank are members of the Paris Boys Choir technical committee, among them are Darius Milhaud, Leonard Bernstein, Benjamin Butten, Michael Corboz. The famous choir has been applauded for its excellent musical techniques and sensitivity of interpretation.

With the help of CODIFIL, and in particular of Father J. M. Jammes, Director of Chapters, beginning July 11th the choir will perform in Chalmette, New Orleans, Metairie and the famous Jackson Square on July 14th. After a stop in Houma, the Boys Choir will arrive in Lafayette on July 15th, where they will sing at Girard Park for the boys and girls of Lafayette at 3:30 p.m. before giving a recital at Fatima's church at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Ray Latour is in charge of the program and the housing arrangements, the boys being hosted every day by families in the different towns where they will perform.

In Abbeville
On July 16th, they will sing in Abbeville at the Vermilion Catholic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. On July 17th, they will be singing at Assumption Church in Franklin; Friday the 19th, Lake Charles; Saturday the 20th, New Iberia; and Sunday the 21st, St. Martinville.

Aside from the regularly scheduled recitals, the choir has generously agreed to give special performances in the homes for the aged during their tour. In New Orleans they will visit three homes where the majority of the elderly people speak French.

"We are sure that the people of Acadiana will enjoy and appreciate such talent, and will support CODIFIL's effort in making this tour an even greater success than the previous. Many people such as Gary Savoie, James Burton, have already done much for the program," Domengeaux said.

The tour, arranged with the help of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, will also include the New Orleans area, Houma, Abbeville, Franklin, Lake Charles and St. Martinville.