Louisiana students from 36 cities and towns fly across America Monday morning en route to a five-week adventure in Quebec.

Their initial destination is Montreal, the French-language metropolis of the Western Hemisphere. They will then divide into two groups with 80 destined for Jonquière, gateway to the north, and 47 departing for Rivière-du-Loup (River of the Wolf) on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River near the Canadian Acadian lands of the Gaspe Peninsula and New Brunswick.

Summer Study

They are participants in the fifth annual summer study program arranged by the governments of Louisiana and Quebec that is coordinated by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) in cooperation with the Academic Advisory Board. The AAB is made up of the heads of the foreign language departments of Louisiana's colleges and universities.

The study- and-vacation program earns the student six hours of college credit and is undertaken in part by the provincial government of Quebec. CODOFIL has provided full scholarships to 14 winners of Louisiana high school French rallies for the Quebec summer program.

With the early morning departure Monday from the New Orleans International Airport of the 1973 contingent, Louisiana will have dispatched more than 600 young persons to Quebec in the people-to-people program that is having a major impact on the state's campaign to develop a bilingual society.

All In French

The program calls for morning studies, afternoon activities like movies and swimming and hiking, and weekend tours of Quebec province — all in French. One weekend will be in historic Quebec City, the provincial capital, and the last four days will be spent in Montreal.

CODOFIL Chairman James Domengeaux, just back from France where he negotiated for additional French elementary teachers for Louisiana, says, "The summer study program has had a profound effect on the students not only at the classroom level but in cementing the ongoing relationship between Louisiana and Quebec."

Educators' Testimonials

Testimonials to the value of the program have come from educators throughout Louisiana. Lafayette High School foreign language chairman Ethel B. Burleigh reports, "Our students who have participated in the Jonquiere program... have received advance placement at some of the nation's leading universities, such as Yale and the University of Texas."

Sister M. Teresita of Mount Carmel High in New Orleans said, "On her return here in September, this student showed such remarkable progress in speaking and understanding French that her teacher advised her to request a promotion to third year French, which meant skipping a whole year of French."

Carlos Fandal, who heads the foreign language department at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe had this to say: "Of all your programs, I consider this to be one of the most profitable to the French movement. These young people from north Louisiana have returned to us from Quebec inspired and eager to support

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