MAKING PLANS - Three Louisiana students make final plans (or their trip to Quebec) for the "Living-In-French" and "French Studies Program" yesterday during departure ceremonies at Acadiana Regional Airport in New Iberia. They are flanked by J. Patout Burns, left, president of the Iberia Parish School Board and James Domengeaux, right, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL). The students are from the left, Adela Dupont of Houma, Gene Miller of Crowley and Barbara Ullman of Monroe. (Advertiser Staff Photo)

CODOFIL PROGRAM
Students, Teachers Leave Today For Quebec Province

NEW IBERIA — Ninety-five students and teachers from throughout Louisiana are scheduled to leave here this morning for Canada on a five-week "Living In French" and "French Studies Program" in Quebec Province. A two-phase program has been arranged by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and the Quebec government, one in a college setting and the other in a camp environment, according to James Domengeaux, CODOFIL chairman.

Departure ceremonies for the group began yesterday at the Acadiana Regional Airport with a registration and orientation program.

Trip Important
Congressman Pat Caffery of New Iberia addressed the group in French during the ceremonies. He told them that their trip was important not only for their own aims and purposes in life, but also to the development of CODOFIL.

"We expect you, young Louisianians to represent us to Canada with typical Acadian dynamism and to participate actively in renewing the common traditions," Caffery said.

After a barbecue, the group spent the night at the air base and were scheduled to leave by Southern Airways this morning.

Five Week Activity
More than 120 persons including 14 teachers and 12 student rally winners in Louisiana French competition will take part in the five week activity. Teachers and students from the New Orleans area are also scheduled to leave for Quebec from the New Orleans Airport today.

This CODOFIL undertaking has more than tripled in size since last year.

The programs are designed to meet the needs of students who speak English only as well as those who speak both English and French. The English-only students will learn to converse in French, and the bilingual students will learn to converse fluently in French.

Earn Credit
Teachers and students in the study program will participate in courses at the College de Jonquiere on Lake St. John north of Quebec City and will be able to earn six credit hours in French-Canadian humanities. As an added incentive, student age groups vary from 16 to 20.

While the four-week study program is underway at Jonquiere, the other Louisiana students will be enrolled in summer camps in Quebec Province and will be taught French in an informal camp setting.

They will be joined by young people from Canada and France and will engage in organized games and informal recreational activities including water polo, horseback riding and fishing, dancing and sing-songs, and instruction in water-skiing and swimming, which will also be on the schedule.

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