Teachers Arrive Here Under Exchange Plan

Will Be Assigned to La School Systems

By EMILE LAFOURCADE JR.
A corps of French national service personnel entered Louisiana Tuesday when they were to be dispatched to key parts of the French-American movement. They came to disseminate the benefits of Louisiana's educational systems to French citizens.

They entered at Baton Rouge International Airport at 7 a.m. Tuesday. The corps was formed of 30 French teachers of French who will take part in the first bi-annual teachers' exchange program between the U.S. and a foreign nation.

The corps is comprised of 10 couples and 10 single men. They are 30 of their country's best teachers. They will be placed in 16 schools throughout the state.

TOUR OF CITY

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Baton Rouge Assignees

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