LAFAYETTE, La. — Three leaders in Louisiana's campaign for bilingualism in the state are in France negotiating for an additional 117 associate teachers for elementary instruction and to pave the way for the arrival later this month of a large contingent of Louisianians who will take part in the 200th anniversary of the return of the Acadians to the province of Poitou, France.

James Domengeaux, chairman, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; Homer Dyess, head of the foreign languages division of the Louisiana Department of Education; and Jean Pierre Landais, director of CODOFIL, make up the negotiating team.

While in France they will also follow up on a recent trade mission that was headed by Gov. Edwin Edwards, will seek the services of six graduates to instruct in French culinary art at Delgado Junior College in New Orleans, and will attempt to open a market in France for Louisiana crawfish.

$400 PER MONTH

Domengeaux said that the 117 associate teachers coming to Louisiana will not be replacing any native teachers and would be utilized only as long as it is necessary for Louisiana to train sufficient numbers of elementary teachers of French. They will be paid $400 monthly. Contracts call for some of the teachers to be employed on a 10-month basis with a month's vacation, and others on a 22-month basis.

There are 175 associate teachers from France instructing in Louisiana elementary schools now, Domengeaux revealed, of this number, 120 have contracts that continue for another year. This means that Louisiana, will have 237 of the young instructors from France in the state in the next school term if current negotiations are successful.

Additionally, part of the money will be utilized for materials and expanding supervisory personnel in the state Department of Education.