KROTZSPRINGS—The tasty Louisiana delicacy that Cajuns have enjoyed for years, known as LeEcrevisse, or more commonly, the crawfish, has come into its own. The Louisiana Crawfish Industry Development Association—the newly formed organization—has set out to develop all areas of the crawfish industry, from trapping to marketing.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the CIDA since the organizational meeting of May 13, was held recently in the office of the Secretary of State, at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on September 28. First the crawfish industry area was divided into two sections, that east of the Atchafalaya River and that on the west. President J. Burton Angelle named Mulate Guidry as area and parish chairman of the membership committee for the west side, and J. E. Saxton to serve in the same capacity for the east side.

The organization will work to develop crawfish research with regard to trapping, baiting, and production, in coordination with and in coordination with research programs on these subjects at Louisiana State University and University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Also in connection with these same universities, there will be developmental research in the areas of processing and marketing dealing with life, frozen, and cooked crawfish. As part of their program, the organization requested the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers to accelerate the program to bring fresh water into the Atchafalaya Basin by a resolution, a copy of which was sent to each member of the Congressional delegation of Louisiana. The association will seek to publish information, recipes, and any other subject of interest, featuring crawfish, in connection with the state or federal government. Participation in national and world food fairs is part of the program of the association.

Angelle said association is dedicated to do everything, in its power to preserve and improve the development of the Crawfish and fish industries in Louisiana. This $5 million industry, which made Louisiana "The Crawfish State of the World" has the potential of doubling, even tripling itself in the matter of just a few years, Angelle said.

Taking part in the Crawfish Festival, the association has pledged support and financial assistance to the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Association. The Crawfish Festival, this year, will be held on April 15, 16, and 17 in Breaux Bridge... The Crawfish Capitol of the World.