

## C. I. O. CHIEFTAINS MEET FOR PARLEY

John L. Lewis and Chiefs Will Seek to "Out-News" A. F. of L.

BY JOHN C. HENRY, Staff Correspondent of The Star.  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., October 9.—The high command of the Committee for Industrial Organization was gathered here tonight for a week end of secretive consultation prior to the opening on Monday of the biggest assemblage of associates of John L. Lewis yet held during the two-year life of the C. I. O.

Among the early arrivals at this seashore resort were John Brophy, executive director of the C. I. O., and A. D. Lewis, brother and trusted lieutenant of the C. I. O. chieftain. John L. was expected late tonight or early tomorrow and others scheduled to arrive in advance of the Monday session were Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast longshoremen's leader; Joseph Curran, head of the National Maritime Union; Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers, and Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

### To Form Political Policy.

Before the week is out, more than 150 representatives of 32 national or international unions are expected to join in formulating organizational and political policy of the powerful labor group, as well as report on the status of their individual organizations, their needs and their potentialities.

These and other circumstances of the meeting serve to give it an importance fully acknowledged by both labor and industry, and to move the bulk of the week's attention from the Denver convention of the A. F. of L. to the Lewis group.

Admittedly desirous of "out-newsing" the A. F. of L. deliberations of the coming week, the C. I. O. leaders have carefully guarded their actual plans for the sessions here, planning a steady barrage of developments once the meetings begin.

### Three Major Issues.

It is known, however, that three major issues are to receive particular attention: first, the direction and extent of further organizing activity; second, the financial position of the national organization; third, the direction and extent of political activities.

In some degree, of course, the organizing efforts will continue on all of the 32 fronts already represented in the C. I. O., plus whatever new ones may be developed. The better part of strategy dictates, however, that a "main push" be directed at certain key industries, where the gains in both

## Supplies for Striking Miners



A load of supplies starts down to 38 miners, on strike 1,350 feet underground on the eighth level of the Coaldale Colliery at Lansford, Pa. Their fellow workers are on a sympathy strike that has tied up the entire hard coal section. —Copyright, A. P. Wirephoto.

prestige and membership could be greatest.

It is certain, therefore, that the U. A. W. progress in bringing the Ford Motor Co. into line, the status of the smolent strike still theoretically in effect against Republic Steel, the success being achieved by the Textile Workers' Organizing Committee in a notoriously bad labor industry and the prospects in the muddled maritime occupations will stand high on the agenda.

### Will Not Be Allowed to Fade.

Unless Lewis and his closest advisers have changed their spots materially, the Ford and little steel situations will not be allowed to fade out in inglorious defeat for the C. I. O. In the textile industry, Sidney Hillman, chairman of the T. W. O. C., is expected to report one of the most successful drives in C. I. O. history, with the inside information being that 450,000 workers are on the membership rolls and almost 500 companies, employing 270,000 persons, are operating under signed agreements with the union.

The white-collar field also will attract a material amount of consideration, particularly the United Federal Workers, headed by Jacob Baker; the American Newspaper Guild, led by Heywood Brown, and the United Office and Professional Workers. The latter especially is in a position to bring into the C. I. O. ranks a multitude of middle-class workers who have long

been wary of unionism, but whose support would be immeasurably important should the labor movement continue onward to increasingly important political position.

### Unions Must Provide Cash.

Such efforts, however, are expensive and some cold figures on how much cash is available must be laid on the line by the individual unions who hope for concerted action by the whole C. I. O. At the present time, the national organization asks a contribution of 5 cents per month per member of each affiliated union. In the stress of intensive organization efforts, however, many unions have enrolled new members without payment of dues and the income of the central body has been correspondingly erratic. With the per capita contribution to be strictly enforced in the future, union claims of membership during the coming week accordingly will probably be cautiously accurate.

Much interest, of course, centers on any decisions as to participation in policies. Lewis has asserted on numerous occasions that organized labor must take active interest in politics. Labor's Non-partisan League followed this theory in the last national election by supporting Roosevelt and it has shown a reviving interest in such recent campaigns as the Detroit mayoralty race. The league is under suspicion by more

than the American Federation of Labor, it being a political adjunct of the C. I. O.

It is likely, at the present time, that the C. I. O. and the league will continue to confine their political influence to local situations but 1940 is not far away and possibilities of a national labor party may be nurtured by sentiment shown during the coming week.

Other subjects than the three mentioned will find a place in the week's deliberations, but none may be considered of equal importance. The A. F. of L., avowedly held in some disdain by the C. I. O. leadership, may crowd into the conversations, as may the agitation for a labor boycott of Japanese goods and the controversy over administration of the national labor relations act by the National Labor Relations Board.

### DRAPER TO SPEAK

Japan's Nursery Schools Topic of District Education Official.

Henry W. Draper, supervising principal of the first division, will address the Association for Nursery Education on "Nursery Schools in Japan" November 2 in the Webster School. Draper conducted a party of teachers to the Orient last Summer.

## NEW SIT-IN BEGUN AT MINE PARLEY

Workers' Committee Say They Will Stay in Office Pending Accord.

By the Associated Press.  
LANSFORD, Pa., October 9.—A committee of mine workers trying to negotiate settlement of a sit-down strike of 38 coal miners who have been in a shaft 1,300 feet underground since Tuesday, went on a sit-down strike of its own late today in the office of the mine superintendent.

John Gaydos, a member of the committee of 15, declared the committee would remain in the office of Harold Early, superintendent of the Coaldale colliery of the Lehigh Navigation Coal Co., until a settlement was reached.

Nearly a thousand miners, their wives and children, who watched at the entrance of the mine shaft today to see whether the miners would come up with the committee, encircled the superintendent's office and settled down to spend the night.

Visit Men in Shaft.  
The committee made several trips down to the self-imprisoned miners today trying to bring a settlement.

Evan Stevens, chairman of the committee, announced at a mass meeting of the miners who went on a sympathy strike yesterday that the company would sign an agreement giving them pay equal to miners on other levels if they would come up. Nearly 7,500 of the company's miners are idle in the strike.

The eighth level has just been opened. The men complained that they were being paid the hourly labor wage of \$6.78 a day instead of the yardage rate for loading coal which would give them \$14.77 a day for eight cars.

Proposal Taken to Miners.  
The proposal was taken to the miners. The committee returned soon after and went to the office of Supt. Early. They went back to the mine with a note signed by T. D. Lewis, general superintendent for the company, stating the company's plan for settlement, and confirming that the agreement would be signed when the miners abandoned their sit-down.

The committee returned to the superintendent's office and when they reached an impasse with the management over the rate of pay for driving chutes through which the coal is fed to the mine cars from vein, began their sit-down.

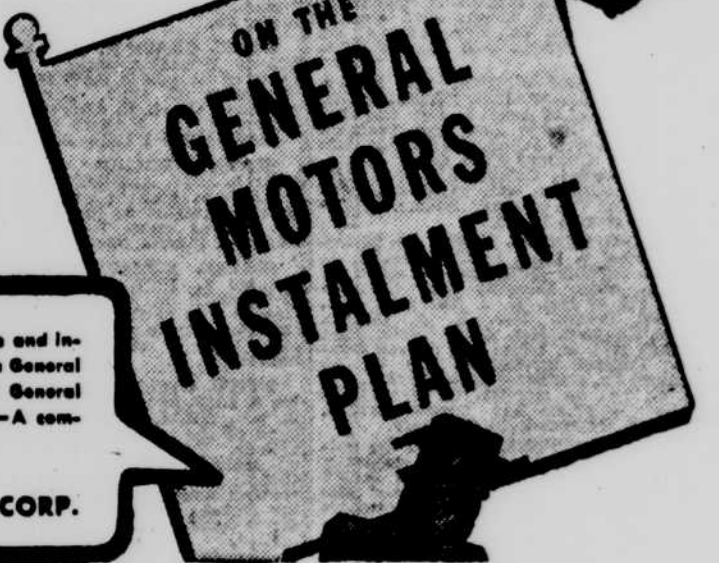
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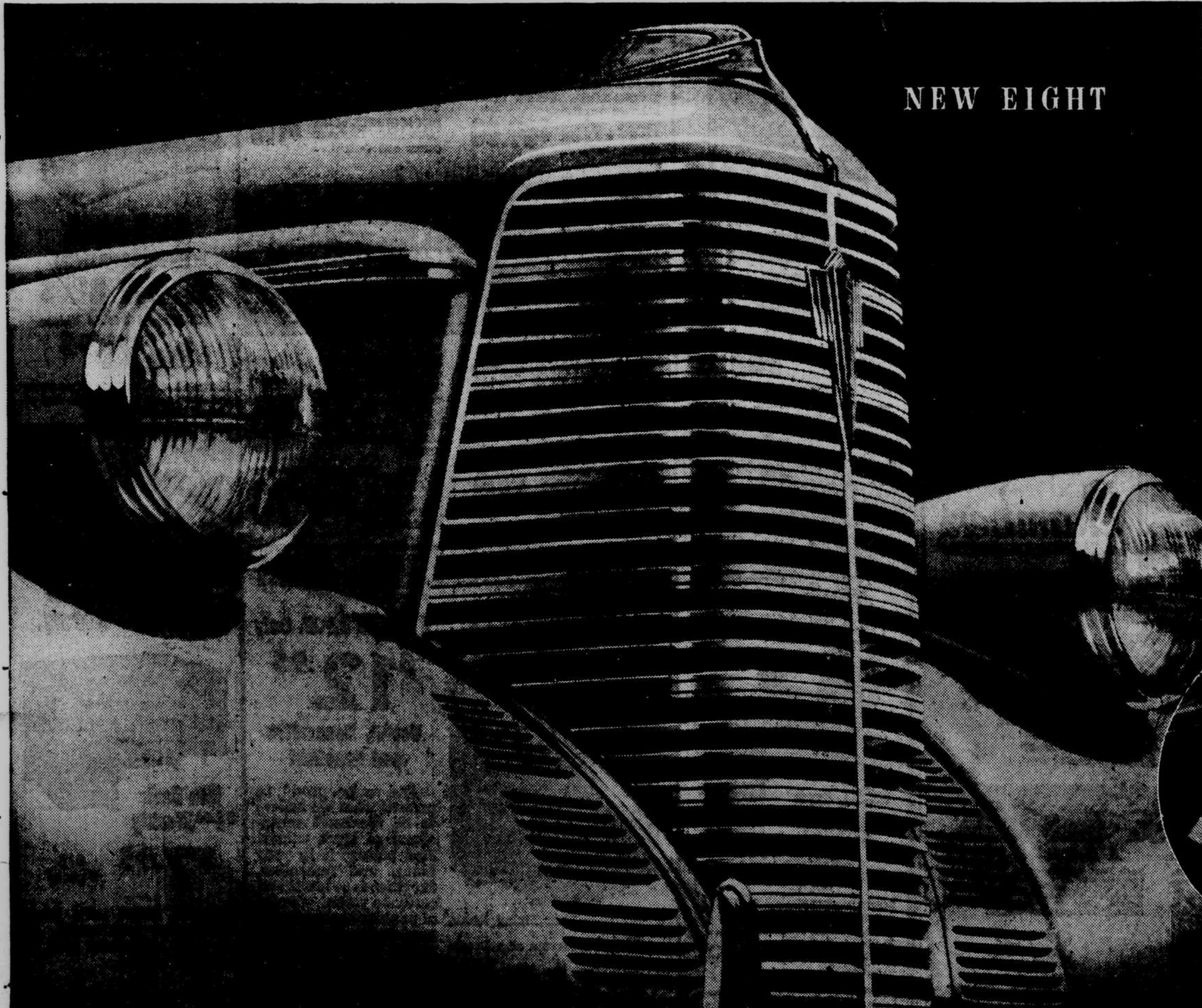


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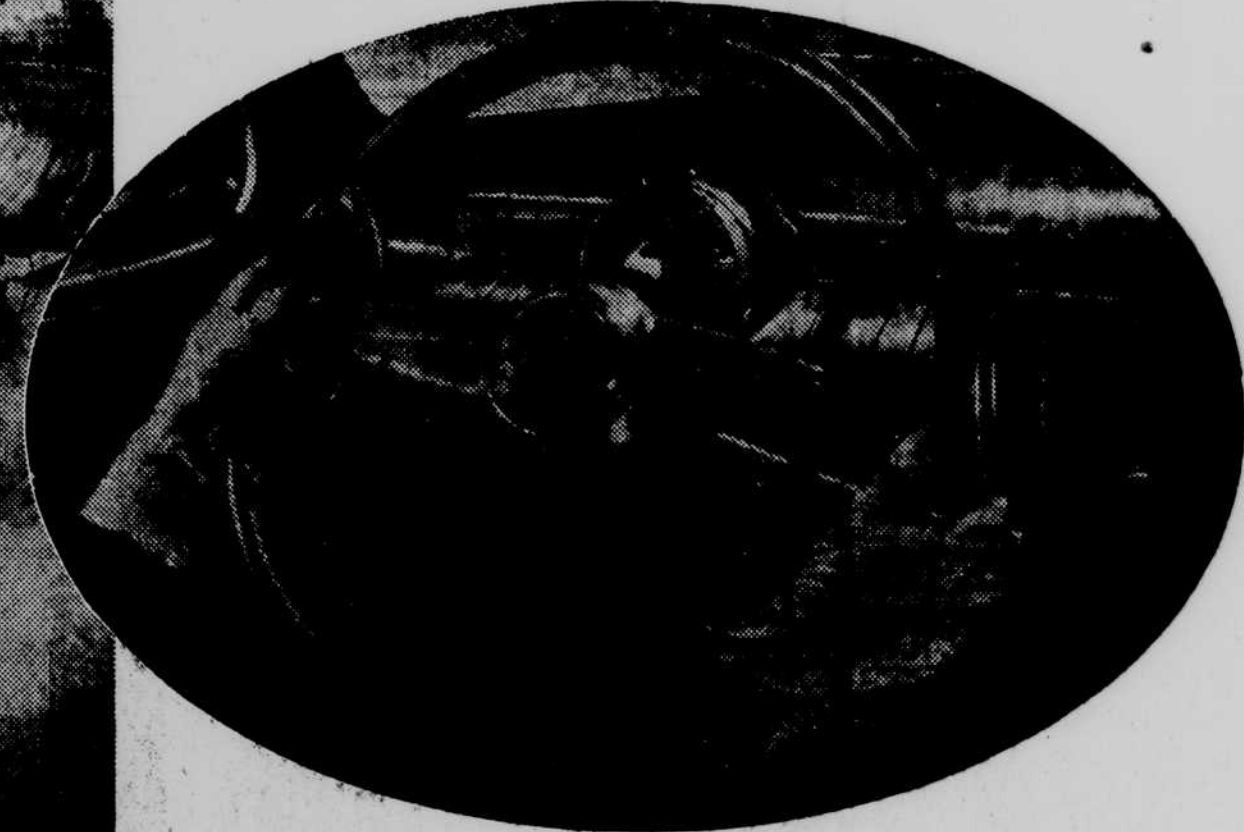
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