

## Soft Coal Strike Talks Slated

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(UP)—The government took a hand in the 17-day-old soft coal strike today by inviting John L. Lewis and the major producers to a mediation meeting here Friday.

There also were indications that it might make a new move next week to restore peace in the steel industry.

Federal Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching, who called the coal conference for 10 a.m. EST Friday, said the coal strike "is approaching a crisis" stage and that some people "already were suffering."

"The longer it goes, the worse it will get," he told reporters.

The government's move came as new violence broke out in the coal fields. A group of more than 250 pickets attacked a convoy of 16 trucks hauling coal from a non-union strip mine near Coupon, Pa. Windshields of six trucks were broken by flying stones. State Police rescued the convoy and arrested six pickets.

## Platter Party Slated

Sorority and fraternity pledge classes are invited to attend the annual "Platter Party" Saturday Oct. 6, sponsored by the Alpha Xi Delta pledge class. Under the direction of Margaret Powne, pledge president, committee chairmen Alice Deihl and Dee Darnell are planning card games, dancing, refreshments and a listening program.

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## 'Lid' Deadline Extended

Deadline for petitions for the rooters' lid sales committee has been extended to Friday noon, rally board member Beverly Buckley announced yesterday.

Petitions may be turned in to Miss Buckley at Delta Delta Delta.

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