

Crawford Company Asks NLRB Decision on Union

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A possible National Labor Relations Board election loomed today at the Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation when Clyde Crawford, president, declined to recognize action taken Friday night in which the independent union at the plant voted to affiliate with the United Furniture Workers of America (CIO).

"I will not recognize any union until I receive an NLRB decision."

The affiliation decision was made by the union in a meeting in which newly elected officers were installed and an annual party held. Clarence S. Johnson, re-elected president, had run for re-election on the platform of affiliation with the UFWA-CIO.

Samuel Olfano, UFWA international representative, said the vote for affiliation was "two-to-one." He said that the union has made application for a charter and expects to receive it before its next meeting on Feb. 8.

In addition to Mr. Johnson, other officers installed are: Luke A. Nazzaro, vice president; Richard Buck, recording secretary;

Edward Buck, treasurer; and Charles Leonard, guard. Committeemen are Donald Strong, Sandy Scarantino, Pat Baradi, Carl Chenny, and Arthur Frederick. Hjalmar Johnson and Gunnard Johnson form the auditing committee. Gerald Nelson is welfare chairman and Mr. Nazzaro is publicity chairman.

The vote to affiliate with the UFWA came as a result of an announced organizational drive begun last November by the CIO union. Mr. Olfano said it was the second "success" made since the drive began, the first coming when the workers at the Dusing and Hunt Company, Inc., Buffalo, joined the UFWA, recently.

In announcing the affiliation vote, Mr. Olfano said that it was a legal vote and will stand "unless the company petitions the NLRB for an election." In that case, he said, an election must be held before the affiliation can become effective.

At the meeting, the union voted to donate \$25 to the Mothers March on Polio drive.

The Crawford company employs about 160 persons.