

# Crawford Plant Election Called

## NLRB Vote Will Decide UFW Status

About 160 employes of the Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation this afternoon were scheduled to cast their ballots in a National Labor Relations Board election to accept or reject Local 45, United Furniture Workers of America (CIO) as their bargaining representative.

Meanwhile, the NLRB set 11 A. M. on Friday, April 4, in the City Hall as the time and place for a formal hearing as to whether or not a bargaining election should be held at Empire Case Goods.

Local 45 will be unopposed in today's election. Crawford employes formerly were represented by an independent union, but on Jan. 18, members of the latter voted to affiliate with the UFWA-CIO.

Officers of the independent union, headed by President Clarence S. Johnson, who had been reelected shortly before the affiliation vote, had run for reelection on the platform of affiliation with the UFWA-CIO.

After the Affiliation vote was announced, Clyde Crawford, company president said that he would refuse to recognize any union, other than the Crawford Furniture Workers Independent Union, as bargaining agent for the employes without an NLRB decision.

The formal NLRB hearing involving Empire Case Goods employes was called after representatives of the UFWA-CIO, Empire Case Goods Workers Independent Union, and the company failed to agree to election details at an informal hearing on Feb. 28.

After the formal hearing, the NLRB will announce its decision on a petition filed early last month by Samuel Olfano, international CIO representative for the UFWA, for a bargaining election at Empire Case Goods.