

# Crawford Union Defeats UFWA

## Losing CIO Faction Protests Reversal

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Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation employes Friday afternoon rejected the United Furniture Workers of America (CIO) as their bargaining agent by a vote of 88 to 55 in an election supervised by the National Labor Relations Board.

The Crawford workers will continue to be represented by the Crawford Furniture Workers Independent Union, which currently holds the union contract with the company.

Prior to the election, members of the independent union had voted to affiliate with the UFWA-CIO as Local 45.

Samuel Qlfano, UFWA-CIO international representative, today said that his union will file a protest of the election results with the NLRB within five days. He said the protest will be based on charges that Clyde Crawford, company president, "participated in anti-union activities prior to the election."

If the protest is upheld, Friday's vote will be set aside and another election called.

The voting was supervised by Miss Catherine Tarbell, Buffalo, NLRB field examiner. Clarence S. Johnson, Local 45 president, represented the UFWA-CIO and Gilbert House represented the independent union as election watchers.