

# NLRB Orders New Election At Crawford

A new bargaining election for employes of the Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation has been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board, and the results of a March 14 election, in which an independent union defeated the United Furniture Workers of America (CIO), have been ordered set aside.

The company now has the right to protest the NLRB's decision but today, Clyde Crawford, company president, said it will not do so. He added that he had requested that the election be held "as promptly as it can be held."

In taking this action, the NLRB upheld a UFWA-CIO protest that Crawford company officials had "participated in anti-union activities prior to the election" without allowing the union to reply to the company's charges.

In the ~~March~~ **MAY 20 1952** 14 election, Crawford employes chose to retain an independent union as their bargaining agent by an 88 to 55 vote. No date has yet been set for the new election.

Sam Olfano, UFWA-CIO representative, said his union had protested the March election because Mr. Crawford had made "an anti-union speech" prior to the election without allowing his union to offer a rebuttal.

The NLRB informed Mr. Crawford that "failure of the company to take reasonable action to contact union representatives prior to the election constituted a denial of the union's rights."