

# Crawford Issues Put to Mediator

## LaMotte Will Enter Revived Conference

Conciliation will enter into the picture of contract negotiations between the Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation and members of United Furniture Workers Association, (CIO), Local 45 next Monday.

Clarence LaMotte, Buffalo, a member of the Federal Conciliation Service, will meet with company and union negotiators at 4:30 P.M. at the Crawford plant.

Union members voted to go out on strike two weeks after conciliation entered into the negotiations, at a meeting last week after union and company officials had reached a stalemate in efforts to draw up a contract.

Major issues on which the company and union are divided include grievance procedure, plant seniority, dues deduction, and economic issues including rates of jobs, protective measures for piece workers, improvement in fringe benefits such as pensions, vacations, holiday pay and across-the-board increases.

On the plant seniority issue, the company is seeking a seniority set-up by departments, while the union is asking for plant-wide seniority.

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