

Dahlstrom's

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Employees Accept Company Proposal

Maintenance Men to Start Work at Plant Tomorrow

The five-month-old strike of about 640 production workers and maintenance men at the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company came to an end at noon today when nearly 400 members of Local 307, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (Ind.) ratified a new 15-month contract which includes a 10-cent an hour wage increase.

Union officials said the wage increase plus other benefits gained made a total "package" increase of 19 cents an hour.

No official vote figures were released by union officials, but it is believed that about 385 union members cast secret ballots, and that of the total, between 35 and 40 voted to reject the company proposal and remain on strike.

The Dahlstrom employees will start returning to work when the maintenance men enter the plant, Saturday. The day-shift production workers will return to their jobs at 7 A.M. Monday and the night-shift will enter the plant at 4:30 P.M.

Paul N. Anderson, Dahlstrom president, said, "We're very pleased that the strike has been ended. The strike has been extremely costly both to the company and the men. The average loss in wages approximates \$2,000 per employe."

The end of the 154-day-old strike came after nearly six weeks of intermittent negotiations and immediately followed a company proposal presented at a meeting between company and union representatives early Thursday morning.

At that time, the contract was agreed upon and signed by the company and union representatives, subject to ratification by the union membership. That ratification came this morning when nearly 400 members gathered in Nerdic Temple.

Wage Adjustment

The terms of the new contract, which will expire on March 31, 1953, include:

1. A 10-cent hourly wage increase for all production and maintenance employes, effective