

Davis, Randolph Parleys Grant 12 1/2-Cent Raise

A new contract which includes wage and fringe benefits totaling up to 12 1-2 cents an hour increase for employes at the Davis Furniture Corporation and the Randolph Furniture Workers has been negotiated by Locals 3104 and 2551, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (AFL), and company representative.

The new contract covers employes at both the Jamestown and Randolph plants of the companies.

Ray Anderson, president of Local 3104, said the new contract includes a 5 per cent general wage increase, the maximum allowable under Wage Stabilization Board regulations; five and ten cents an hour increase for night shift differentials, an improved computation method for overtime over eight hours, another paid holiday making a total of five each year, an additional week of vacation or double pay, union security, and an increase in hospital insurance benefits paid by the company.

The pay boost is the first gained by the union since January, 1951. In July, Mr. Anderson said, the union waived an increase because of the depressed condition of the furniture industry at that time.

Representing Local 3104 in the negotiations were Mr. Anderson, Henry Shill, Bernie Maybee, John Larson and Louis Knickerbocker. Val Bossard represented Local 2551. Also assisting was Martin McIntyre, international representative of the union. Representing the company were Waters C. Davis, president and treasurer; Davis Furniture Corporation and Randolph Furniture Works, and Glenn G. Kohlbacher, vice president and secretary, Davis Furniture Corporation.