

Union-National

Agreement Near

Wage Increase Offer Made by Company

The threat of a strike of about 125 employes of Union-National, Inc., set for Thursday, began to dim Friday as company officials announced a five-cent hourly wage increase had been granted and union officials intimated a settlement would be reached early next week on a retroactivity controversy.

Wesley A. Nord, vice president and secretary of the Crescent Street furniture factory, confirmed reports the wage increase had been granted a few days ago.

United Furniture Workers of America (CIO) officials said the main item holding up a negotiations settlement has been retroactivity of the wage increase. They said the union originally had wanted the increase retroactive to early March but had later made a compromise offer to make the increase retroactive to May 1.

A meeting between representatives of the Local 34 branch at the plant and company officials will be held at 9 A.M. Tuesday in the office of J. Russell Rogerson, company attorney. Clarence LaMoite, federal mediator, will be present.