

Workers Reject Union At Plant

Lounge Company Election Reported

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An election on the question of bargaining representation by United Furniture Workers of America, AFL-CIO, for production workers at the Jamestown Lounge Company held March 20, resulted in a vote of 86 against the union and 45 for the union, according to a certification received from the National Labor Relations Board.

This leaves Jamestown Lounge with no union for the first time in 16 years, officials said. At an election held in 1951, the CIO was voted out of the plant in favor of an independent union. An election held in 1956 between the independent union and the UFWA again resulted in favor of the independent union.

Last month the independent union affiliated with UFWA, which action resulted in the election held last week. This was a consent election, agreed to by all parties.

In the election and the events leading up to it, the UFWA was represented by Sandy Scarantino, International representative, and by Phillip Scavone, former independent union president. The company was represented by David W. Swanson, production vice president, and by Edward E. Haines, superintendent. The Labor Board was represented by H. Dishner of Buffalo.

A unique factor in the picture appeared today in that the company gave identical individual contracts to all employees guaranteeing seniority and other basic working conditions.

Mr. Swanson said this morning. "The fight to stay out of strike and shutdown situations is terrific and it is only with the cooperation of our employees that we have been able to do so for the past 25 years. We are very pleased with the confidence they have expressed in this election."