

UFW Rejects

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Sterling's

Pact Offer

Company Offers To Put Vote Up To Secret Ballot

The United Furniture Workers of America union has rejected a contract proposal from the Jamestown Sterling Corp. The union, representing 167 workers, has been on strike at the plant since Oct. 3.

Announcement of the contract rejection was made by Martin Wersing, Buffalo, State labor relations board mediator. The com-

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pany had offered to put the contract up to a vote by secret ballot.

Mr. Wersing said, "I have asked company and union officials to consider certain possibilities and they both have agreed to do so and I will learn what their reactions to them are later in the week." He declined to indicate what the "possibilities" were and said he did not know when he might meet again with labor and management representatives.

J. Howard Proudman, U.F.W. representative, had "No comment" on future steps of the union. Also, no indication was given as to what was decided at last night's meeting of a "Strike Aid Steering Committee" in Nordic Temple.

The committee was organized