

# SETTLEMENT TERMS TOLD; BIG MAJORITY

866 to 252 Vote; Men to Get  
Boosts in Three Steps

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Key System employes voted overwhelmingly yesterday to accept a Federal wage settlement formula, averting a strike called for next Tuesday.

The vote was 866 for the wage proposal and 252 against it, according to officials of the AFL Carmen's Union.

Under terms of the settlement suggestion made by Federal Conciliator Arthur Viat, the workers get:

A 5 cent an hour pay boost retroactive to June 21;

Another 4 cent increase effective March 1, 1956;

A third hike of 3 cents on December 1, 1956;

Six paid holidays for maintenance workers (operating personnel already had them under the old contract);

Three week vacation after twelve years of service and four week vacations after twenty-five years (against three weeks after fifteen years in the old contract); and

Increased guarantees of additional work for extra men.

The new contract runs to May 31, 1957.

## *Vote Hailed—*

Verne Stambaugh, president of the union's Division 192, hailed the favorable vote. He said:

"I am grateful the membership has accepted the Federal conciliator's recommendations by such a large majority. Every effort was made to settle this dispute amicably in the best interest of the community."

Glen Stanley, Key System president, likewise expressed pleasure that a strike was averted but he warned that the settlement "imposes new burdens on the company."

Key now has an application for a fare increase before the State public utilities commission and Stanley hinted all of its

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