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the commissioners of Local 1692, and discussion followed on what was meant by “recognition.”

Alton Rowland, city attorney, and Hudson told Cravens that the commissioners have never threatened, by discharge any employees for union affiliations.

“I appreciate that,” Cravens said with the ending topic on “recognition.”

Hudson told the CIO representative the commissioners are planning a classification system for employees, and are going to try to see that heads of departments look after the interests of city employees.

“If the employees are dissatisfied with their classification pay they can come up and be heard,” the mayor stated. “We would like to raise the pay of all our employees, but the first thing we would have to do would be to find the money.”

Hudson painted a sad picture on the city’s financial status, citing charges for hauling garbage and trash, the use of sewers, dog taxes, and other national taxes to make up the difference between what was asked and “what the excise board says we can spend.” He also mentioned coming expenses on repairing the sewer system and streets.

“I’m sure you recognize a wage of $145 or $160 a month is pitifully small on which to raise a family,” Cravens countered.

Rowland replied: “We’ve scratched our heads many a night trying to figure how to fix up a broken down police car or carry wages along,” after which Hudson said “if there’s any way we can give them relief we will feel sympathetic ear. I’m sure the city couldn’t enter into a bargaining contract.

Cravens charged that “indirect dealings” — promises of wage increases that were never given — had created a disturbance, and Hudson replied nobody had the authority to do that.

NONE OF THE THREE city employees accompanying the CIO representative entered into the conversation.

Cravens indicated the city employees will hold a follow-up meeting with them when they requested City Clerk Eva Sanders for a meeting place reservation at the Civic Center.

As the meeting got underway, the commissioners’ room was filled to overflowing by a delegation, mostly women, whose spokesman said “some of us are wondering if any subscription is going on in our library.”

“Some people who use the library have the feeling there...”