

MECHANICS RATIFY PARCEL CONTRACT

11-Week Strike Ended by
147-94 Vote for New Pact

Mechanics for the United Parcel Service voted yesterday to ratify a new contract with the company, bringing an 11-week-old strike to an end.

A spokesman for Local 447 of the International Association of Machinists reported that 147 men balloted in favor of the new pact and 94 against. The vote was counted at union headquarters, 7 East 15th Street.

Under the contract, drawn up early yesterday morning under the guidance of state mediators, the mechanics won an increase of \$23.20 a week over a three-year period. Their original demand was for a \$35-a-week increase over the same period.

The mechanics will return to work today, piqued that drivers in the teamsters union crossed their picket lines last week after ending a strike of their own.

"Remember the Alamo, remember 804 next time around," said Bernard Kelly, the machinists' union's business manager, when he announced the vote.

He was referring to Local 804 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters which struck May 2, settled July 12, but crossed the mechanics' picket line in increasing numbers last week.

The mechanics had honored the teamster lines, then had called their own strike. In New Jersey, where the teamsters represent both drivers and mechanics, United Parcel trucks rolled a week ago.

Mr. Kelly said the new contract provides an increase of 35½ cents an hour immediately, 7½ cents more the second year and 15 cents more the third year, for a total base wage increase of \$4.22 an hour.

Also included was a 19-cent-an-hour welfare-pension package.