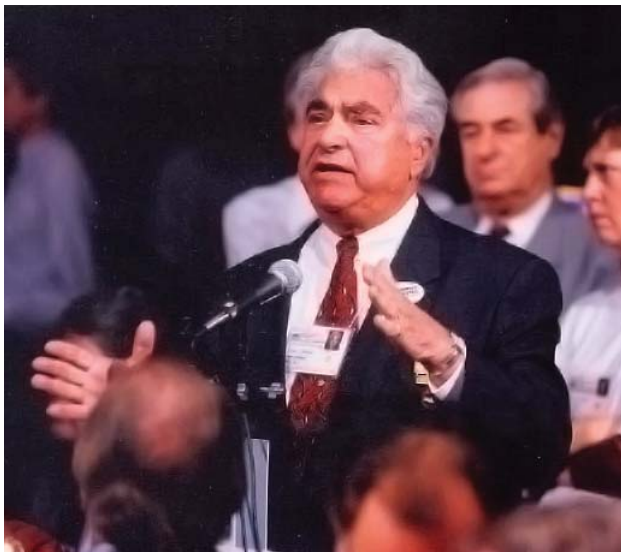


UFCW Remembers Frank D. Martino

Frank D. Martino, former International Vice President, UFCW Executive Board member, and President of the International Chemical Workers Council, died Saturday after a short illness. He was 91.



“Frank Martino dedicated his life to workers. Tens of thousands of workers have improved their lives because of his impassioned efforts,” said UFCW President Joe Hansen. “The entire UFCW community mourns his passing.”

Born in Albany, N.Y. in 1919, Frank was the only son of Ben and Rose Martino. A first sergeant in the U.S. Army, Mr. Martino served in Italy and Africa during World War II. He was a former commander of Fairlawn VFW Post 349.

After the war, he went to work as a chemical operator at Winthrop-Stearns Inc. (later Sterling Drug) in Rensselaer, New York and became active with his local union. He was elected President of Local 61 in 1954 and won the first company-wide master contract with Sterling Drug, negotiating the workers’ first pension plan.

Martino assumed presidency of the International Chemical Workers Union in 1975 and led several aggressive organizing initiatives.

In 1996, he led the union into the merger with the UFCW. He was a leading voice at the ICWU until 2001, when he retired in

his 80s.

Union colleagues, friends and family described him as an icon for his years of service and accomplishments.

“He lived and died for the Chemical Workers Union,” said Frank Cyphers, current ICWU Council President. “If they need a union in heaven, he’ll be the guy who will be organizing it.” Cyphers and Summit County Executive Russ Pry, who both worked for Mr. Martino, praised his integrity, caring nature and ability to get along with everyone, including management.

He was recognized for his effort to ensure the health and safety of workers in June, when the ICWU Center for Worker Health and Safety Education in Cincinnati, which he helped create in 1987, was dedicated in his honor.

Mr. Martino is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of Fairlawn; daughter, Lisa Boyd of the Akron area; his son, Michael Martino, and three grandchildren. **OP**

President Hansen Calls for Global Solidarity at UNI World Congress

In a time when more and more companies have grown beyond their national borders and are doing business on a global scale, the UNI World Congress seeks to unite unions from around the world to confront the new challenges posed by international trade.





“UNI is committed to moving us out of this global financial crisis that was created by greed and built on inequality,” said President Hansen. “We must demand better standards from the multinational corporations that operate across our borders, standards that include corporate responsibility, worker rights, and environmental sustainability. We must redouble our efforts to coordinate with each other to get serious about taking action across our borders and to hold companies accountable.”

Among the resolutions passed at the Congress was a call on Walmart to conclude a Global Agreement with UNI establishing a global set of fair working standards. The Congress also called on the Turkish government to lift its ban on strikes for workers in the banking sector, expressed solidarity with striking Pick n Pay workers in South Africa, and called on T-Mobile to extend recognition of the collective bargaining and organizing rights of workers beyond Germany to workers in the United States, Greece, and Montenegro.

More information on the Congress can be found on UNI’s website at www.uniglobalunion.org **OP**

UFCW Local 22 Workers Ratify Agreement with Cargill

UFCW Local 22 Workers in Schuyler, Neb., overwhelmingly ratified an agreement with Cargill. The workers stood strong for the benefits they and their families depend on including access to affordable health care coverage and a pension plan that recognizes their contributions to the company.



The agreement keeps health care premiums at affordable levels, preserves the company pension plan, and seeks to reduce favoritism by creating a fairer process for bidding on posted jobs.

UFCW Local 22 represents over four thousand workers in Nebraska’s meat packing and processing plants. **OP**

From President Hansen: This Thanksgiving, We Pledge to Continue Feeding the Hungry from Coast to Coast

This Thanksgiving, as we think of all we are thankful for, it’s good to remember those who are less fortunate as well. The UFCW is the foodworkers’ union, with members working in grocery stores, packing plants, and food processing plants, and our members and our locals have long been involved in programs to help the hungry and provide for those in need.

Particularly in these challenging economic times, all of us have an obligation and a responsibility to be active and involved in the communities we serve.

One of the most successful, and certainly the largest, of these programs is the joint UFCW/Smithfield Feeding the Hungry (FTH) Program that just completed year one of the three-year, multi-city, coast to coast effort to donate and deliver more than 20 million servings of protein to food banks through Feeding America’s network. The program launched in November of ‘09, and has been extremely successful, engaging the participation of thousands of local politicians, labor and community activists, and celebrity chefs like Paula Deen and the Food Network’s Jeff Henderson. So far, over one million (1,055,000) pounds of proteins, or about 3.7 million servings, have been distributed to food banks in 23 cities. **OP**

Read the rest of President Hansen’s Thanksgiving Message online on the UFCW Blog, www.ufcwblog.org.