

USW 1010 REMEMBERS OUR MARTYRS

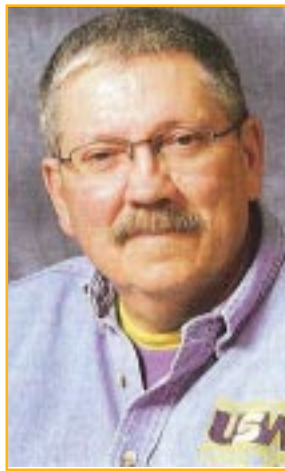
By Tom Hargrove

Hundreds of Union brothers and sisters from Local 1010 answered the call to make this demonstration a show of unity and strength against “Little Steel.”

After a picnic and rally that Memorial Day in 1937, a decision was made to march to the plant gates of Republic Steel Company and set up a picket line. In what became known as the “Memorial Day Massacre,” over 200 Chicago Police officers opened fire on the strikers, killing ten and wounding over a hundred. Three of the men killed were Local 1010 members. Many more were wounded.

The Local 1010 martyrs, whom we will never forget, were,

**Alfred Causey,
Sam Popovich,
Kenneth Reed,
Earl Hanley.**



I think one of the reasons that Local 1010 has been such a progressive and active union and had so many good leaders is because of our history. Like the mine workers, from whom the steelworkers evolved, our history is based on blood, sweat, and tears. The benefits we have today were not given to us. All the benefits that we have today were earned with the blood of those who came before us.

They were called imported agitators, red agitators and revolutionaries by the police and Chicago press, but that did not stop these brave men and women from showing up and standing up.

I am proud to be a member and President of this great Local 1010.

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