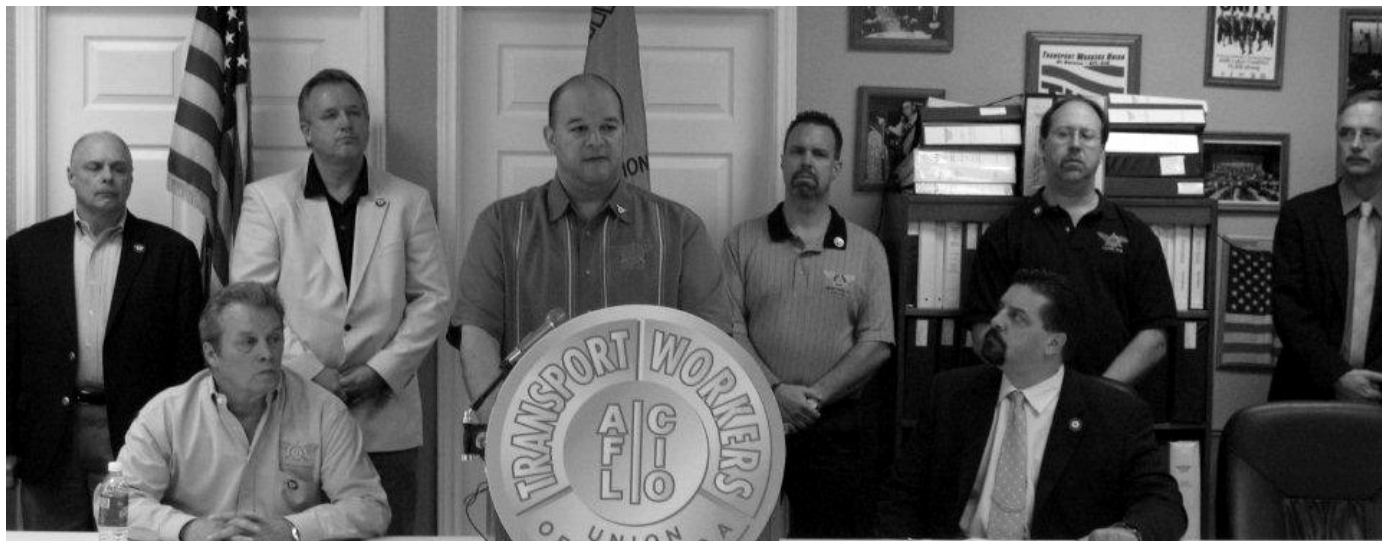




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Contract Action Newsletter

## TWU Goes Global *One World of Labor Council to convene in U.S. in April* *Fight for new work continues as worldwide unions back joint action*



**Sid Jimenez**, center, President of TWU Local 568 in Miami, briefs the media on TWU's global campaign for a fair contract. Joining the announcement, from left: Local 501 President **Dave Virella**, TWU Int'l Vice Pres. and ATD Director **Garry Drummond**, Local 502 President **Donny Tyndall**, Local 561 President **Todd Woodward**, Local 565 President **Bob Zimmerman**, TWU Local 512 President **Sean Doyle** and Local 563 President **Steve Gilboy**.

**T**WU members won international backing for our campaign for a fair contract at American Airlines this week, as unions all over the world — from Australia to the United Kingdom to Chile to Hungary — pledged support for a new One World of Labor Council, uniting all workers from airlines in AMR's Oneworld alliance.

"I know the company keeps a close eye on everything we do," said **Sid Jimenez**, President of TWU Local 568 in Miami, at a Feb. 24th media briefing at TWU's Air Transport Division headquarters in Hurst, Texas.

"I am very confident that American Airlines is going to take note that we are unified today, we are strong here today. And I am confident our unity and our strength is going to make a difference at the bargaining table."

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**Unions pledging support for One World of Labor Council:** TWU, US (American); Unite, UK (British Airways); FSC-CCOO, Spain (Iberia); RMFSZ, Hungary (Malev); STCLA, Chile (LAN); ASU, Australia, (Qantas); JAL CCU, Japan (JAL); Koku Rengo, Japan, JAL; AAA, Argentina (LAN); GUATT, Jordan (Royal Jordanian.)

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# TWU Kicks off Global Campaign

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TWU Local Union Presidents from Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami and New York attended the Dallas news conference, representing Mechanics and Related workers, Fleet, Stores and other TWU members at American.

Responding to a call from TWU International President **Jim Little**, trade unions around the globe have endorsed creation of the new One World of Labor Council, slated to have its first meeting in the United States in April.

Convened by the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), representing more than four million workers in 155 countries, the new Council will develop joint strategies and tactics to win justice for workers at the 12 global airlines that are part of the Oneworld alliance.

"I congratulate and fully support the TWU," said **Brendan Gold**, national aviation secretary for UNITE, the two-million member London-based union representing workers at British Airways. "It's time for us to come together, as a necessary counterbalance to the employers in the airline alliances." Gold, who spoke to reporters during the news briefing by phone from London, also serves as Vice Chair of civil aviation for the ITF.

TWU officials also announced that they are in discussions to secure Oneworld work at all their stations "We believe alliances should create synergies and not confusion," said Sean Doyle, President of TWU Local 512 in Chicago. Union leaders reported on Feb. 24 that union members had won a commitment for under-the-wing fleet service work from Oneworld partner Japan Air Lines, which will begin landing flights at O'Hare in March.

TWU members in New York are still working to bring work from Oneworld alliance members under the TWU umbrella. "Our quality is second to none," says **Dave Virella**, President of TWU Local 501, representing workers at New York's JFK airport.



Local 501 President  
**Dave Virella**

"We're going to keep making that case to the company, and the facts are on our side."

## In the News

TWU's Feb. 24th news briefing at ATD HQ in Hurst received coverage from major news outlets. Some highlights:

**DOWJONES**

"The International Transport Workers' Federation, an umbrella of trades unions, said Thursday it will forge closer links with unions across the oneworld airline alliance to strengthen workers resistance against restructuring in the industry."

**Bloomberg**

"American Airlines largest union is taking the lead in creating a labor coalition among Oneworld alliance carriers in hopes of building global strength for contract negotiations."

**TULSA WORLD**

"After four years of negotiations on a new contract, American Airlines' unionized mechanics are preparing to take their battle to the streets — and not just in the United States, union executives said Thursday."

**Star-Telegram**

"The TWU also hopes that with a greater focus on oneworld, its members will be able to perform more work for the alliance carriers when they add routes to the U.S."

## Negotiators to meet March 7th through 11th

Members of the TWU Bargaining Committee representing Maintenance and Related (M &R) members, as well as Stores members, are scheduled to meet with AMR officials and federal mediator Jack Kane in a mediated session on Mar. 7th through 11th.

Carrying out a mandate from TWU members, our bargaining committee is continuing to meet with the company in an effort to find common ground, with a contract that recognizes the contributions of our membership to the success of the company.

A report from the February negotiating session is available at <http://aa.twu.org> .