

Sept. 24, 1976

To: Nick Jones
From: Richard Grossman
Re: Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention

Here is all the information on our activities at the Illinois State AFL-CIO convention. The convention was held Sept. 20-23 in Springfield. There was about 2000 delegates at the convention.

We went down to Springfield Monday morning, arriving an hour before the convention started. We immediately set up two T.G. tables in the main lobby. The tables remained up all day Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The T.G. sales were quite good and we raised \$695.41. A complete breakdown of sales is enclosed. The leather items went the best.

Tuesday night starting at 6:00pm we had a wine tasting in the main hotel. The wine tasting was scheduled in the program (see enclosure). I would estimate 200-300 delegates came. Both Stanley Johnson and Bob Gibson, president and secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-CIO, came to the wine tasting. We made about \$40 in donations at the wine tasting plus did a good job of selling T.G. The room was donated by the State Fed. We had 7 cases of wine donated, 5 by Italian Swiss and 2 by Almaden.

Wednesday afternoon I spoke for about 5 minutes. We could not get on before that because of all the politicians coming to speak. By the time I spoke many people had already left. Still we collected \$405.71 in the floor collection with a pledge of matching funds from the State Fed. We had 25 delegates help on the floor collection.

All together we made \$1141.40 at the convention not including the pledged money for the floor collection. Three resolutions were passed supporting us (see enclosures). There were 3 staff and 4 supporters from Chicago working the convention. Also on Monday Rev. Olga Sandman from Peoria stopped by to help for a couple of hours. Tuesday night 2 other supporters from Peoria came by to help at the wine tasting. We got about 25 new labor contacts plus renewed many old ones.

This was my first convention and not everything went as well as I would have liked. We were particularly weak in getting new names. Still over all, I am pleased with the convention. I think besides making money we helped solidify our support in the labor movement in Illinois.