

To: Nick Jones
From: Richard Grossman
Re: Black Eagle Solidarity Dinner

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The Black Eagle Solidarity Dinner, planned for Oct. 10, is moving along on schedule. The work on the program book, for which we sold ads and sponsors, is finished and the book is at the printers. The ads were \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page, and \$25 for a quarter page. We have 50 pages of ads for a total of \$5,000. We have about 125 ads, 75 from unions and 30 from churches or clergy. Almost all the money for the ads is already received. The rest is pledged from sources we feel are reliable, e.g. a union where they have voted to take out an ad but haven't sent in the check.

The other part of the program book is the sponsorships. We again had three categories: \$100 sponsor, \$50 patron, \$25 donor. The total for the sponsorships is about \$4500. We have about 125 sponsors, patrons, or donors, about 25 which are clergy or churches, 10 from unions, and the rest individuals. Again most of the money is in for the sponsors. Also a number of people felt they couldn't afford to become a sponsor so they just sent in a donation. This totals about \$250 more.

To get the ads and sponsors we sent out close to 3500 letters. The Illinois State Federation of Labor sent out a letter we had prepared from the labor committee to all AFL-CIO locals in Illinois. The Lake County Indiana (Gary-East Chicago) AFL-CIO Central Labor Union mailed the same letter to all its locals. We also mailed letters to all those on our lists who had contributed over the last couple of years. We had a letter to individuals for sponsors, a letter to churches for ads, and a letter to organizations and business for ads (samples enclosed).

We had the labor committee do the follow-up on the labor letters. A few labor leaders sent out individual letters to locals in their unions, e.g. Bob Healey president of the Chicago Teachers Union to all the Teachers locals in northern Illinois and Mike Stone of the URW (see enclosure). Supporters and staff did the follow-up on the rest. We had about 25 supporters phoning for the follow-up. On Aug. 15 we had a training session for the supporters and staff on doing the follow-up. After that everyone doing follow-up called twice a week, Thursday and Sunday, to report back on their success. That continued through the deadlines of Sept 17 for ads and Sept 24 for sponsors.

The other major way we are trying to raise money is through ticket sales. The tickets are \$3.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family in advance and \$4.00 and \$12.00 at the door. We have money in for only about 400 tickets, almost all individual. We have distributed