

Pro-Daley March Draws 80

CHICAGO, Sept. 29 (UPI)—Eighty marchers stepped off this afternoon in a demonstration aimed at countering Saturday's mass rally protesting police conduct in confrontations with anti-war demonstrators during the Democratic National Convention.

A group calling itself United Patriots International gathered in Chicago's Civic Center shortly after noon and waited for an hour and a half for the expected hundreds of marchers.

When the multitudes failed to appear, the band of 80 set off in pairs for the march down Michigan Avenue to the Grant Park band shell for a two-hour rally.

"It's a shame, said a woman marcher.

Joseph Vidrine, Illinois director for United Patriots International, which claims membership in California, New York, Illinois, Louisiana and Missouri, said, "It is unfortunate that there is such a small turnout." He blamed rescheduling of the rally from Saturday to today and "lack of proper news coverage."

The Patriots' march was rescheduled when the Chicago Park District—fearing trouble between pro-police and anti-police demonstrators—refused to grant a permit for the Patriots march at the same time protesters were marching and rallying in Grant Park.

Saturday's march drew upwards of 10,000 demonstrators. There were no incidents.