

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 53, July 27, 1967

Present: J. Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Kerry, Shaw, Jones.

Visitors: Ring, B. Barnes, Boutelle.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Report.
2. Black Power Conference.
3. International.
4. Convention.

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported on progress of building October 21 demonstration.

The coalition is united behind the idea of a mass demonstration. Attempts by the CP to call off or divert the mass character of the demonstration have failed. At the National Mobilization Administrative Committee meeting last weekend in Washington, a CP motion to this effect received only one vote, with Women's Strike for Peace strongly supporting the October 21 mass mobilization.

Discussion: Ring, Halstead, Dobbs.

Halstead reported on Progressive Labor tactics.

The Columbia Vietnam Summer Committee issued a statement against the tactics used by PL, although it did not specifically name organizations.

Discussion: J. Barnes, Kerry, Ring, Dobbs, Halstead.

2. BLACK POWER CONFERENCE

Boutelle reported.

Discussion: Dobbs, DeBerry, Kerry, J. Barnes.

3. INTERNATIONAL

Dobbs reported.

4. CONVENTION

Shaw reported.

Discussion: J. Barnes, Dobbs.

Motion: To authorize branches to make pre-convention discussion bulletins available to non-party youth members where it is deemed appropriate.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Note:

The following additional votes have been received in the National Committee poll on the June 22 P.C. motion recommending the suspension of Swabeck.

Alternate: Taplin -- for suspension

Advisory: Mayhew -- for suspension