

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 60, October 12, 1967

Present: Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Novack, Shaw,
Sheppard, Jones.

Visitor: Breitman.

Chairman: Novack.

AGENDA:

1. Convention.
2. Pre-Convention Plenum.
3. The Case for an Independent Black Political Party
4. Publications Committee.
5. Antiwar Report.

1. CONVENTION

Shaw made the following proposals:

- a. Agenda: That a report on the antiwar movement, with Lew Jones as reporter, be added to the proposed agenda, and that the order of the agenda be as follows:

1. Organization of Convention.
2. World Movement Report.
3. Independent Black Political Action Report.
4. Political Report.
5. Presidential Ticket.
6. Antiwar Report.
7. Youth Report.
8. Swabeck Case.
9. Organization Report.
10. Election of National Committee.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

- b. Panels: That the panel on Trade Union Work be led by Farrell Dobbs and the panel on Press and Literature be led by comrades in charge of those departments.

Discussion: Breitman, Dobbs.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

- c. Organization and rules:

1. That the Presidium consist of the members of the Political Committee: Dobbs, Kerry, J. Hansen, Novack, Barnes, Halstead, DeBerry, Sheppard, Shaw, L. Jones.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

2. That Daniels and White serve as convention secretaries.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

3. To elect at the convention a Credentials Committee consisting of three delegates.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

4. To elect at the convention a Constitution Committee consisting of three delegates.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

5. To elect at the convention a Nominating Commission consisting of 21 delegates as follows: New York, 4; California, 4; Illinois, 2; Minnesota, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 2; Ohio, 2; New Jersey, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Washington, 1.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

6. To seat as fraternal delegates the following categories: (1) National Committee members; (2) members of the National Control Commission; (3) heads of National Office departments; (4) special guests.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

7. That the following rules apply to convention procedure:

- a. In cases of procedural disputes, discussion be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and each speaker be limited to two minutes.

- b. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to 10 minutes per speaker.
- c. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion until all those who wish the floor have had opportunity to speak.
- d. All voting, except for election of National Committee and National Control Commission, will be done by voice vote unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates cards. Election of National Committee and National Control Commission shall take place by secret ballot.
- e. Only delegates have voice and vote. Fraternal delegates have voice and consultative vote.
- f. Alternate delegates have voice and vote only when acting to replace a regularly elected delegate.
- g. In all other cases, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

8. That time be allotted to PC reporters as follows:

- a. World Movement Report -- 1½ hours plus ½-hour summary.
- b. Independent Black Political Action Report -- 1 hour plus ½-hour summary.
- c. Political Report -- 1¼ hours plus ½-hour summary.
- d. Antiwar Report -- 1 hour plus ½-hour summary.
- e. Youth Report -- 1 hour plus ½-hour summary.
- f. Swabeck Case -- ½ hour.
- g. Organization Report -- 1 hour plus ¼-hour summary.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

9. That the proposed Convention Schedule be as follows: (See attached)

Discussion: Sheppard, Dobbs.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

2. PRE-CONVENTION PLENUM

Shaw reported.

Motion: To hold a pre-convention plenum of the National Committee Wednesday, October 25, at 8:00 p.m. at 873 Broadway, to act on the organization of the convention.

Carried.

3. THE CASE FOR AN INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICAL PARTY

DeBerry reported.

Discussion: Novack, Barnes, Dobbs, Sheppard, Breitman, Halstead, DeBerry.

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Carried.

4. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Shaw presented the following motion:

Motion: That we establish a Publications Committee which will function in collaboration with the publishing house. The Committee's primary duties to be determination of a continuing publications program and schedule and to assist in the preparation and publication of books and pamphlets. The Committee shall be composed of the following members: Lavan, Breitman, Novack, J. Hansen, T. Kerry, A. Hansen, and a member to be assigned by the youth.

Carried.

5. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported.

Discussion: Halstead, Barnes.

Meeting adjourned.

Proposed Convention Schedule

Thursday, October 26, 1967

10:00 A.M. Organization of Convention
11:00 World Movement Report
12:30 P.M. Discussion
1:00 Lunch
2:30 Continue Discussion
3:30 Summary, World Movement
4:00 Independent Black Political Action Report
5:00 Discussion
7:30 Adjourn

Friday, October 27, 1967

10:00 A.M. Summary, Independent Black Political Action
10:30 Political Report
11:45 Discussion
1:00 P.M. Lunch
2:30 Continue Discussion
3:30 Summary, Political Report
4:00 Presidential Ticket
4:30 Antiwar Report
5:30 Discussion
7:30 Adjourn

Saturday, October 28, 1967

10:00 A.M. Summary, Antiwar Report
10:30 Youth Report
11:30 Discussion
12:30 P.M. Lunch
2:00 Continue Discussion
3:00 Summary, Youth Report
3:30 Swabeck Case
----- Adjourn

Sunday, October 29, 1967

10:00 A.M. Organization Report
11:00 Discussion
12:45 P.M. Summary
1:00 Lunch
2:00 Election of National Committee
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