

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

October 25, 1967

Convened: 8:20

Chairman: Johnson

Roll Call: Regular: Alvin, J. Barnes, Coover, Dobbs, Halstead, B. Hansen, J. Hansen, Johnson, Lavan, Novack, Reed, Ring, Shaw, Torres, Trainor, Vernon, Weinstein.

Alternates: Leonard, Scheer, Spangler, Britton, Henderson, Taplin.

Advisory: Dunne

Control Commission: Aubrey

1. Organization of Convention

Shaw reported for Political Committee:

Motion: To adopt the following agenda:

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

Carried.

Motion: That the following time allotment be given to Political Committee Reporters:

1. World Movement: 1½ hours plus ½-hour summary
2. Independent Black Political Action: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
3. Political Report: 1¼ hour plus ½-hour summary
4. Presidential Ticket: ½-hour
5. Antiwar Report: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
6. Youth Report: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
7. Swabeck Case: ½-hour
8. Organization Report: 1 hour plus ¼-hour summary

Carried.

Motion: That there be two panels:

1. Trade Union Work, led by Dobbs
2. Press and Literature, led by comrades in charge of departments

Carried.

Motion: To approve the Convention schedule (see attached)

Carried.

Motion: That Daniels and White serve as convention secretaries.

Carried.

Motion: That the Presiding Committee be composed of Political Committee members, Dobbs, Kerry, Barnes, Novack, J. Hansen, DeBerry, Sheppard, Jones, Halstead and Shaw.

Carried.

Motion: To elect a Credentials Committee consisting of three delegates.

Carried.

Motion: To elect a Constitution Committee consisting of three delegates.

Carried.

Motion: To elect 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.

Carried.

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

Discussion: Torres, Shaw.

Carried.

Motion: That the convention be open to party members and sympathizers vouched for by the branches.

Carried.

Motion: That the following rules govern convention procedure:

1. In cases of procedural disputes, discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to 10 minutes per speaker.
3. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion until all those who wish the floor have had the opportunity to speak.
4. 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.
5. Only delegates shall have voice and vote. Fraternal delegates shall have voice and consultative vote.
6. Alternate delegates have voice and vote only when acting to replace a regularly elected delegate.
7. In all other cases, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Discussion: Ring, Shaw.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31.

## 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  
----- Adjourn