

## Peace and Freedom Party Finding Aid

### Description:

This collection contains audio recordings and handwritten and printed materials pertaining to the Peace and Freedom Party. The majority of the material is derived from the 1968 Peace and Freedom Party Founding Convention. The audio was recorded by Colin Edwards, a Welsh journalist and writer (see [Colin Edwards Collection](#)).

### Background notes:

The Peace and Freedom Party began in 1967, emerging from the Civil Rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s. People looking for an alternative to the Democratic Party, that was doing little to end the war in Vietnam and that also was failing to address the issues of racial injustice in the United States, formed a radical left-wing third party from the Peace and Freedom Movement, and attempted to seek change through electoral politics. After a significant voter registration drive in 1967, they were placed on the 1968 California ballot, with over 100,000 party members, and held the Peace and Freedom Party Founding Convention from March 16 – 18, 1968, in Richmond, CA.

**Size:** 7 reels of audio recordings, 1 small box of documents

**Arrangement:** Collection is arranged in 2 series

### Access Points:

**Subjects:** African American, Anti-Imperialism, Anti-Racism, Anti-War, Black Liberation, Chicano, Democracy, Land Rights, Latino, Militarism, Police, Resistance, Socialism, Viet Nam, Women.

**Keywords:** Black Caucus, Black Panther Party (BPP), Black Panthers, Black women, California, Chican@, demonstrations, electoral politics, electoral system, farmworkers, Haight-Ashbury, land rights, Newton trial, Peace and Freedom Movement, Peace and Freedom Party, police brutality, police harassment, protests, San Francisco, self-defense, socialism, social justice, Stop the Draft Week, Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, United Latinos for Justice, US-Mexico Border, Mayor Alioto, Bob Avakian, Marvin Garson, Robert Kennedy, Larry Little John, Huey Newton, Reies Lopez Tijerina.

## **Series 1: Audio recordings**

Content description: Recordings made from the three day convention, including statements made by the Black Caucus and Chicano Caucus regarding their platform, and discussion of Senatorial endorsement and candidates; audio of a PFP organized demonstration protesting police brutality in the Haight-Ashbury District of San Francisco.

### Subseries 1: Peace and Freedom Party Convention, March 16-18, 1968

- KP 606 Peace and Freedom Party Convention (after First Workshop Session)
- KP 607 Peace and Freedom Party Convention (interview with Kenneth Denmon)
- KP 608 Peace and Freedom Party Convention (Fourth Plenary Session)
- KP 609 Peace and Freedom Party Convention (Fourth Plenary Session)
- KP 610 Peace and Freedom Party Convention (interview with Reies Lopez Tijerina)

### Subseries 2: Peace and Freedom Party Demonstration at City Hall, San Francisco

- KP 604 Peace and Freedom Party Rally in San Francisco (1 of 2)
- KP 605 Peace and Freedom Party Rally in San Francisco (2 of 2)

## **Series 2: Peace and Freedom Party Convention paper materials**

Content description: Convention agenda and rules of procedure; press releases; party platform and plank proposals; workshop agendas and statements (including Black Caucus and Latino Caucus materials); Senate candidates' statements and biographies; Presidential candidate materials; handwritten and typed notes from Edwards' interviews and his audio coverage; additional printed material relating to the Peace and Freedom Party Convention, including the Peace & Freedom News; notes on the Black Panthers and the Peace and Freedom Movement; Huey Newton's candidacy for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, and; various fliers and notices.

### Folder 1: Convention materials

- 1.01 Revised convention agenda; convention structure; workshop list; rules of procedure
- 1.02 Proposed rules of order
- 1.03 PFP Organizing Committee policy guidelines
- 1.04 Press release regarding convention
- 1.05 Press release regarding age restrictions for delegates
- 1.06 Press release regarding demand for Huey Newton's immediate release
- 1.07 Proposal for voting age
- 1.08 Steering Committee proposed agenda
- 1.09 Proposed motions to be included on agenda

- 1.10 Proposed platforms for the PFP
- 1.11 Proposed Constitution for the Alameda County Peace and Freedom Movement
- 1.12 Policy statements regarding Black and Brown Caucus, including proposal for bicameralism
- 1.13 Position paper/resolutions from the Latino Caucus to the PFP convention
- 1.14 Policy statements from various convention workshops
- 1.15 Senate candidate statements (Barbara Auther, Stanley Gow, Paul Jacobs, William Mack, Hugh Manes, Leon Trousdale)
- 1.16 Senate candidate biographies (Barbara Auther, Hugh Manes)
- 1.17 Materials re a PFP Presidential candidate

Folder 2: Colin Edwards' notes from Peace and Freedom Party Convention

- 2.01 Handwritten and typed notes from Edwards' interviews and audio coverage

Folder 3: Supporting documentation from the Peace and Freedom Party Convention

- 3.01 Peace & Freedom News (2 copies)
- 3.02 Notes on the Black Panther Party for Self Defense coalition with the Peace and Freedom Movement
- 3.03 Peace and Freedom Movement position on coalitions
- 3.04 Report on discussion and motions regarding Huey Newton's candidacy for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, from an Alameda County Council Meeting on March 3, 1967
- 3.05 Proposed pledge for Peace & Freedom Party workers: If not now, when? (Pledge of allegiance to black liberation)
- 3.06 Ministry of Information Black Paper: Position of the Black Panther Party in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District election, presented to the Peace and Freedom Party Movement on January 31, 1968