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Weather

Fair today through Thursday with slightly warmer temperatures. Highs today and tomorrow in the mid 60s to low 70s. Lows in the 40s.

PG&E takeover big loser

ONLY ONE COUNCIL RADICAL; POT WINS, SPLIT ON POLICE

Takeover of PG&E decisively defeated

Berkeley voters early this morning handily turned back an effort to municipalize Pacific Gas & Electric Co. facilities here and also voted to "decriminalize" the possession and use of marijuana.

In what was clearly a mixed result of radical efforts versus non-radicals, the unexpectedly low vote turnout also saw the "neighborhood preservation" ordinance passing and the so-called "shorter work week" proposal overwhelmingly crushed.

Berkeley voters were also divided on four "police control" measures, approving two and rejecting two (see companion story).

A bond issue to buy up the Santa Fe right-of-way in Berkeley failed to secure the two-thirds majority, and voters approved a measure to increase the salaries of school board members to $300 per month.

THE ODOR of marijuana was noticeable at Berkeley Community Theater last night where the votes in the city's torrid election were tabulated, and several persons merrily lit up marijuana cigarettes as it became obvious early in the evening that the "Berkeley Marijuana Initiative" was passing.

The measure, which may have legal hurdles to cross, makes it police department policy to give "lowest priority" to enforcement of the marijuana laws, other than those against the sale of pot, which still remains illegal.

Under terms of the BMI, modeled on the California Marijuana Initiative which lost statewide last year but

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Controls on police divided

Two "police control" measures on the Berkeley city elections ballot were approved this morning and two others rejected.

The last-minute precinct counts which accompanied the early-hour surge by the liberal Berkeley candidates saw what had earlier looked like more radical victories thwarted.

All four of the initiatives had been strongly backed by the radical council slate.

VOTERS approved an initiative calling for public disclosure of all police mutual aid and other agreements and their acceptance or rejection pending public hearings.

They also approved the initiative calling for a police review commission.

Turned around in the early morning hours and defeated were the initiatives calling for mandatory Berkeley residency for its police personnel and another initiative

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Monheimer wins; Roh surprises

School board incumbent Marc Monheimer has easily been returned to a second four-year term on the Berkeley School Board, and a young Asian has won a seat on the 5-member board.

Alameda County Juvenile Probation Officer Gene Roh, 32, a political unknown here who will be the first Berkeleyan of Oriental extraction to sit on the board, snared the second seat up for grabs.

Dr. Sam Markowitz had not sought re-election.

IN A final vote tally agonizingly held up early this morning by computer vote problems, the breakdown was:

Marc Monheimer 23,870 (29.68 per cent)

Gene Roh 20,805 (26.09 per cent)

Bea Fraenkel-Conrat 19,933 (25 per cent)

Irene Howard 11,103 (13.92 per cent)

Carol Sholin 4,227 (5.3 per cent)

Monheimer led the race all the way. Roh began coming on strong early in the evening and was obviously picking up substantial support from all parts of the city.

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City council's new

Results

(189 total precincts; 75,701 registered voters, 49,664 ballots cast constituting 65.61 percent of the registered voters).

CITY COUNCIL	
Hone, Susan	23,476
Sweeney, Wilmont	23,459
Ramsey, Henry Jr.	23,067
Kelley, Ying Lee	21,022
Dashiell, Margot	20,803
Garrett, Joseph L.	20,069
Birdsall, Peter	18,949
Goldberg, Lenny	18,247
Overstreet, Harry	5,478
Price, Borden	4,339
Bradley, Velma A.	1,887
Bach, Leo	1,856
Valencia, Bob	995
Scamahorn, Charles	668
Pon, Kathryn	488
Schneider, Eugene	488
Arnold, J. Howard	482
Parsons, Sandra	447
Makler, Nancy	412
Ryan, Matthew	387
Millner, Ken	342
Williams, Brian	251

SCHOOL BOARD	
Monheimer, Marc	23,870
Roh, Gene	20,805
Fraenkel-Conrat, Bea	19,933
Howard, Irene	11,103
Sholin, Caryl	4,227

SANTA FE (Bond Measure) (Required Two-Thirds)	
Yes	23,964 60.19
No	15,844 39.81

SCHOOL BOARD RAISES (Charter Amendment)	
Yes	20,822 53.20
No	18,314 46.80

MEASURE 1 (Police)	
Yes	8,385 14.35
No	50,024 85.65

MEASURE 2 (Neighborhood Preservation)	
Yes	27,180 59.39
No	18,574 40.61

MEASURE 3 (Marijuana)	
Yes	28,116 63.43
No	16,201 36.57

MEASURE 4 (Police Aide)	
Yes	24,830 53.77
No	21,371 46.23

MEASURE 5 (Police Residency)	
Yes	15,297 31.93
No	34,127 68.07

MEASURE 6 (Bond Measure)

By MIKE CULBERT

A united front of Berkeley voters obviously crossing party and ideological lines early this morning stopped a radical group of candidates from taking control of Berkeley City Council in a classic all-Democratic contest between liberal and radical slates.

Councilwoman Susan Hone and Vice Mayor Wilmont Sweeney were joined by Prof. Henry Ramsey Jr. in grabbing three of the four seats open on the nine-member council.

Anti-war activist Ying Lee Kelley, who had led the voting most of the evening, came in fourth as the April Coalition's slate of four candidates went down to defeat in an election in which radically-backed ballot measures had mixed results.

Mechanical difficulties early this morning with the city's Votomatic computer system kept the final outcome, hinging on 17 precincts, in doubt until 3:30 a.m.

The council result, giving Mayor Warren Widener the working majority he had asked for, was seen as a sharp rebuff to Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, 16th District Assemblyman Ken Meade and Councilwoman Ilona Hancock, all of whom had visibly and vigorously endorsed and campaigned for the radicals. All are Democrats.

Seventeenth District Assemblyman John J. Miller, a Democrat, had endorsed all three radicals except Henry Goldberg, and had also supported designer Harry Overstreet, an independent, who came in ninth.

DOWN TO defeat went one-term Councilman Borden Price, the only major Republican incumbent running in the officially non-partisan race.

Price ran last in the 21 candidate field.

Many Berkeleyans hung to the edge of their seats in the early morning hours as the three slates of candidates fought the narrow political victory to its conclusion.

Between midnight and 3 a.m. Councilwoman Hone, Sweeney and Ramsey were in a comfortable position to take their seats, but only a handful of votes separated Kelley, the fourth-place candidate, from Goldberg, the ninth-place finisher.

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'By a hair' Mayor of Oakland forced to a runoff

(By I-D Correspondent JAMES HARTMAN)

OAKLAND — Oakland Mayor John H. Reading will face Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale in a runoff election May 15.

Yesterday, Reading surged so strongly in Oakland's city election that he came within 84 votes of garnering the 50 per cent plus one vote needed to avoid the runoff.

The two-term Republican businessman made a landslide in the 9-man mayoral field, winding up with 55,342 votes to 21,314 for Seale, who had run a fullscale campaign as a Democrat.

Consultant and businessman Otho Green was third with 17,480 votes, and incumbent Councilman John Sutter fourth with 15,140.

FIVE OTHER candidates split more than 1300 votes.

Three other races will be on the May 15 runoff ballot also.

Two-term incumbent Councilman Fred A. Brown, who received 33,886 votes, loses his seat to Lionel Wilson, who got 37,276 votes.

Incumbent school director Lorenzo Hoopes faces attorney Russell Brimo. Hoopes had 44,682 to 27,555 for Brimo. Two other candidates split more than 28,000 votes.

INCUMBENT auditor Alan A. Brizee (47,656) goes into a runoff against Dean Madsen (32,800). Two other candidates split about 27,000 votes.

Elaine Brown, Black Panther Party Minister of Information, failed in her bid to oust incumbent Councilman Joshua R. Rose.

Incumbent Councilmen Rose and George K. Vukasin and incumbent School Board members Seymour M. Rose and Charles Geisty were easily re-elected. Geisty running without opposition.

Both of Oakland's two ballot measures passed.

A Charter amendment calling for binding arbitration for police and fire pay disputes passed 61,486 to 37,610.

A Charter amendment to raise the mayor's salary to $15,600 per year passed 52,703 to 38,392.

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