

# The Kansas City Times

## Interpreted as Vote of Confidence



POINTING WITH PRIDE to an election count on a blackboard last night were (left to right) Mayor Ius W. Davis, Allan J. Bronfman, a committee chairman for the Kansas Citizens for a Greater Kansas City, and Councilmen Victor F. Swyden, Jeffrey P. Hillelson and Frank P. Sebree. Early returns of the evening are noted in totals reading 38,928 for and 21,934 against. The city officials held forth through the ballot count at the Hotel Continental.

By John T. Dauner  
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

I'll be a landslide, don't you think?  
By golly, the old Kansas City spirit's not dead! Hey! The bonds are picking up.  
These were typical comments heard last night in the sixth-floor meeting room at

the Continental hotel where the mayor, city council and members of the Kansas Citizens for a Greater Kansas City committee gathered to listen to the earnings-tax election returns and then celebrate victory.  
Clapping his hands as he strode across the floor after a telephone conversation

with election board headquarters. Councilman John D. Maguire shouted: "Hey, the E-tax is carrying 2 to 1."  
That was 25 minutes after the polls closed and with only 20 of 238 precincts reporting. The estimate was a little high. The final result was closer to a 5-to-3 majority, but the re-

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# WIDE MARGIN FOR E-TAX

### With More Than 68,000 Residents Balloting, Margin for Earnings Levy Exceeds 8 to 5—Mayor Ius W. Davis Hails Result and Pledges to Work for a Great City

## CARRIES IN 20 WARDS

Total in 236 of the 238 Polling Places Is 42,722 to 25,474—Council Set to Start Improvements

By William R. Graves  
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

Kansas Citizens voted by an 8 to 5 majority yesterday for an earnings tax that will produce an estimated 6 million dollars a year in new city revenue. The balloting was by more than 68,000 registered voters.

With votes in 236 of the 238 polling places counted, the earnings tax led by a ratio of about eight to five. The vote was 42,722 for the tax and 25,474 against it

### One Bond Passes

Only one of five bond proposals totaling 16 million dollars got the necessary two-thirds vote for approval.

That was proposition No. 4, for \$1,500,000 for new fire stations and other fire department installations.

The two precincts that were still out early today were in Clay County, where paper ballots still are used.

The tax was leading in Clay County by a thin margin.

### Needed Only Majority

The earnings tax needed only a simple majority for passage.

Mayor Ius W. Davis hailed the earnings tax victory as a revival of the Kansas City spirit, and pledged to "eliminate waste and do the necessary planning for building and operating a great city."

The earnings tax carried in 20 of 24 wards.

It lost by varying margins in the first, eleventh, fifteenth and twenty-fourth wards.

The first and eleventh wards are in what is called the North Side, just south of the Missouri river. The fifteenth ward lies between Seventeenth and Thirty-third Streets on the east edge of the city, and the twenty-fourth ward is a recently annexed area in the extreme south-east part of the city.

### Eighth Ward Leads

The eighth ward led in voting with a 5 to 1 majority for the tax. In the ninth ward the vote was 4 to 1, in the sixth and seventh wards it was 3 to 1 and in the 10th, 18th, 19th and 20th wards the tax passed 2 to 1. Voting north of the Missouri river was in decided contrast to

## Election Returns

The following is the unofficial vote in the special election yesterday:  
236 of 238 consolidated precincts.

### The Earnings Tax

To levy a tax of 1/2 of 1 per cent on earnings and profits. A simple majority required.

For 42,722  
Against 25,474

### THE BOND VOTE

All proposals were for general obligation bonds and required a two-thirds majority.

### Proposition No. 1

\$4,000,000 for sanitary and storm sewers.

Yes 41,279  
No 23,710

### Proposition No. 2

\$2,000,000 for right of ways and street construction.

Yes 40,833  
No 23,036

### Proposition No. 3

\$6,000,000 for airport lands and construction.

Yes 35,205  
No 24,613

### Proposition No. 4

\$1,500,000 for fire stations and equipment.

Yes 44,226  
No 20,158

### Proposition No. 5

\$2,500,000 for redevelopment of blighted areas.

Yes 38,458  
No 25,007

## ONE BOND ISSUE WINS

### Proposition No. 4, for Fire Department Improvements, Is the Only One With the Necessary Two-Thirds Majority

By Karl L. Peterson  
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

Only one of the five bond issues on yesterday's special city election ballot—\$1,500,000 for fire protection improvements—was able to muster the necessary two-thirds majority for passage

All four of the other issues in the 16-million-dollar package won favorable majorities, but could not surmount the formidable requirement of two votes for to every one against.

With virtually complete unofficial returns in from the 238 city polling places, the fire department bonds were about 4,000 votes over a two-thirds majority

### Streets, Sewers Short

Propositions No. 1 and No. 2, for \$4,000,000 in sewer bonds and \$2,000,000 in street bonds, ran about 5,000 to 6,000 votes short of the needed margin.

Of the other two issues, No. 3, for 6 million dollars in airport bonds, was 13,000 votes short, and No. 5, for \$2,500,000 in urban redevelopment bonds, was more than 11,000 votes short.

In the eight Platte County precincts the bonds failed to win even a simple majority. Clay County voting on the issues was divided, with about half the 30 precincts giving the bonds at least a bare majority and the remainder rejecting them

Complete unofficial returns from Platte showed the fire department bonds running the best, with 548 Yes and 588 No. The bonds for airport work in Platte County lost, 534 to 590.

On the other three issues, the margin of defeat was much larger. The street bonds lost, 405 to 715; the sewer bonds, 406 to 709 and the urban redevelopment issue, 388 to 728.

The bond issues, were designed to replenish exhausted funds for various types of city improvements. Further capital improvements in these fields were at a standstill, and there were no matching funds with which to take advantage of available federal-aid grants

Two of the bond issues were of the special-assessment variety, in which the improvements financed by the bonds would be paid for ultimately by the property owners.

## CHECK ON BAKER TAXES

### President Signs an Executive Order Permitting Senate Committee to Examine Returns of Probe Figure

## HAD MUCH CASH

### Widow of Partner Says Thousands Were Poured Into Motel Enterprise

Washington (AP) — On the heels of testimony that Robert G. Baker had "frighteningly" large sums in \$100 bills in his Capitol office, President Johnson last night authorized a search of the tax returns of his onetime protege.

Johnson signed an executive order permitting the Senate rules committee to examine the tax files. His move tightened the investigative web around the 35-year-old former secretary of the Senate's Democratic majority.

### Has No Comment

The President had no comment, but there was unhappy irony in his act, for it was Johnson friendship and sponsorship which helped Bobby

## Kennedy Might Have Had Brief Chance to Live

Washington (AP)—The first shot fired by John F. Kennedy's assassin struck the President in the back and did not hit any vital organ, a reliable source familiar with the autopsy findings reported last night.

The second bullet to hit Kennedy, after another struck Gov. John B. Connally of Texas, tore through the President's skull.

If this account of the two wounds suffered by Kennedy is correct, it would suggest that the murdered chief executive did, very briefly, have a chance to survive after the first bullet struck him.

## The Weather—Colder

Clear to partly cloudy and colder today and tomorrow is the weather bureau's forecast for the Kansas City area. High today 15 to 20, low tonight near zero. High tomorrow near 20.

(State forecasts, map and world temperatures on page 33.)

The temperatures yesterday:	
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	24
3 p. m.	23
4 p. m.	22
5 p. m.	21
6 p. m.	21
7 p. m.	19
Unofficial.	

## L. B. J. FRIEND IS TEXAS WINNER

### J. J. (Jake) Pickle Elected to U. S. House by Big Margin

## NOT PERSONAL VICTORY

### New Representative Attributes Triumph to Faith in President

'Austin, Tex. (AP)—J. J. (Jake) Pickle, a Democrat and personal friend and former political adviser of President Lyndon

## PACT AVERTS A RAIL WALKOUT

### Agreement Reached Between Sleeping Car Porters and Carriers

## TO CUT WORK MONTH

### Pay Increase Also Provided in Accord Announced in Washington

Washington (AP) — The Labor department last night announced agreement had been reached between railroads and the Sleeping Car Porters union, thus forestalling a strike threatened for midnight tomorrow.

W. Willard Wirtz, secretary of labor, said the agreement calls for a gradual reduction in the work month from the present 205 hours to 174 hours beginning in July, 1965.

### A Wage Increase

Hourly wages also will rise from \$2.09 an hour to \$2.53 an hour. The raise will be partly retroactive to February 1, 1962.

On a third point at issue, the porters were given assurance that whenever Pullman Car company facilities are taken over by railroad companies employee rights to priority in employment and seniority privileges will be respected.

A strike had been scheduled for one minute after midnight

## Old Kansas City Spirit Revived, Mayor Says

Mayor Davis issued the following statement last night:

"By their vote to approve the earnings tax proposal the citizens of Kansas City have shown their desire to make this a better city in which to live.

"The revenue which will result from this tax will enable the city council and the administration to do a better job in carrying out the functions of city government.

"On behalf of the city council and the administration I wish to express my grati-

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## On Inside Pages

### Reds Laud U. N. Speech—President Johnson's appeal for end to cold war wins im-