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1. AS WIDELY PREDICTED FOLLOWING THE FIRST BALLOT, THE UNR-UDT GAINED ALMOST A MAJORITY ON SECOND BALLOT, 233 OUT OF 475 SEATS TABULATED AS OF 1000 NOV 26. FORMER PRIME MINISTER DEBRE IS THE ONLY PROMINENT UNR CANDIDATE DEFEATED. DE GAULLE HAS A CERTAIN MAJORITY WITH AN ADDITIONAL 20 SEATS FOR THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS WHO BROKE AWAY FROM CNI TO SUPPORT DE GAULLE AND 14 SEATS AMONG MRP, RADICAL AND CNI DEPUTIES WHO RAN UNDER THE LABEL OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIFTH REPUBLIC. THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF THE ELECTION IS THAT WITH AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY DE GAULLE NO LONGER HAS THE ASSEMBLY AS A SCAPE-

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GOAT AND NOW MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES. LOCAL COMMENTATORS SUGGEST SEVERAL TENDENCIES EXIST WITHIN THE UNR-UDT BUT MOST BELIEVE THAT THE UNR-UDT HAVING WEATHERED DIVISIVE ISSUE OF ALGERIAN WAR, WILL REMAIN "UNCONDITIONAL" SUPPORTERS OF DE GAULLE'S POLICIES FOR AT LEAST ONE OR TWO YEARS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT UNR HAS THE ELECTORATE AS LONG AS DE GAULLE IS PRESENT, IT HAS NOT YET BUILT A LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATION WITH OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT, SUCH AS TRADE UNIONS. THE UNR ALSO HAS NOT YET USED PATRONAGE WISELY AND IT IS STILL QUESTIONABLE WHETHER UNR CAN SURVIVE DE GAULLE.

2. SECOND BIGGEST VICTOR IS SFIO. COMMENTATORS CONGRATULATE GUY MOLLET FOR POLITICAL SENSE IN PROMOTING COMMUNIST SUPPORT FOR SOCIALIST CANDIDATES. THEY FORESEE MOLLET, WITH ADDED DEPUTY STRENGTH, TAKING AT LEAST AS STRONG AN ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND IN NEW ASSEMBLY AS LAST. NEVERTHELESS MOST OF THE SOCIALIST DEPUTIES WERE ELECTED WITH FCP SUPPORT AND OF THESE TWENTY-THREE WERE NOT FRONT RUNNERS ON FIRST TOUR. ALTHOUGH TOP PARTY LEADERSHIP IS UNQUESTIONABLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER DEPENDENCE UPON COMMUNIST VOTES WILL INFLUENCE LESSER DEPUTIES END THE PARTY BASE.

3. ONLY OTHER VICTOR IS FCP WITH INCREASE OF 32 TO TOTAL 42 DEPUTIES. IT WILL BE CLAIMED THAT SOME FCP BENEFITED FROM SOCIALIST WITHDRAWALS FOR A "CANDIDATE TO BEAT UNR". AN UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE

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PROPORTION (UP TO ONE HALF IN MOST CASES) SOCIALIST VOTERS SUPPORTED COMMUNISTS IN SUCH CASES. FCP VOTER DISCIPLINE WAS REMARKABLE WITH ALMOST TOTAL TRANSFER VOTES TO SOCIALISTS OCCURING WHERE INSTRUCTED. THE REENTRY OF THE FCP INTO PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERS ILLUSTRATED BY FACT THAT ITS REPRESENTATION IS NOW LARGE ENOUGH (OVER 30) TO FORM A SEPARATE ASSEMBLY GROUP WHICH WILL ALLOW IT TO PARTICIPATE IN PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS.

4. THE RADICALS AND ALLIED CENTER LEFT PROGRESSED SLIGHTLY. THE MRP WAS A HEAVY LOSER.

5. THE INDEPENDENTS SUFFERED A DEBACLE. THOSE INDEPENDENTS ELECTED UNDER THE NEW LABEL "INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS" FOLLOW INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IN SUPPORT OF DE GAULLE AND TECHNICALLY HAVE LEFT THE CNI. EXTREME RIGHT ELIMINATED WITH NOT SINGLE PRO-OAS CANDIDATE ELECTED.

6. THE CONVERSE OF DE GAULLE LANDSLIDE IS THE STUNNING DEFEAT OF CARTEL FOR THE "NO". THE UNR TOOK EVERY SEAT IN PARIS. ALL FOUR OF PARTIES' ASSEMBLY GROUP PRESIDENTS WERE DEFEATED ;LEENHARDT, CLAUDIUS-PETIT, DOREY AND MOTTE, AS WELL AS TWO SECRETARYS-GENERAL, MOTTE AN SIMMONET.

7. IT IS APPARENT THAT THERE EXISTS LARGE "FLOATING VOTE" OF UP TO 4 MILLION VOTERS WHO NO LONGER RESPECT PARTY DIVISIONS. TRADITIONAL RIGHTIST VOTERS OF THE MRP AND INDEPENDENTS DESERTED TO UNR.

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TRADITIONAL LEFTIST VOTERS WERE BADLY SPLIT AMONG VARIOUS CANDIDATES ON THE FIRST TOUR AND RALLIED ON THE SECOND TOUR ONLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE SFIO AND FCP JOINED FORCES OR CANDIDATE HAD UNUSUAL LOCAL STRENGTHGM

8. "NEW NOTABLES", HOWEVER, FARED BADLY. THESE WERE TRADE UNION, PEASANT AND OTHER YOUNG LEADERS WHO RAN IN MOST CASES UNDER MRP OR PSS LABEL . RELATIVELY UNKNOWN UNR CANDIDATES WHO ENTERED UNFAMILIAR DISTRICTS DID WELL. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE DE GAULLE LABEL BY VOTERS IN EACH DISTRICT WAS USUALLY DETERMINING.

9. COMMENTATORS GENERALLY ARE SPEAKING OF ESTABLISHMENT, AS OF NOW, OF A TWO PARTY SYSTEM IN FRANCE AND INEVITABILITY THAT LEFT WILL REGROUP TO FACE INR'S CONSERVATIVE PARTY. THE TRADE UNIONS ARE FORECAST AS THE CORE OF SUCH REGROUPMENT BUT THERE ARE NO SERIOUS INDICATIONS AMONG CENTER LEFT PARTIES OR TRADE UNIONS AS YET THAT TRADITIONAL BARRIERS WILL BE SURMOUNTED TO ALLOW SUCH REGROUPMENTS.

10. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN THE NEW ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, SOCIALISTS, ENTENTE/ AND DEMOCRATIQUE / RADICALS WILL FORM SINGLE GROUP OF 108 DEPUTIES WHICH WILL LEAD "DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION". MRP LEADERSHIP SPLIT AND LEFT WING, WHICH SUFFERED GREATEST DEFEAT, MAY DESERT TO THIS OPPOSITION GROUP.

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