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## The French Elections

 newspapers of this nation and in other parts of the world, as well as by rydiocommentators and other periodicals, to The results showed the party of Gen-
eral Charles de Gaulle, a strong nationalist, is the biggest single voting bloc in
the new French Assembly, while the Communist Party maintained a strong
hold on the popular vote at something like 22 percent.
Still in control are a considerable
number of moderate, middle-of-theroad parties which scrap among
themselves but which have held close enough together during the past five
years to maintain a precarious voting majority. France, there are two large n view. Gen. de Gaulle's enemies say he is the dictator type, and while this central government. Of course, the Com-
munist Party wants a strong central munist Party wants a strong central
government, too, but they want it run
out of Moscow, The election results, plus the fact of
29 political parties which entered the recent balloting, underline one of the
major causes of the decline of France as a major world power. American war vet-
erans who served in France or in the
French colonial provinces during World French colonial provinces during World
War II will be quick to verify that the
French frequently appeared to prefer to
fight among themselves than to fight a fight among themselves than to fight a
common enemy. It is also history that
Gen. de Gaulle, never popular in United States circles, was very jealous of Gen.
Henri Giraud, whom the Allies had
counted upon to bring. into the fold
French forces in North Africa. And de moments onl Normandy D-Day.
The United States is very fortunate
that it has two major parties, one of
which custimarily dominates the Con-
gress. Great Britain is also fortunate in
this respect, also having been able to
keep sufficient party regularity to pre-
vent dissident groups within the ranks
from splitting up and forming new par-
ties.
Political leaders of this nation, and
citizens, too, who have failed to learn
that compromising differences is one.of
the basic requirements of statesman-
ship should learn the lesson of anfor-
then Our congratulations and combrisera-
tions to Charles E. Goforth, newly ap-
pointed member of the Cleveland Coun-
ty draft board. A person accepting ap-


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