

# This Week At War

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Despite the republican sweep of state and national offices in Nebraska, the democrats made overall gains in the national scene as Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to a fourth term in Tuesday's election.

With over 10,000 voting units yet to report, many of them in the solid south, Roosevelt had 23,931,460 popular votes to 20,026,079 for Dewey, giving Roosevelt 35 states with 413 electoral votes to Dewey's 13 states and 118 electoral votes.

It is possible that the president will gain even more electoral votes as final tabulations of mail, precinct and soldier votes are made. For example, Michigan can very easily swing into the Roosevelt column before counting of votes is completed. Whereas Dewey held a 20,000 plurality in that state Wednesday evening, his lead was cut to barely 2,000 by noon Thursday.

Roosevelt is assured a democratic congress to work with as the demos captured 19 senate seats, giving them a total of 55, while the republican took 13, for a total of 37, with three senate races still undecided. Democrats led in two of those three races.

### Democrats Claim House.

With eight house contest still undecided, the democrats claimed 241 seats to 184 for the g. o. p. and one each for the progressives and the American labor party. Before the election the democratic house majority had been cut to 214, while the republicans held 212 seats.

As Roosevelt continues to increase his lead with more complete election returns, the vote of the American public indicates its confidence in the president's conduct of the war and in his higher capability to obtain a just, the potent, world organization to maintain peace in the future.

Confidence the nation has in the president is even more apparent in congressional returns, which increased the democratic majority and which eliminated several of the leading isolationists. In New York Ham Fish was defeated by Augustus Bennet after the rabid isolationist had spent 24 years in congress. Isolationist Sen. Gerald P. Nye was sombered by Democratic Gov. John Moses in North Dakota, while "Puddler Jim" Davis is falling behind Democrat Francis Meyers in Pennsylvania.

### Stalin Speaks.

In Russia, Premier Joseph Stalin had some kind words and pleasant thoughts for Americans in his speech on the 27th anniversary of the Russian revolution. Hailing the invasion of France as the operation which enabled the red army to drive the Germans from Russian land, Stalin also for the first time recognized the Japanese as aggressors, which indicates a modification in red policy very favorable to the United States.

To critics of Dumbarton Oaks, the premier pointed out that "When you read reports of divergencies of views among the three great powers about postwar organization, remember that such differences always exist, even in

in the same party, and obviously will exist between different countries. . . "There are differences of opinion," he admitted, "(but) the amazing thing is not that differences exist but how small they are and how well they are solved peacefully." He then cited Dumbarton Oaks as an excellent indication that a solution of peace problems is possible.

In an effort to halt the American onslaught, Tokyo replaced all top-ranking land, sea and air commanders in the Philippines, where the two-day score for Third fleet carrier planes amounted to 440 Jap planes destroyed and 29 Jap ships sunk or damaged.

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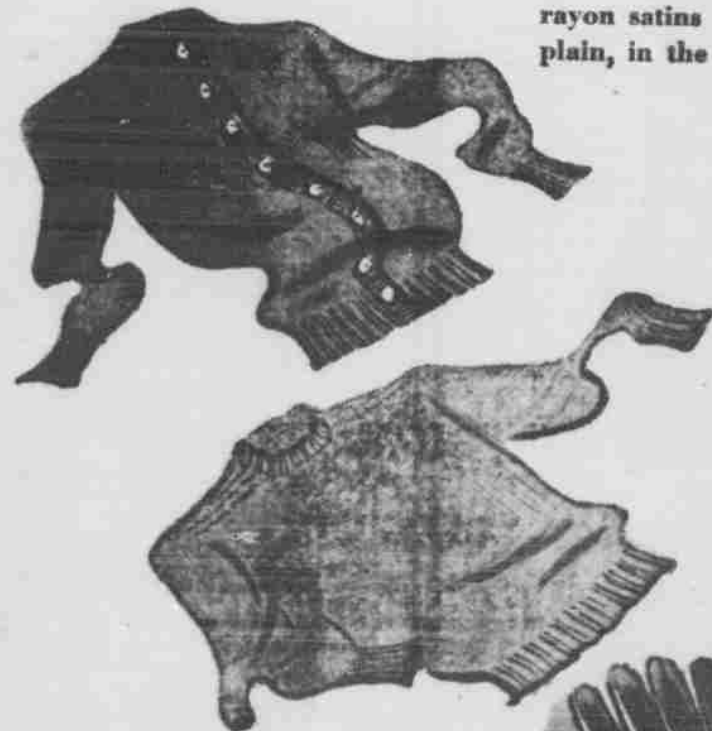
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