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For the first time in a free Austria (Since the occupation troops left this country) free elections were held for the national assembly. It turned out that the austrian population gave the two ruling koalition parties an overwhelming vote of confidence. The two parties, the Socialist workers Party (SPÖ) and the Peoples Party (ÖVP) who were in power since the end of the war and formed the austrian koalition government are again on the helm of the state.

The ÖVP scored a victory over the SPÖ with eight seats more in the national assembly. Severe losses were scored by the communist party who in most places lost almost half their votes. A death blow was given to the fourth party (FPÖ) mostly consisting of former nazis. The communist party who only held 4 seats before, lost one. The FPÖ who previously held 14 seats are now only on present with 5.

The final scores are

ÖVP	: 82	(before 74) seats
SPÖ	: 75	(before 73) seats
FPÖ	: 5	(before 14) seats
KPÖ	: 3	(before 4) seats (communists)

The elections gave proof for the nature feelings of austrian voters their hatred for communist ideas and overated nationalistic tendencies.

Pix shows voting : President Körner, Chancellor Raab, and members of the previous gouvernement. In the end close ups of victorious chancellor Julius Raab (ÖVP) and vizechancellor Schärff. (SPÖ)

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