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# GOP CONGRESS HOPES SMASHES

## Democratic Spot Best Since '36

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats surged in Tuesday's elections to their greatest control of Congress since New Deal Days. In the battles for state governorships, they smashed the Republican hold on California and made over-all gains.

But Gov. Averell Harriman, one of the party's national leaders, was chopped down in New York by Nelson Rockefeller, a rocketing new star for the GOP.

This outcome of the "battle of the millionaires" was the happiest spot in the picture for the Republicans. However, they also ousted the Democrats from governorships in Arizona, Oregon and Rhode Island while losing in California, Maryland, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Rockefeller's victory plumped the son of old John D. into the GOP presidential picture for 1960. It beclouded, to some extent at least, the future of the No. 1 prospect for the GOP presidential nomination—Vice President Richard M. Nixon. And, of course, it virtually wiped out Harriman's chances for the Democratic nomination.

### POSSIBLE PORTENTS

In California, too, the special mid-year elections were fraught with possible portents for 1960. Sen. William F. Knowland, considered a potential contender for the GOP, went into sudden eclipse. He lost a contest for governor to Edmund G. (Pat) Brown. Brown's emphatic victory was sure to get him talked about for the big Democratic prize two years hence.

The election gave President Eisenhower a record he was far from desiring. He's the first president in history to be confronted by three Congresses controlled by the opposite party.

Counting on the tide of votes—perhaps reaching to 48 million or more—was still continuing this morning. A few races were still inconclusive.

### CONGRESS DIVISION

But the indicated division in the new Congress, based on returns as of 8 a. m., shaped up in this fashion:

Senate: Democrats 41 or 62; Republicans 43 or 42. The undecided Senate race was a battle in Wyoming where Republican Sen. Frank Barrett was opposed by Democrat Gale W. McCre. These figures leave out of account the two senators Alaska will elect Nov. 25.

House: Democrats 244; Republicans 131. One additional House member will be named by Alaska.

The indicated Senate lineup is the most predominantly Democratic since 1936.

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## Here's How Democrats Made Gains

Associated Press returns at noon today showed:

Senate	Dem	Rep
Elected	25	8
Leading	4	13
Heldovers	36	26
Total	62	34
Old Senate	49	47
Gains	12	0

Elected	Dem	Rep
Leading	27	141
Totals	4	13
Old House	235	200
Gains	44	0

Governors	Dem	Rep
Elected	22	8
Leading	3	0
Heldovers	9	6
Totals	34	14
Old Lineup	29	19
Gains	6	4

Senate gains: Democrats gained seats in California, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Utah, West Virginia (2).

Governor gains: Democrats gained seats in California, Maryland, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

Republicans gained in Arizona, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island.



Winner Jonas Listens, Looks, Leans Back To Chat And Hears Good News By Telephone

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Kelley)

## 'Would Be Dangerous' Like Says Voters Backed Spending

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the electronic abolition of federal spending advocates greater control of Congress.

At a news conference Eisenhower called any trend toward bigger federal spending a dangerous one.

He pledged that his administration will fight hard against it during his last 1-1/2 years in office.

Speaking against the background of six-cent Democratic election triumphs, Eisenhower emphatically replied—no at all—when asked whether he expects to have additional trouble during the next two years in dealing with Congress.

Eisenhower added he always has managed to get along pretty well with Congress. He said he is confident that Democrats as well as Republicans are motivated by what is good for the country.

The news conference was dominated by questions about the outcome of Tuesday's elections, which gave the Democrats the tightest control of Congress since New Deal days.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Eisenhower opened the conference by asking whether there were any questions, and then joined in the laughter when the first reporter stood up and said: "Yes sir."

Two or three times, Eisenhower refused to be drawn into any prediction or expression of opinion regarding any of the races may have on Republican potentials for the two presidential nominations.

Asked whether Nelson Rockefeller, elected as governor of New York made him a strong president.

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## Clark Plans To Run In '60

Democratic candidate David Clark, defeated in a close battle with incumbent Republican Charles R. Jonas yesterday is not giving up.

"It is my intention," he said, "to run again in 1960."

The announcement, oddly enough, came in the Chelsea Room of Hotel Charlotte—the Jonas headquarters last night.

Clark made his announcement at 2:02 a.m. when he went to Hotel Charlotte to concede to Rep. Jonas. A handful of Democrats followed him and cheered the announcement.

Later Clark said, "Of course, you can't tell what two years will bring, but it is my intention right now to run for Congress from the Tenth District in 1960."

The announcement came as a surprise to some Democratic Party bigwigs. For the first time in six years they have a candidate well in advance—and a strong one.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican dreams of a firm two-party South were one congressman further away today, and another House seat was dangling.

A surge of Democratic votes in Louisville unseated Republican Rep. John M. Robison Jr. in the Kentucky Third District in favor of an energetic young House Democrat, Frank W. Burke.

Rep. Eugene Siler in the English District, the state's other Republican Congressman, was re-elected.

Veteran Republican Rep. Charles H. Jonas was reelected over Democrat David Clark in North Carolina's 10th District.

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Other Southern Republican Representatives are William C. Craver, Florida First District; B. Carroll Reece, Tennessee First; and Howard H. Baker, Tennessee Second. All were re-elected.

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## Thor Explodes On Launching

—FIFTH STRAIGHT FAILURE—

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A powerful Thor intermediate range missile—the heart of moon rocket Pioneer—blew apart with a brilliant flash shortly after launching early today.

It was the fifth straight time that a ballistic weapon had exploded in spectacular style in the past few months. The shattered sections of the missile appeared to plunge into the Atlantic just off the Cape.

The Air Force announced a malfunction occurred about 30 seconds after liftoff and that the missile was destroyed by the range safety officer.

The 42-foot war rocket blasted aloft at 2:53 a. m. from a huge pool of orange flame, it began to veer left and right almost immediately.

After about 25 seconds, still pouring out a thin trail of flame, the Thor suddenly jerked to the left. At that point, the range safety officer pressed a destruct button and the missile burst apart.

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## 'Best I've Seen' Jonas' Keystone: A Fierce Devotion

By JULIAN SCHEER  
News Staff Writer

The short, chunky, warm-hearted little woman is also a level-headed, tough-minded business woman. She is not given to exuberance or pleasant adjectives.

"He's not just a man," she said, "he's a way of life."

Mrs. Roxie Simpson, Charlie Jonas' Charlotte aide for six years, spoke the words when

the going was tough last night. Early returns did not look good.

"I'll stick with him until someone better comes along," she continued. "But he's the best I've seen."

Her words were the key. Charlie Jonas defeated young, eager David Clark, the Democrat, because of the hundreds of Roxie Simpsons in a smooth-running, close-knit organization.

FOURTH VICTORY

The fierce devotion to the man, not the party, won for Jonas for the fourth straight time.

"It was the roughest race of all," Jonas said.

There was in question of it, "I was not in it long," he added, "when I realized what the situation was. It was not as promising as some of my supporters were thinking. There was no doubt that there was a definite trend against the Republican Party, and this was evident today in the election returns."

"I lost some votes, as I knew I would, because of resentment against the administration. He (Clark) conducted a vigorous campaign and started in the spring. I was late getting started and had to catch up."

Jonas' supporters were not optimistic. They were slow in getting organized, slow to begin clicking as they had in these previous campaigns and then "ran scared" to the end.

MOVING FAST

Clark, meanwhile, took the offensive early but still gained ground.

The handwriting was early on the wall.

On Sept. 12, Jonas and Clark clashed in a debate at the University Forum in Charlotte. Clark, well prepared and anxious for action, caught Jonas by surprise, appeared to have won round one in the battle.

South Carolina — Ernest F. Hollings was elected governor and six House Members were re-elected. All Democrats.

## Contest District's Closest

By JULIAN SCHEER  
News Staff Writer

Rep. Charles Raper Jonas of Lincolnton has won re-election to Congress in the Tenth District's closest political race in history.

The Republican incumbent, who sought his fourth term in the House of Representatives, defeated Democrat David Clark of Lincoln by a margin of only 4,016 votes.

Jonas polled 56,465 votes. Clark had 52,449.

That was Burke County, Catawba and Mecklenburg Counties, while Clark won his home county of Lincoln, and Burke.

The results:

County	Jonas	Clark
Avery	2,992	1,128
Burke	12,857	9,777
Catawba	12,978	11,454
Lincoln	5,447	6,573
Mecklenburg	24,243	22,639
Mitchell	2,948	948

Totals 56,465 52,449

The turnout was 105,914, believed to be a record vote for an off-year election.

Rep. Jonas won by a margin of only 1,804 in Mecklenburg County and had a margin of only 2,413 in the five up-district counties.

ONE OTHER LOSS

In three previous campaigns, Jonas had lost only one county. That was Burke County in 1954 that went to Judge J. C. Sedberry.

Judge Sedberry of Charlotte had previously come closer to defeating Jonas than any other candidate when he lost by a margin of 12,412 votes.

Jonas defeated Democratic incumbent Hamilton Jones in 1952 by 62,423 to 61,149, a margin of 21,279.

Jonas defeated Sedberry in 1954 by 51,492 to 38,000, a margin of 13,492.

BIG MARGIN

Jonas defeated Ben E. Douglass in 1957 by 59,743 to 33,811, a margin of 25,932.

The race was in doubt until nearly 2 a.m. Today as returns poured in Clark headquarters on S. Tryon St. and Jonas' headquarters at Hotel Charlotte.

"To the many thousands who voted for me," Jonas said, "I pledge that I shall strive to live up to the highest traditions of this office and to their expectations."

DOOR IS OPEN

He added, "To those who worked and voted against me, I wish to say that I have no resentment or animosity toward you. It was your right and privilege to work and vote for the candidate of your choice. My door will be open to you, as it has been in the past."

"The election is now over and let's all close ranks and start working together for the best interests of our country and for this district."

Republican workers for Jonas, See CLARK on page 3-A.

## Republican Dream Of Two-Party South Fades

Political highlights state by state:

ALABAMA — Democrat John Patterson had a walkover for governor over Republican W. L. Langham. Nine Democratic representatives were re-elected. Only one had opposition.

ARKANSAS — Gov. Orval E. Faubus, embattled segregationist, had a landslide victory. Democrats held a firm grip on the six House seats but Rep. Brooks Hays, a moderate on the racial issue, had a menacing challenge from a write-in candidate, D. Dale Alford, a vigorous segregationist.

GEORGIA — Lt. Gov. Ernest Vandiver, a Democrat, won the governorship unopposed and all 12 Democratic House members were likewise re-elected.

LOUISIANA — Eight Democrats went back to the House.

FLORIDA — Conservative Democrat Spessard Holland was returned to the Senate by a wide margin over Republican

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Leland Hyder, Seven Democratic House members were re-elected together with Republican William C. Craver.

KENTUCKY — Republican Rep. John M. Robison Jr. was unseated but a second Republican was re-elected as sixth Democratic House member.

MISSISSIPPI — Sen. John S. Stennis and six House members, all Democrats, were unopposed.

NORTH CAROLINA — Eleven Democratic House members won re-election but Republican Rep. James Deane defeated Clark Jones.

TENNESSEE — Sen. Albert Gore, a Democrat, had easy going over Republican Holart Atkins. So did Buford Ellington, also a Democrat, over Thomas P. Wall Jr. for the governorship. Seven Democratic and two Republican House members won re-election.

TEXAS — Democrat Price Daniel kept the governor's office despite a challenge by Republican Ed Mayer. The lone Republican Rep. Alger had it

## Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness and rather cool this afternoon. Cloudy with occasional rain with not much temperature change.

Thursday, showers ending in the morning, followed by clearing and cool in the late morning or early afternoon.

Low this morning — 49  
Low expected tomorrow — 51  
High yesterday — 59  
High expected today — 68  
High expected tomorrow — 64  
Sunrise 6:46 a.m.; sunset 5:23 p.m.

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