

Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist)

Manchester By-Election Results: A New Trend In British Politics

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In the Manchester Exchange By-Election on Wednesday, June 27th, the voting was as follows:

monopoly capitalist parties 9,556 votes

proletarian party, the Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist) 109 votes

The voting for the monopoly capitalist parties decreased from 12,015 at the last General election in 1970 to 9,556 at the By-Election, a drop of 20.5%. The Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist), on the first occasion it has stood a candidate in the bourgeois elections received 109 votes.

The percentage of the poll was 1.1% for the CPE(M-L) and 98.9% for the monopoly capitalist parties.

The voting for the monopoly capitalist parties was divided as follows:

Labour 5,348

Liberal 3,525

Conservative 683

The bourgeois press and bourgeois parties have tried to read great significance into the result, talking of "Tories' headache", and "Liberal upsurge" etc., whilst the Liberal candidate claimed that it was a "discredit to all parties –including mine".

However, the real significance of the result lay in the fact that the proletariat's own party, the CPE(M-L), standing its first candidate, gained 109 votes or 1.1% of the poll. Whilst the voting for the monopoly capitalist parties dropped yet again, 1 in every 100 voters voted for the CPE(M-L) on the first opportunity they every had to do so.

The voting for the CPE(M-L) represents the new and growing trend of the proletariat of England uniting behind its party, the CPE(M-L) and marching towards the seizure of state power from the monopoly capitalist class. The drop in the vote for the monopoly capitalist parties represents their degeneration and increasing isolation from the working people.

Most recently the monopoly capitalists have become worried because too many people are, aware that all their parties are the same, in so far as they want to reform the capitalist system. Therefore, they have been doing propaganda for an “upsurge” and “revitalisation of the Liberal Party with its “new” “community politics”. Yet despite this propaganda of “new happenings” in the arena of bourgeois politics they were unable to increase the enthusiasm of the broad masses for the monopoly capitalist parties and were unable to prevent the fall in their votes.

The voting was a “discredit to all” monopoly capitalist “parties” but a great victory for the proletarian party, the CPE(M-L). As a result of the participation of the Communists in the Manchester Exchange By-Election the Marxist-Leninist political line has been widely disseminated amongst the working people of Manchester Exchange. The development of this trend is what the monopoly capitalists are most frightened of.

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