

# CAPITALISM'S LOYAL "OPONENTS"

Last Tuesday's "phoney ballot" revealed once more that the ALP is a party run at the top for the benefit of those at the top. Whether you support Whitlam or oppose the ALP, you as a worker, had no influence over the outcome.

It is this feature of the Labor Party which makes it impossible for it to be "socialist". Mass participation is essential if Socialism is to be achieved. It can not come through the decisions of politicians.

It is no accident that the history of the Labor Party is the history of its leaders' betrayal: some of whom leave the party, others go on to become Labor Prime Ministers. But whether inside the ALP or out of it, whether personally honest or corrupt, they are powerless against the power of capitalism because they concentrate on the fraudulent apparatus of power called parliament.

Whitlam is always talking about gaining power. What he means is getting into office.

Socialists must seize power in the face of the police and the military.

Workers must occupy their factories over their employers and over their union officials where necessary.

This is not a call for immediate insurrection but a statement of fact. The fact is that only you, and millions with you, can achieve socialism.

No party can give it to you. No leader can win it for you. Parties are a means to an end. Leaders are guides not gods.

There is no such thing as "controlling" a parliamentary party. It cannot be controlled because once it is controlled it ceases to be a parliamentary party and becomes a revolutionary one.

**Those who want socialism will build a mass revolutionary party.**

**Those who want capitalism will stand for parliament.**

**GET OUT OF PARLIAMENT AND INTO POWER!!**

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