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J B Jeyaretnam of the Workers' Party and party chairman Wong Hong Toy (L) at the victory tour of Anson constituency after Mr Jeyaretnam beat PAP candidate Pang Kim Hin in the by-election

By-election result a surprise, says Lee

PRIME Minister Lee Kuan Yew said yesterday that the Anson by-election result came as a surprise.

He said: "We had expected a shift of about 15 per cent, but never expected a shift of 35 per cent."

He said the People's Action Party will have to find out why it happened and will have to take necessary measures.

He believes that in due course the PAP will win back Anson.

The Second Deputy Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs), Mr S Rajaratnam, said since the 1961 election in Anson, a new generation of people had grown up who did not know what opposition politics was about.

They had not lived through the time when opposition politics

meant riots, unemployment, and no development.

He said he suspected the 40-odd per cent who voted for the PAP candidate yesterday were the older generation who understood what opposition politics was about.

Mr JB Jeyaretnam of the Workers Party won the Anson by-election on Saturday night to become the first member of the opposition to be elected to Parliament since 1963.

Mr Jeyaretnam received 7,012 votes or 51.9 per cent of the 13,502 valid votes cast.

The PAP candidate, Mr Pang Kim Hin, received 6,359 votes, while United People's Front candidate Mr Harbans Singh obtained 131 votes. There were 344 spoilt votes.

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