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LONDON, OCT. 11, REUTER -- PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON'S LABOR PARTY TODAY LOOKED CERTAIN TO WIN BRITAIN'S GENERAL ELECTIONS WITH AN OVERALL PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY OF PROBABLY LESS THAN 10.

THERE WAS JUST A RIPPLE OF CHANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- A SLIGHT MOVE TO THE LEFT -- COMPARED WITH THE INCONCLUSIVE FEB. 28 ELECTIONS WHICH LEFT A MINORITY LABOR GOVERNMENT FACING THE COUNTRY'S SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

WITH RESULTS IN FROM 493 OF THE 635 SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, LABOR HAD 294, THE CONSERVATIVES 185, THE LIBERALS FIVE, AND OTHERS 10, INCLUDING SIX FOR THE SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS AND THREE FOR THE WELSH NATIONALISTS.

COMPUTER FORECASTS SAID LABOR WOULD HAVE A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY OVER ALL OTHER PARTIES OF ABOUT SIX WHEN THE FINAL RESULTS ARE IN THIS AFTERNOON.

"THE CONSERVATIVES CAN'T TAKE IT AWAY FROM US NOW," DECLARED A JUBILANT MR. WILSON.

HE SAID THAT BRITAIN COULD WIN ITS BATTLE WITH INFLATION, "BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE A HELL OF A FIGHT."

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