

# Town, Country Cleavage Widened By April 8 Vote

By ARCH MacKENZIE

OTTAWA (CP) — The pronounced political cleavage between town and country proved by results of the 1962 general election widened in the April 8 balloting.

The Liberals strengthened their grasp on the urban vote while the voting base of the Progressive Conservatives became even more solidly entrenched in rural Canada.

This adds spice to the overdue redistribution of Canada's 263 electoral ridings. The new Parliament—made up of 132 Liberals, 93 Conservatives, 24 Social Crediters and 17 New Democratic Party MPs—is expected to give priority to this task. Two contingents in Queen's Park, Prince Edward Island and Halifax—have two members each. Put simply, it now takes fewer rural votes to elect a member of Parliament than it does in the cities or suburbs, especially after the movement from country to city in the last 10 years.

**HUGE VOTE SPREAD**

One example is that there were 162,277 names on the voters' list in York-Scarborough in the Toronto area for the April 8 election compared with 5,637 in de-la-Salle-Madeline in Quebec.

On the basis of the designation of just under 50,000 polling districts across the country as urban or rural, this picture emerges:

Forty-four ridings are wholly rural and another 75 are mainly so. There are 62 completely urban in nature and 43 decisively so.

Urban rural votes predominate ones in 105, with the remaining

only five in urban ridings and 14 in the country. The NDP, with 17 seats of which nine are in British Columbia, has 10 city seats and five rural.

The tag "rural" is a misnomer in some ridings insofar as it indicates a farming economy.

Northern Ontario areas like Port Arthur or Skeena in B.C. for example, are classed as rural when they are predominantly industrial through mining, forestry, railroading or fishing and trapping.

But the rural-urban classification holds particular weight in two areas where the Liberals had sought to make some inroads.

One is the 48-seat block comprising the three Prairie provinces, where the party actually lost its only rural spokesman with the defeat of Hazen Argue in Saskatchewan's Assiniboia constituency.

The Conservatives won 32 of the 34 farm areas and Social Credit NDP.

**LOSE IN CITIES**

Social Credit, with 20 of their 24 seats in Quebec, now have

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## Report Stresses CBC And Defence

By BEN WARD

OTTAWA (CP) — Another batch of proposals for streamlining federal operations was dropped in the government's lap here with the emphasis this time on the CBC and the defence department.

The four-volume of the Glassco royal commission's report on government organization said the CBC's management structure is in organizational disarray and ought to be revamped.

There also should be more direction from the cabinet in CBC policies, a step which the commission said would involve "no direct whatever" to the integrity of the publicly-owned broadcasting system.

The report called for a firmly directed integration policy in the defence department to economize on supporting services for the navy, army and air force. In place of costly independent organizations, the three services ought to get together on such things as accounting, supply, construction, engineering, telecommunications, transportation and general administration.

**NEED CO-ORDINATION**

The 80,000-word volume was devoted to five special areas of federal activity—the CBC, defence, external affairs, northern affairs and scientific research. In each case the main criticisms were aimed at the organizational setup and stress

clear lines of authority.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker appointed the Glassco commission 2½ years ago to take a close look at federal government operations and suggest ways to eliminate waste and duplication. The three-man commission did two years of intensive investigation aided by 197 special researchers and began his series of reports last September. Final volume is expected in about a month.

Chairman is J. Grant Glassco, 58-year-old Toronto accountant and business executive. Commissioners are Eugene Thériault, 56, Montreal lawyer and insurance company executive, and Watson Sellar, 62, of Ottawa, retired auditor-general of Canada.

Their latest report recommended greater decentralization of CBC operations, higher salaries to retain and attract top-flight executives, a more qualified board of directors and long-term financing arrangements.

**ADVISE INTEGRATION**

In its look at defence, the commission strongly advised integration but did go so far as uniform fighting force.

It found that 60,000 servicemen—nearly half of the total—are involved with non-combat duties and concluded that it would be much cheaper to use civilian workers in such duties. The replacement of 16,000 such servicemen with civilians would save an estimated \$2,000,000 a year.

**REPORT 62 DEAD**

ELIZABETH WILLEN The Congo (AP)—The death toll in fighting between members of the Lunda and Baluba tribes at Jadoville during the weekend has risen to 62. Union Miniere officials reported Tuesday. The figure is based on the number of bodies taken to hospitals. It is feared, however, that the actual number may be higher. Violence erupted Friday after an incident in which a Lunda youth allegedly raped a 10-year-old Baluba girl.

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