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By Walter Chamblin, Jr.

Washington — There is the definite belief at the Capitol that another New Deal Administration will be even more New Deal than anything to date, as each week that goes by sees the power of the Big Union Bosses being felt more and more in Washington.

For more than a decade the CIO has been moving slowly but effectively to take over control of the Democratic Party. For labor to have a labor party in this country, the Big Union Chiefs must capture one of the two major political parties. So, the concentration of the Big Labor Bosses has been on the Democratic Party and their progress has been effective and is continuing to be effective.

The union of the CIO and the AFL will make the power of the big unions much stronger. A good indicator of just how far the labor group proposes to go in the field of legislation is perhaps best expressed by the way the CIO has registered under the Lobbying Act. Here is the CIO's legislative program:

"Support all legislation favorable to the national peace, security, democracy, prosperity, and general welfare; oppose legislation detrimental to these objectives."

Now, more than one at the Capitol has read this CIO declaration with apprehension and has also read with apprehension what AFL President George Meany had to say in his first speech to the CIO about politics. Here is an excerpt from Mr. Meany's speech:

"Fears have been expressed that there will be too much concentration of power (in the merged labor group), that it might be used politically.

"Well, in my book it will be used politically—not with the idea in mind of running the country, not with the idea in mind of seeking public office for trade unionists, although there is nothing wrong with that... but with the idea in mind of continuing the forward march of American labor, of getting for American labor the fair share of what we produce.

"Let those who worry about labor's political power remember this:

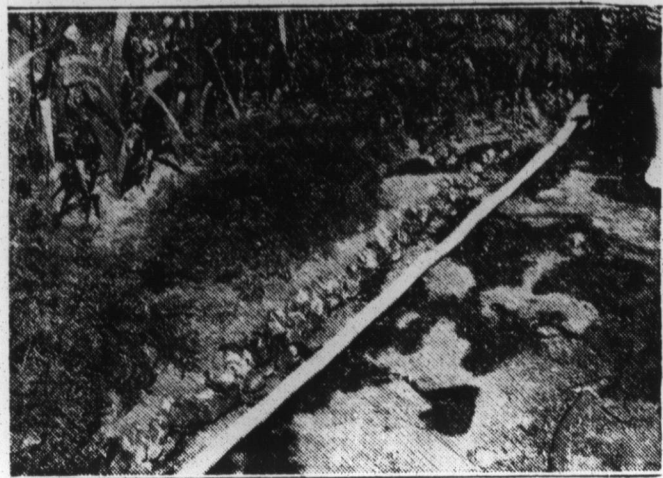
"We didn't choose the battleground, this political background. If they can pass laws that can hamstring, weaken and destroy the trade union movement, then our place to defend ourselves is in the same halls where they passed those laws."

This statement by Mr. Meany definitely shows that a merged AFL-CIO will move more and more into the political field. It is the opinion at the Capitol that the CIO, which is far more aggressive, will emerge as the dominant factor in the merger.

You will find some who follow politics in Washington quite closely who hold the opinion that the union bosses are aiming in 1960 as the date for a real Labor-Democratic Party and that Walter Reuther could easily be a candidate for the Presidency on the Labor-Democratic ticket in that year.

In the House of Representatives recently, the CIO made a determined effort to build up a Labor-Farmer bloc. The CIO threw its support behind a bill to re-establish 90 per cent of parity for basic farm products. Planners envisioned 90 per cent support for 90 per cent of parity, with farm members of the House in turn joining labor to bring about an increase in the minimum

Gardeners Need to Know Ways of Water in Soil



A Leaky Canvas Hose Serves as an Irrigation Ditch.

An amateur gardener with a garden hose practices irrigation just as truly as a farmer who irrigates field crops. Both should understand the behavior of water in the soil.

Ideas about soil water are often vague, and likely to confuse the action of water in a lake or pond with the water holding capacity of the top soil particles has been filled can additional water find its way to lower levels. There is never a substantial lateral movement of water in the soil.

If sufficient water is applied to dry soil to wet it to a depth of say 4 inches, the soil below that will remain dry, and the top soil will dry from the top down. Root growth cannot be active below the moisture and thus even liberal watering may confine roots to this shallow level.

To send moisture 8 inches deep, almost twice as much water must be applied, sufficient to fill soil holding capacity to that depth. One way to make sure of deep irrigation is to turn the hose on after a good rain, providing water for soil deeper than the rain could reach.

Soil holds its water with considerable tension, but roots exert a counter pull, and when the moisture is plentiful can take it away. But as the soil dries, its hold on moisture becomes stronger, until the point is reached where the roots cannot take it.

As the top soil reaches this point roots will lengthen to find moisture at lower levels. The deeper the moisture, the longer the roots, enlarging the area over which the plant can obtain both food and water. This increases the vigor of the plant and its ability to withstand dry weather. It keeps lawns green in midsummer and makes flowers and fruit and vegetables grow faster and larger.

Good practice permits the water to dry down, rather than

keeping the top soil constantly moist, so long roots are developed. But when drying has reached the half-way point, more water should be applied. Tests have shown that this practice produces the best results with most garden plants.

To tell when more water is needed an instrument called a tensiometer may be used, which measures the tension with which the soil particles hold water. When this tension at a certain depth is sufficient to prevent roots from feeding, the instrument shows it.

Amateurs can keep informed about underground conditions by digging a hole in the vegetable garden, or a flower border adjoining the lawn, which receives the same amount of water. Dig this after watering, to determine the depth which has been reached by moisture, then fill it up. Keep the space clear so you can dig again, to see when the soil has dried down sufficiently and needs another soaking. A 6 to 8 inch depth at each soaking should be the minimum.

This kind of irrigation can only be successful on well drained, porous soil. A porous soil allows both air and water to pass through it, after its water holding capacity has been filled. If the soil particles are so small and compacted that excess water cannot escape, air cannot enter, and plant roots which need oxygen are unable to function for lack of it, not even to take up the water which surrounds them. As a result the top growth may die of drought, while the roots are flooded with water.

Water should be applied to the lawn and garden areas as evenly as possible. Use a sprinkler which spreads it slowly so there is no run-off. Vegetable and flowers should be watered without wetting their leaves, if practical. Avoid allowing plant leaves to be wet at night, as this will spread disease.

A canvas hose, which leaks all along its length, is an excellent device for irrigating row crops, or borders, serving as a portable irrigation ditch.

They know more than the farmers themselves and their representatives?"

"As evidence of politics behind the maneuver, we called attention to the fact that the Democratic-controlled committee on agriculture, without any consultation with the Republican members, had a special committee document printed embodying the testimony of only Walter Reuther, President of the CIO, and George Meany, President of AF of L. They printed and mailed 57,000 copies of the publication as an official committee document."

Mr. Arends then pointed out that the House Agriculture Committee took 400 pages of testimony on the farm situation, including that from national farm organizations. Mr. Arends then asked, but did not answer, this question: "However much these two distinguished gentlemen may know about the farm program, are we to believe that

Sports Afield

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An ounce of prevention is worth you know what, so right now is the time to rejuvenate your casting reel insets Jason Lucas, angling editor of Sports Afield magazine.

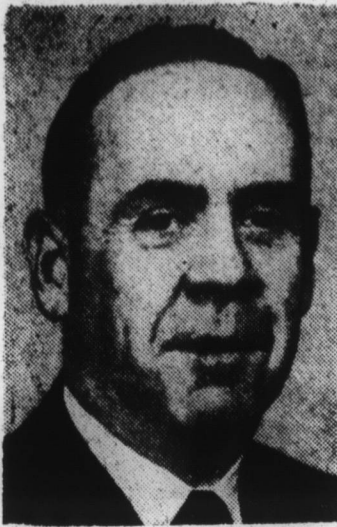
We'll concentrate on the casting reel insets Jason Lucas, angling fly fishing the reel is subject to very little wear and needs almost no attention; a spinning reel does operate on each retrieve, but it too can be said to be idle during the cast. These two reels can go through a long life without much oiling or other care.

The case is quite different, however, with a casting reel. During each cast it works fast and furiously—spool, crank and gears whirling, level-wind mechanism racing madly back and forth. Perfect smoothness is necessary; without it you'll have constant backlashes, short and difficult casts.

To avoid this, your casting reel needs pretty constant attention, which includes an occasional complete overhaul. Now is the time to do it, before the fishing season. Reconditioning a casting reel is a simple and interesting job that shouldn't take over an hour. It calls for no mechanical aptitude, unless the end bearings are worn. So, before proceeding, see about those.

Remove the end caps. Take the

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W. W. Kale of Charlotte (above) is the new president of the N. C. Merchants Association. He succeeds Dr. J. G. Pfaff of Salisbury. Other officers are: R. W. Wilkinson, first vice president; Roy L. Phillips, Rockingham, second vice president; and Thompson Greenwood, Raleigh, executive secretary and treasurer.

spool between thumb and forefinger and shake sidewise. Look, or feel, to find out if there's a very noticeable amount of sidewise play. If there is, send the reel to its maker for new bearings; it cannot cast properly with worn ones. Let him do the whole overhaul job while he has the reel. It will cost very little, and he'll make it just like new.

But if the bearings aren't unduly worn, and nothing is bent, you can do the job yourself.

Remember when assembling the reel again, you work backward from what you did in taking it apart. If you have forgotten what some of these steps were, don't get annoyed or impatient and start

forcing things; if something does not slide into place easily, you've got it wrong. Try reversing it, or try another part there.

Demonstration Held For Land Judging

A land judging school for agricultural workers was conducted on Wednesday afternoon of last week by J. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservation Specialist. Mr. Doggett explained the purpose of a land judging school, its importance, and the factors which enter into the judging of soil.

If land is to be put to its best use a farmer must be able to determine its capability, practices needed, and treatments needed from the standpoint of cover crops, fertilizers, and lime recommendations. Although maps have been made of all the counties in North Carolina, there are still individual problems of different farms. The use of soil test reports is one of the best ways which a farmer can determine the proper amount of lime and fertilizer needed for a particular crop.

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