

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 23.—Politics is always in the air in Washington, where political considerations determine most of the activities of Government, year in and year out. But after a Presidential election there is usually a breathing spell of a couple of years in party politics, before the forces of the opposing parties begin to form their lines for the next Presidential contest.

The partisan breathing spell has been very brief this time, however. Mr. Roosevelt's second term is hardly two months old, but already the lines are forming for the election of 1940, with the possibility that the line-up in that year may be totally different from anything in the past.

Two developments since the

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first of the year have started shifts of political opinion and point toward a realignment of political leaders. These are the President's proposal to bring the Judicial department of the Federal Government under the control of the Legislative and Executive departments, and the spectacular rise to power and prominence of John L. Lewis and his C. I. O. or industrial union program for Labor organization.

The President's proposal has had the immediate effect of splitting the Democratic party wide open. Old line Democratic leaders, who have been willing to go along with Mr. Roosevelt in the name of party regularity, even though many of his New Deal policies ran contrary to their own judgments and to the party's traditions, are coming out in the open and declaring that they cannot follow him on any proposal designed to impair the position of the Supreme Court as an equal and coordinate branch of the Federal Government. The Senate split is not along established party lines. Although the 16 Republican senators are naturally opposed to the President's plan, they are keeping quiet and letting the Democrats do the public protesting. The most active public leader of the opposition is Senator Wheeler of Montana, a Democratic wheelhorse whose party regularity has never been questioned. Following Senator Wheeler's leadership are at least 25 senators of his own party, mostly from the traditional Democratic stronghold of the "Solid South." They are earnestly, even bitterly

determined to fight the Supreme Court proposal to the last ditch. At present more than 40 Senators are avowedly in opposition to the Court plan. That is not a majority of the Senate, but it is a large enough group to block the Court proposal, or at least to force a compromise, even if ten or a dozen yield under Administration pressure. And since this "bloc" contains many of the most powerful party leaders, with enormous influence in their home states, who are risking their political futures as a matter of principle, observers here regard the situation as pointing directly toward a split in the whole Democratic party between "Old Line" Democrats and "New Dealers."

That might result in some sort of a coalition of conservative and anti-New Deal forces for the 1940 campaign. The proposal has been made and is seriously being considered in Republican circles that it would be good strategy for the Republicans to let it be known that their party will put no candidates in the field in the Congressional elections of 1938 against Democratic Senators and Representatives who vote against the Administration on the Supreme Court issue.

Labor Party for 1940

Further complicating the political outlook is the apparent certainty that there will be a new and powerful Labor Party in the field in 1940, with possibly 10 to 15 million votes which it will control. It will be a Third Party, but it may endorse the Administration's candidates, as its nucleus, as Mr. Lewis's American Labor Party did in the 1936 elections. John Lewis stands out today as the strongest labor leader since the late Samuel Gompers. The breach between his industrial union organization and the craft union set-up of the American Federation of Labor grows wider every day. The outlook from here is for practically complete domination of the labor situation by Mr. Lewis, in the long run, although until that is demonstrated the Administration will not openly take sides against William Green and his Federation. The Federation is not, however, an aggressive political unit, while the Lewis C. I. O. is. Therefore, great consideration may be expected to be shown toward the C. I. O. and its activities, and political plans looking to 1940 will be shaped with him and his followers in mind.

It is not generally believed here that Mr. Lewis is personally ambitious for the Presidency, but it is held certain that he will have a great deal of influence in determining the President's selection of the man he wants as a candidate to succeed himself. Mr.

Roosevelt, in recent speeches and press statements, has more than once referred to the next inauguration of a President, in terms which indicate that he is already thinking about his successor.

New "Blue Eagle"

The idea that the Supreme Court issue can be permanently settled only by the submission to the states of a proposal for a Constitutional amendment seems to be gaining ground, in spite of the President's insistence that that process takes too long. Most of the demand for immediate action arises from the belief in Administration circles that a new "Blue Eagle" is necessary, to avert the imminent danger of an inflationary boom which might end in a worse depression than the last one. It is an open secret that the rising spiral of commodity prices, which are going up faster than the purchasing power of consumers is rising, is giving Government economists serious concern.

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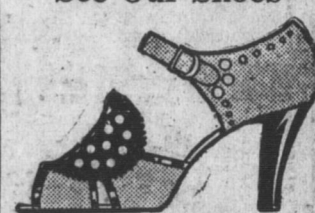
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