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A Good Start

NO TIME has been lost by E. T. Applewhaite, M.P., in calling to the attention of the government some of the needs of his constituency. It is gratifying to know he has pressed on Ottawa the desirability of an Agricultural Illustration Station at Terrace and the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, acknowledging his remarks agreed with the statements of the new member for Skeena. He as much as said this work would be performed.

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RIGHT WINGERS DOMINATE T.L.C.

CALGARY ©—The right-wing element of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada gained ground Wednesday at the Congress' annual convention here when it obtained passage of an amendment to the T.L.C. constitution interpreted as giving right-wing international unions more say in Congress affairs through changing the voting system for conventions. The convention also passed a resolution which will require officers of the Congress to take an oath of allegiance to the Crown when entering office.

SIR NEIL RITCHIE PREPARES FOR BIG WASH. POST

Noted British General and Canadian Wife Will Leave Singapore for U.S. Capital

SINGAPORE ©—Gen. Sir Neil Methuen Ritchie will take up his post on the joint chiefs of staff at Washington next year but right now two other matters seem more important—obtaining living quarters in the United States capital for himself and his Canadian-born wife and waiting for his fractured leg to heal.

Gen. Ritchie will be Commander, British Army Staff, and military member of the joint United States-Britain services mission to Washington next March. His task on the joint chiefs of staff will be to co-ordinate British and United States military policies.

Until recently Sir Neil was commander-in-chief of Far East land forces. He was scheduled to relinquish this command in February, 1950.

Last June his horse slipped and fell on muddy ground breaking the general's left leg. The fracture is healing nicely but Gen. Ritchie now has to carry about his 203-pound, six-foot-two military frame aided by two heavy crutches. Consequently, it was decided that he should quit his command immediately.

While Sir Neil frets about the annoying slowness with which his leg is mending, Lady Ritchie joins him in wondering about finding a home in Washington and a school for their two children, Dugald, five, and Anne, three.

FORMERLY OF KINGSTON, ONT.

Lady Ritchie is the former Miss C. T. Minnes, of Kingston, Ont. The Ritchies met in 1937 when Sir Neil was a lieutenant-colonel making a trip through the United States. After a brief courtship, Miss Minnes joined him in England where they were married. The tall, charming Canadian will leave a busy social life in Singapore, but her social calendar in Washington

will probably be just as crowded.

Gen. Ritchie, 52, has been an active soldier for 35 years. At 17 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Black Watch, famed Highland regiment, after being educated at Lancing College and Sandhurst.

He served with the Black Watch during the First World War, was wounded and decorated twice. He received the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross. He emerged from the conflict a captain, after combat service in Belgium, France and the Middle East.

Between the wars he was active in sports. At the outbreak of the Second World War he was a lieutenant-colonel and

later rose to full general.

He was in command of the 8th Army from November, 1941 to July, 1942, when he was succeeded by Gen. Montgomery. In 1943 he assumed command of the 12th Corps, which he led throughout the invasion of Europe.

Sir Neil will bring to his new Far Eastern problems as well as post an intimate knowledge of those of the western world. During his 2½ years in Singapore, he has seen at first hand the mounting threat of Communism in Asia.

BAGSHOT, Surrey, Eng. ©—The local council requested that the police station remain open 24 hours a day instead of 20.

CHINA APPEALS TO U.N. AGAINST COMMUNISM

NEW YORK ©—The Chinese Nationalist government today charged for the first time in the United Nations that Russia and the Chinese communists are working hand-in-hand.

She called on the U.N. Assembly to act quickly to prevent Communism from engulfing China and the entire Far East. The chief delegate, Dr. T. F. Tsiang said the Atlantic Pact had halted the flow of Communism across Europe but that no such barrier exists in the east.

CELANESE WINS HONORED AWARD

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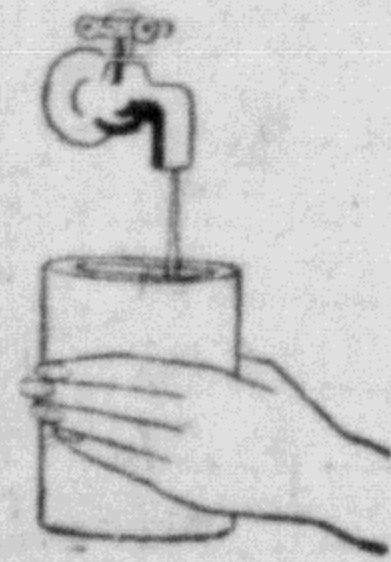
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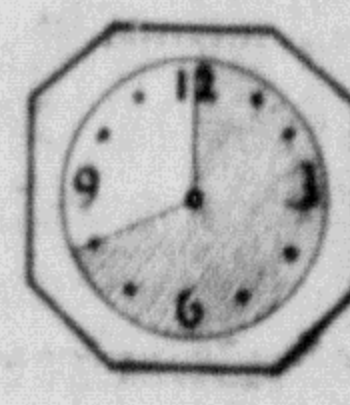
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