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Garbagemen hold sickout; better maintenance sought

HOUSTON (AP)—The nation's sixth largest city was without garbage pickups Tuesday as garbagemen held a sickout in support of demands for improved truck maintenance.

John W. Daut, solid waste management department supervisor,

said no crews reported for work as a large number of the city's 700 garbage workers unexpectedly called in sick.

Mayor Fred Hofheinz met with about 20 district foremen and said they had pledged their best efforts to get the men back to work Wednesday.

cause of breakdowns, he said, crews often must pickup more than one route on collection days. Each route services from 900 to 1,000 homes.

Also meeting with Hofheinz were R. Jack McDaniel, director of the solid waste department, and Maynard White, business manager for a city employee union.

Barbara Strong, press secretary of Hofheinz, said the garbagemen want truck maintenance under the control of the solid waste department, want more mechanics, and want a 15 percent wage increase.

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Hofheinz said the garbagemen have a legitimate complaint about truck maintenance and that his administration will do everything possible to improve the situation. Be-

Oil executive expects long range oil needs

One-third of the oil we use is imported. We will have to rely on oil to

meet energy needs for a long time, says an oil executive.

A&M instructor to teach abroad

Dr. Charles Wukasz, modern languages instructor at A&M, has been selected for a Fulbright-Hays Award to teach English in Yugoslavia, beginning in September.

Dr. Wukasz received his Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Texas in August. He had taught at TAMU since February, 1973. Previously, he taught at Mississippi State, William and Mary College and at the UT International Center Intensive English Program.

He has also studied a year at the University of Leipzig in East Germany.

He was notified of his selection by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and the U. S. State Department, Dr. J. M. Nance, campus Fulbright advisor, said.

G. P. Pepper, Mobile Oil executive, Beaumont, lectured the J.T.L. McNew Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineering Tuesday night.

Pepper said areas off the U.S. coasts must be developed, balancing the energy needs with the needs of a good environment. He noted that of the 17,000 offshore wells drilled off U.S. coasts since 1946 only four produced major spills.

Pepper said the current profits of the oil companies is not as great as people believe. He cited a *Forbes Magazine* study where Mobil ranked 400th in profitability over the last five years.

"In the space of a few months, the oil-exporting countries have quadrupled the price of crude oil," Pepper said. Gasoline prices lagged behind many other items in the recent price climb.

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