complex comes to standstill

GENEVA, Switzerland — The clocks have stopped, mail is piling up by the ton, elevators and computers are idled and there is no heat in the offices or toilet paper in the bathrooms.

The 30-nation Geneva disarmament conference has been forced to cancel its meetings, and the 32-nation U.N. Commission on Human Rights has moved to emergency rooms outside the U.N. complex.

A week-old general strike, unprecedented in the history of the United Nations, has effectively paralyzed work at the European U.N. headquarters in the mile-long Palace of Nations.

"We remain operational on an emergency basis," said a Dutch official at the office of the U.N. high commissioner for refugees. "And we even managed to get one or two manual typewriters. But we have to collect urgent cables downtown because there is no power for our Telex machines. And each of us has to walk up 10 flights several times a day, enough to give you a heart failure. It is a pain

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"Everybody is fed up with it," agreed a British member of the multinational committee that organized the strike.

The strike was called for about 2,000 employes in the

"general services" category, the lowest income bracket in the U.N. hierarchy, which includes secretaries, cleaners, gardeners and other operational staff. They make up about two-thirds of the headquarters staff in Geneva, the others being senior administrative officials, economic analysts, translators and interpreters.

Earning between \$800 and \$1,600 monthly, the strikers seek retroactive pay adjustments effective last Aug. 1. They argue that the U.N. administration failed to honor its commitment to base the adjustments on an impartial living cost survey supplied every five years by a private Geneva research institute.

The study suggests that the average pay of general service employes now is almost 20 per cent below that of salaries paid for comparable jobs in Geneva. The Swiss city, according to a U.N. survey made last year has a cost of living index that is 33 per cent above New York's.

The U.N. administration argues the study is faulty and demands a new analysis before fixing salary scales. Officials estimate if the study is accepted as a base, hikes in salaries and family allowances would boost personnel costs for the U.N. in Geneva by about \$3 million.

Placement office is best deal for job-hunting students

Although no attempt is made by Texas A&M University to determine the percentage of graduates successfully placed in jobs, the assistance offered by the Placement Office is the best the undergraduate can expect from the University, said a placement official.

"Last year was our best year ever," said J. Malon Souther-land, the coordinator of educational placement services. Southerland said that 100 per cent of the 22 petroleum en-gineering graduates last May were placed in jobs. He also reported excellent results for mechanical and electrical en-

gineers.

"People say that the liberal arts student is not helped by the Placement Office," said Southerland, "but I'm not sure that is fair. Most of them haven't given thought to an occupation, or are aiming at a goal which is not

necessarily realistic."
The Placement Office offers

services such as career counseling, on-campus recruiting, career planning, and credentials preparation and mailing. Students wishing to use these services are urged to file a re-cord of their qualifications with the Placement Office early in the year in which their university work will be completed.

Located on the tenth floor of the J. Earl Rudder Conference Tower, the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through

The Placement Library has free brochures and hand-outs which warn students of the qualities recruiters look for when hiring. A checklist is also available to help the individual assess his readiness to undertake the job search process.

Southerland estimated that

50 per cent of Texas A&M

graduates are definitely using the Placement Office, and he said that employers are very pleased with the quality of the graduates hired.

'We're quite aware of the need for better communication with the students," said Southerland, "tempered by the idea that we're busy

WEDNESDAY

Omega Phi Alpha will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Tower 401.

Host and Fashion Committee will

meet at 7 p.m. in Tower 404.

OPA will meet at 7 p.m. in MSC

Bridge Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in MSC 212.

TAMU Nursing Society will meet at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Col-

Freshman class will meet at 7:30 p.m. in MSC 216 B&E.

Kingsville-Bishop HTC will meet

at 7:30 p.m. in Tower 308. El Paso HTC will meet at 7:30 in

Medina County HTC will meet at 7:30 p.m. in MSC 141.

Pre-Law Society will meet at 7:30

The Freshman class will have a meeting this evening at 7:30 in Rms.

B and E of the Student Programs THURSDAY

College of Education Centennial Academic assembly will begin at 8 a.m. in the Forum. University Laundry Committee will meet at 12 noon in MSC

TRHA Conference will meet at 7 p.m. in Tower 601.

Social Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. in MSC 224. South Texas Tri-County HTC

will meet at 7 p.m. in MSC 140. Student Financial Aid Briefing will be held at 7 p.m. in MSC 230. Sailing Club will meet at 7:30

Mexican Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Tower

Snow Ski Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Tower 701.

Pan American Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Tower 401.

LaMarque-Texas City HTC will meet at 7:30 in MSC 140A. Midland HTC will meet at 8

Forestry Club will meet at 7:30

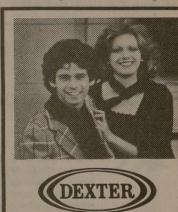
p.m in Tower 410.

TAMU Nursing Society will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC Courtyard. Aggieland pictures will be

Wings and Sabres will meet at

7:30 p.m. at Kyle Field. TAMU Horseman's Assn. will meet at 7 p.m. in AI Building 215.





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