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Living with the law

The following column, which will run three times a week starting today, is provided by the Texas A&M University student legal advi-

we're in trouble. Our apartment was not ready to move into this fall. The manager said she would pay for our hotel bill. Now she says she won't. Can we make her pay the bill? When should we start paying rent?

Any agreements you have in writing are of course binding on the manager. An oral agreement may be enforcible also, but that would be more difficult since, as a general rule, contracts affecting an interest in real property, such as your apartment, must be written to be enforced.

In any case, do not withhold rent as a remedy. Court action may be necessary. Some lease forms may say that rent shall be abated during he time the tenant cannot live in the apartment due to construction. This would mean your rent starts the day you move in. Look closely

Editor's note: Answers are general and should not replace the personal advice of an attorney. Questions for this column can be addressed to The Battalion or students' legal advisers in 211 YMCA.

Lawyer tries to free **Rudolf Hess - again**

AUSTIN — An attorney who has tried unsuccessfully for more than three years to have Rudolf Hess — a former depute of Ad J Turd former deputy of Adolf Hitler - released from Berlin's Spandau Prison

said last week he would make his fourth attempt at releasing the 84wear-old former deputy fuhrer. Merrell Frazer Jr. said he had new evidence to present to Russian officials that could free Hess, the

one defendant of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial still imprisoned. The Russians will never release Hess unless they feel it is in their own interest to do so," Frazer said. 'I hope to show them how this will be possible

Hess is the lone prisoner in the before or after the Nuremberg 600-unit prison, which is operated trial."

Hess, who left Hitler in 1941 and flew to Scotland on a mission of peace, has been in solitary confinement since 1966, when Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach were re-leased after serving 20-year sentences

"Rudolf Hess is the only man in the history of the world to be in-dicted, tried, convicted and imprisoned for 'crimes against peace' said Frazer, "an ex post facto crime that had neither precedent nor recognition in international law either

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Scruffy plants may be new rubber source **A&M** research

A projected national rubber shortge and the state's climate have en-buraged researchers at Texas A&M iniversity to help make Texas a ibber-producing state.

The potential source is a scruffy, wo-feet-high desert shrub called guayule (wy-OO-lee). The United States government, several groups f university researchers and America's tire companies are inrested in the plant.

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And for good reason. Guayule pro-luces a rubber chemically identical o that of the Asian rubber tree.

World demand for all types of rubber, including natural rub-ber, is expected to double in the next 10 to 25 years.

Texas A&M researchers have Southwest Border Regional Com-mission to study the desert plant. governors of Texas, Arizona, California and New Mexico - states Additional money may be availa-soon. The U.S. Senate has aproved a bill that would put \$30 illion into guayule research over a ur-year period. Another bill in the ouse calls for \$60 million over a tur ve-year span. Research will attempt to make

roduction of rubber from guayule rofitable

Dr. Neville Clarke, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, said, "We do not propose to research the problem to death before we discover whether or not it will work. However, there is a substantial experience from development of other crops, such as sor-ghum and cotton, to show that

major development in economic Dan Bragg, an industrial engineer at yields can be achieved.

'We can expect to increase basic complished in five.

In addition to Texas A&M's studies, breeding programs are under way at the University of Arizona and at the Los Angeles Arboretum. In Fort Stockton, Fire-stone Tire and Rubber Co. is starting nursery operations that will fol-lowed by planting tests.

Just a few years ago, it looked like rubber would be replaced by more reliable synthetics. But that was before radial tires, which use twice as much rubber in anatural-synthetic blend as regular

tires. Truck tires use three times as much "The strategic importance of rub-

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A&M plant sciences department. Texas A&M's Industrial Economics Research Division. "World demand yields of guayule by not less than a factor of two over a 10-year period," he said. "It may even be ac-

> Research will attempt to make production of rubber from guayule profitable.

Most forecasters estimate that there will be a shortage of one mil-lion tons per year by 1985, Bragg said. It has been estimated that 8 mil-lion acres of guayule would be needed for cultivation to meet pro-

jected demands. 'Because of its low water requirements, guayule has the poten-tial to become a boon to vast areas of

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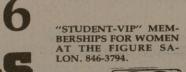
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