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Texans prefer staying home

# Peace Corps off in state

United Press International DALLAS — It recruits like the itary, but it brandishes the gans of peace and goodwill ong men

It's the Peace Corps, the 23-ar-old brainchild of President n Kennedy and his New ntier. It has survived a varieof political administrations, omic turbulence and federbudget cuts.

It maintains a corps of 5,000 unteers in 60 nations, but it s trouble recruiting in Texas, there there are too many jobs and too few Northerners.

"The skills are all here in Texas," said Ed Godfrey, manaer of the Dallas bureau, which indles five Southwestern states m the second floor room of an aging downtown post office, out for some reason it's a harer area to recruit in than the ortheast or elsewhere.'

He said Texans, as a rule,

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prefer to stay close to home. "Unlike other areas where look at we find Texans like to stay home," he said. "They are not as oriented to traveling

"I don't know why this is the pattern," he said. "I would hope this is starting to change. A lot of people are moving down here from the North, and more and more are applying who are widely traveled. So things may

Another disadvantage in Texas, he said, is the economy.

'The people who are volunteering now are interested in how the corps can help them, how it can improve their job prospects," he said. "We see a lot of recruits in other parts of the nation who come to us because they can't get jobs. But in Texas that is not such a problem since the economy is better.

"Let's face it," he said, "people ified applicants.

don't join the Peace Corps for the money," which averages \$300 a month and is geared to the cost of living in each country.

He said generally the new recruit was less idealistic and more practical than the entrant 20 years ago. "We just don't see the idealism of the 1960s.

But, in fact, the Corps wants training, not idealism these

"Basically we're looking for people who are trained in business, forestry, agriculture, edu-cation, health and other skill trades," Godfrey said. "These are skills developing countries can use.

He said the region's four recruiters - down from 12 during the halcyon days of the 1960s visit college campuses and technical schools in New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas in search of qual-

"We even advertise in newsletters for senior citizens," he said. "We look for retirees with skills as well as students, anybody who wants the practical ex-

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The march, sponsored by the Texas Federation of Teachers' Union, began about 8:15 p.m. Monday at the Texas AFL-CIO building and ended at the steps of the Capitol about five blocks

More than 1,000 teachers from across the state looked on as four pallbearers, carrying signs saying "Rest in Peace — Higher Education" placed a black coffin in the Capitol rotunda.

Maureen Peters, newly elected president of the Dallas County federation, said the funeral procession represented the death of educational excellence in the state at the hands of Texas legislators who are defeating the

The people in this (the Austin capitol) tell us how

greatest betrayals. -John Cole, president of for pupil expenditures yet No. 1

the state legislature.

John Cole, the state federalegislators does not exist because of inflation.

'The people in this building building (the Austin much they love education. We know they must be sincere, but capitol) tell us how this building has become the scene of one of the greatest between the scene of one of you (teachers) rayals. Some of you (teachers) tion...but this building will receive a 3 percent increase. has become ... one of the Yet, the rest of you will not receive any increase," Cole said.

"We are 43rd in the nation the Texas Federation of in highway expenditures. We need a 65 percent increase in wages if we want to be No. 1 in salaries. We will not move up in tion president, said the 9 per-cent increase in salaries for Cole said.

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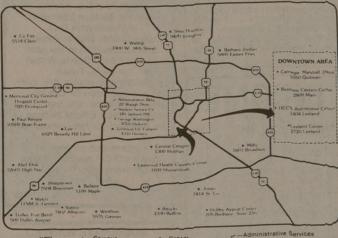
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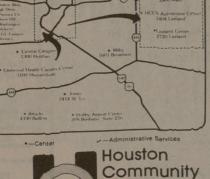
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