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Teachers on march for wages, quality

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AUSTIN — More than 1,000 teachers from across the state marched in a mock funeral procession protesting the quality of education and low wages in the school system.

John Cole, the state federal-

teachers voted on by the state legislators does not exist because of inflation.

The people in this building (the Austin capitol) tell us how much they love education...but this building has become...one of the greatest betrayals. — **John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers' Union**

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 away.

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 educational finance bills before

tion president, said the 9 percent increase in salaries for

"We are 43rd in the nation for pupil expenditures yet No. 1 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 the nation with small increases," Cole said.

Texans prefer staying home

Peace Corps off in state

United Press International
DALLAS — It recruits like the military, but it brandishes the slogans of peace and goodwill among men.

It's the Peace Corps, the 23-year-old brainchild of President John Kennedy and his New Frontier. It has survived a variety of political administrations, economic turbulence and federal budget cuts.

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

"The skills are all here in Texas," said Ed Godfrey, manager of the Dallas bureau, which handles five Southwestern states from the second floor room of an aging downtown post office, "but for some reason it's a harder area to recruit in than the Northeast or elsewhere."

He said Texans, as a rule,

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 abroad."

"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 change."

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

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 days.

"Basically we're looking for people who are trained in business, forestry, agriculture, education, 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 qualified applicants.

"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 experience or the personal rewards this business can offer."

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