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SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS UN OFFICES IN GENEVA, ADDRESSES  
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(The following was received here from the UN Information Center, Geneva.)

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold began a week of activity in Geneva today. Besides addressing the closing session of the World Health Assembly (Press Release SG/305), he spoke to the Commission on Human Rights and the Technical Assistance Board, which are also meeting in Geneva.

He held a press conference at noon, met senior staff members of the UN European Office, spent the afternoon visiting members of the UN Secretariat in Geneva in their offices in the Palais des Nations, and met with the Staff Committee.

Speaking to the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Hammarskjold said that even as a private citizen he had been keenly aware of this Commission's work and its epic-making achievements, especially in 1948 with regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Commission had a special place among United Nations organs, he said, as it was one of the very few directly provided for in the UN Charter and its objective was specifically set forth in the Charter itself.

He said he realized the difficult and delicate problem the Commission had to tackle and the difficulties it faced, especially in the drafting of covenants, but "I want to assure you I will do everything I can in my power in successive stages of work to further the Commission's objectives."

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