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# Commission orders railroad workers back to work

WASHINGTON-The Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday ordered a resumption of service on the strikebound Rock Island railroad, and Vice President Walter F. Mondale predicted that snarled grain shipments on the line "will start moving early next week."

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The ICC issued an order directing the Kansas City Terminal Co. to operate the financially beleaguered carrier's 13-state rail network for 60 days because the Rock Island lacks the money to resume service on its own.

Mondale made a personal appearance at the White House press room to announce the rare ICC action, which would efid a 31-day shutdown triggered when two unions staged a strike,

ICC Chairman Daniel O'Neal said the Carter administration has received indications from the unions that they would go back to work under the ICC order.

The two unions had ignored a back-to-work directive issued by President Carter last week.

Mondale said Fred Hardin, a leader of the striking United Transportation Union, assured the administration Wednesday that he would instruct his 2,500 train operators to return to their jobs immediately.

However, the president of the other union, the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, indicated he



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In its order, the ICC said the new operator could pay the strikers prevailing industry wage rates rather than the lower rates the Rock Island had been paying if the operator determined that the higher wages were necessary for the workers to return to their jobs.

The clerks union had been holding out for the higher wage rate.

### Carter vs. Kennedy

WASHINGTON-President Carter apparently has not abandoned hope of persuading Sen. Edward M. Kennedy that it would not be a good idea to challenge him for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

Carter volunteered his first direct attack on his potential opponent Tuesday during a "town meeting" in the New York borough of Queens.

One participant asked, "What makes you think your first term merits a re-election?" Carter concluded his response with these remarks on Kennedy's longtime push for a national health insurance program.

"Sen, Kennedy has been in Congress for 16 years... He has never gotten a comprehensive national health bill out of his subcommittee."

Carter said he believes "I now have enough support in the Congress to do it before this term is over" in 1980.

#### Canal votes

Cellar.

WASHINGTON-Reps. John Cavanaugh, D-Neb., and Doug Bereuter, R-Neb., voted with the majority Wednesday when the House passed a Senate approved bill to carry out the Panama Canal treaties and sent it to President Carter.

Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., voted against the bill.

Cavanaugh was among the 196 Democrats who voted for the bill and Bereuter was one of 36 Republicans who favored the Panama Treaty measure.

Mrs. Smith was one of 188 Republicans opposing the measure, along with 70 Democrats.

#### Snail in trouble

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-The process of filling the Tellico Dam reservoir and flooding the spawning grounds of the rare snail darter could begin within a month, officials said, after President Carter decided to permit completion of the controversial project that has threatened to make the fish extinct.

The tiny fish has been the central character is a long legal battle over completion of the project on the Little Tennessee River. The president said Tuesday he had signed "with mixed reactions" the legislation allowing completion of the 12-year-old project.

#### Newton mistrial

OAKLAND, Calif.-The jury couldn't reach a verdict, but Black Panther co-founder Huey Newton believes a second mistrial is as good as acquittal on charges he killed a 17-year-old prostitute.

"I'm very happy that I was acquitted even though there was one person on the jury who was not fair," a jubilant Newton said Tuesday after a panel of eight women and four men deadlocked 11-1 in favor of acquittal.

## short stuff

UPC Human Potentials Committee is looking for people interested in planning new programs for UNL students. Apply in Nebraska Union 200 or call 472-2454.

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brown bag lecture "Machu Picchu or Bust-Off to Latin

America" during the noon hour in the Union South

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UPC Culture Center Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m.

The Overseas Opportunity Center is sponsoring a

NUPIRG will meet at 7 p.m. in Union 117.

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UPC is sponsoring the movie "Beau Geste" at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Sheldon Film Theatre. Admission will be charged.

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ASUN will meet at 8 p.m. in the Union, Room number

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