s Move to try to liquidate railroad

United Press International IOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas atney general — lead counsel in a ate action to recover back taxes m the bankrupt Rock Island Raild – will file a motion this week liquidate the strike-bound railay, a spokesman said Monday. The Kansas official also plans to

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eased four hted" the st that other railroads be com-elled to operate the Rock Island stem until the sale of its assets is the U.S.

> The action by Attorney General object Stephan followed a meeting iday in Des Moines between offiis of nine states who agreed to the ourse of action. Also Friday, Rock and's major creditor filed a moon for liquidation of the line in eleral court in Chicago.

Stephan's spokesman, Neil-

Woerman, said the motion for liq- some \$30 million to \$40 million to uidation is a long-term solution. 'In the short term, we also will be asking that the court order the bankruptcy trustee to request that the Interstate Commerce Commission come down with a directed

service order," Woerman said. "That would divide up the Rock Island on a temporary basis among other railroads for operation." Woerman said the other railroads cannot be forced to operate the line at a loss. He estimated it would require a \$10 million per month sub-sidy from the Federal Railroad Administration during the short-term

The spokesman said liquidation appeared to be the only answer for the troubled railroad. been estimated the railroad owed \$4 "It appears now it would take million to Kansas alone.

go back into operation if the strike is ended and Rock Island doesn't have the funds to do that," he said.

U.S. District Judge Frank McGarr has set an Oct. 5 deadline for any other motions related to those filed by creditors Friday. Woerman said he expected several of the other states would file motions similar to the Kansas action

Rock Island, under the control of a trusteeship, has resumed paying its property taxes to the states since 1978. However, it is still locked in litigation with the 13 states over recovery of millions in unpaid property taxes and interest between 1974 and 1977. Woerman said it had

Other states include Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. Henry Crown, president of Material Services Corp. of Chicago, Friday filed a motion citing record first-half losses approaching \$50 million, nearly exhausted cash reserves, the current strike and "catastrophic" management management policies.

Crown's motion said trustee William Gibbons "ought to abandon immediately his ill-founded and hopeless game plan of a traditional income-based reorganization" and asked for liquidation.

"The course of action pursued by the trustee has proven catastrophic. The Rock Island's 1979 losses are out of hand. Putting it bluntly, the trustee has lost control.'

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opical twister, was packing nimal hurricane-force winds of 5 mph, but forecasters said it uld strengthen.

SUL At noon Monday, the hur-ricane was centered about 150 niles northeast of Vera Cruz, Mexico, near Latitude 20.5 north, Longitude 94.0 west. Forecasters said any movement for the next 24 hours would be

At midday, Henri was cen-tered 123 miles northwest of the

Kidnapped

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TOLEDO, Ohio — William

ichous, the high-ranking Owens-

linois executive kidnapped in

Venezuela by Marxist terrorists, Monday fulfilled a dream of his 40 months in captivity in the South

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Niehous, 48, has been named

said after his rescue last June he not want to return to Venezuela.

Niehous was the glass and plastic pany's highest-ranking repre-

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huge Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) runaway gusher that has been spewing oil into the Bay of Campeche and Gulf of Mexico since June 3. The 125-mile radius of Henri's strong winds was sending gales over the Rough seas caused postpone-

ment of "Project Sombrero," an attempt to put a 30-ton bell over the gusher to capture escaping oil that polluted beaches along the Mexican coast and as far north as Texas this summer. The bell had been scheduled to be put in place Sunday, but a Pemex spokesman said ships carrying it were buffeted by 9-foot

waves and 50 mph winds, and were unable to anchor solidly enough for the job. However, work continued on from heavy platforms that can ride out high waves and winds. Warned by Mexican officials, about 200 families began evacuating from the shores of the rising Papaluapan River at Alvarado, a shrimp fishing port of 6,000 people about 30 miles south of Vera Cruz.

All Mexican navy and army units at Vera Cruz were ordered back to their barracks to be ready for storm assistance if needed. Mexican authorities reported.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that "the closeness of Henri to the Mexican coast means that even a small move-ment could bring hurricane conditions to that area.

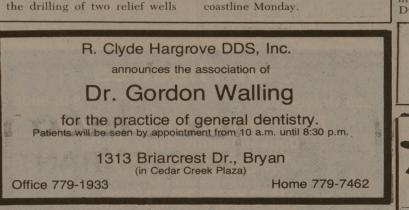
Henri, however, posed no threat to the United States coastline Monday.

United Press International WASHINGTON — Justice William Brennan, at 73 the oldest member of the Supreme Court, had a "slight" stroke on Sept. 4, his of-

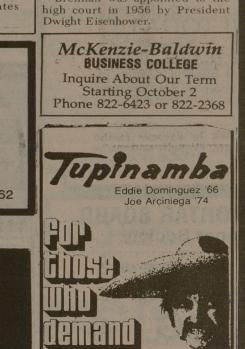
fice disclosed Monday. The court information office said Brennan "returned to work here at the Supreme Court Monday and is fully participating in the court schedule.

The announcement said the justice "suffered an apparent slight stroke causing a mild impairment of the use of his right hand. He was hospitalized at the Bethesda Naval Hospital from Sept. 10 to Sept. 13 and is exercising "to restore the full use of the hand," the announcement said.

Brennan was appointed to the high court in 1956 by President



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