

# Jobless noted on Labor Day

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WASHINGTON — With nearly 11 million Americans out of work, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan pledged in a Labor Day message Saturday to "see that those numbers come down." Union leaders saw little cause for festivities.

said AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland in a statement marking the working man's holiday. "There is not a working family in the land that has not been injured to some degree by the destructive policies of the Reagan administration and the recession that is part and parcel of those policies," he said. The comments came as new

government data showed the unemployment rate remained at 9.8 percent in August, the highest since 1941, and with 10.8 million American workers going without paychecks. "I intend to see that those numbers come down, and more importantly, President Reagan intends to see that they come down," Donovan said.

"This is a day on which we must rededicate ourselves to solving the problem of unemployment in America," the secretary said. "Even though there are more Americans working than at any other time in our history, there are still too many Americans who want jobs and can't find them."



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## Nuclear leak baffles officials

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LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK, N.J. — A leak at the Salem nuclear power plant sent radioactive gas into the air but federal authorities and plant officials disagreed Saturday over whether the discharge was caused by an accident or was "deliberate tampering."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's resident inspector at the plant reported the leak, which was confined to the plant site, might "possibly just be an accident."

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said the small amount of gas released was diluted by the air and posed no health threat.

NRC spokesman Karl Abraham quoted inspector, Leif Norholm, as saying the valve may have been inadvertently left open by workers who were doing maintenance.

The FBI was also notified of the incident and was to inspect the site, officials said.

PSE&G spokesman Gene Murphy said it was the third time in a month and the fourth time in four months that someone deliberately tampered with equipment at the nuclear power plant, located 30 miles south of Camden.

A spokesman for Public Service Electric & Gas Co., which operates the plant, said the minor radioactive leak Friday, caused by an open valve in a compressor room at the plant's auxiliary building, was the result of "someone consciously tampering with the instruments."

He said the latest incident was the first time radioactive gas was released. "This was not an accident," Murphy said. "Someone had to consciously tamper with the instruments."

His cups runneth over  
Matt Ferris, 12, holds the fruit of his hunting during Saturday's game. He and his brother Steve, 14, (seated above) were visiting their brother Mike, who is a student here. All are from Kingwood.

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