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## Celebrations for Labor Day varied throughout the U.S.

Americans hailed the working person Monday by taking the day off for Labor Day parades, picnics, rock music and sun-bathing.

In New York, marchers representing hundreds of unions paraded up Fifth Avenue to press for the creation of more jobs.

"This is the high holy day of the working people in this country," said New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who marched in the vanguard. "It's a day to remember the role unions have played in our progress. It's a day to recall what the situation was before

Cardinal John O'Connor reviewed the parade from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"It's absolutely imperative to keep the concept of labor and unions al-ive," O'Connor told the marchers. "It's so easy to forget what things were like before we had unions."

In El Paso, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland told about 600 people at a Labor Day breakfast that unions, as well as the U.S. economy, are threatened by a flood of foreign

imports.
"What I see today from the grassroots up is not a weak, sick, discouraged labor movement," he said.
"The labor movement is the first line of progress for the plain people in this country."

But Hurricane Elena was no vacation for hundreds of thousands on the Gulf Coast. Hurricane Elena came ashore with winds up to 100 mph, ripping off roofs, uprooting trees, flooding highways and knock-

ing out power to 100,000 people.

But on Southern California's beaches, lifeguard Phil Tobar predicted a big crowd.

"This is the last weekend at the beach for a lot of kids," he said. At Santa Monica beach, teams

from the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles compéted in a

sand-sculpting contest.

Beverly Hills held its first-ever Labor Day bash, with Rolls-Royces chauffeuring celebrities at the head of the parade and gourmet food stands living its roote which in stands lining its route, which in-cluded posh Rodeo Drive.

At San Francisco's Golden Gate

Park, thousands heard rock stars Paul Kantner and Marty Balin, cofounders of Jefferson Airplane, at a benefit concert for the city's hungry and homeless.

By Monday evening, 391 people had died on the nation's highways during the three-day weekend. The National Safety Council had predicted that 450 to 550 people could die in traffic accidents between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Monday.

President Reagan ended his vacation in California and flew to Inde-

pendence, Missouri, Monday to lobby for his tax reform proposal. On Sunday, Reagan issued a Labor Day message urging labor and management to "work hand in hand to improve the position of American products in foreign markets."

In Michigan, Grand Rapids staged its first Labor Day parade in 30 years, with bands, floats and

horse-drawn carriages. "It's long overdue and all of orga-nized labor in west Michigan de-cided it's time to renew an old tradition," said Terry Lint of the United Auto Workers union.

Michigan Gov. James Blanchard was to lead an estimated 45,000 people across the Mackinac Bridge for the 28th annual five-mile walk from St. Ignace in the state's Upper Pen-insula to Mackinaw City in the Lower Penisula.

The annual Labor Day trek is the only time pedestrian traffic is permitted on the bridge.

In Hampton, Va., visitors rode the rollercoaster and carousel for the last time at the Buckroe Beach Amusement Park, which was closing down after 90 years in business, a victim of competition from fancy theme parks, the owners said.

# weaponry

Talley came to Fort Sill 45 years ago, he found transportation on the post less modern than the train he ar-

until June 1942.

'They met me there with two

"I was raised on a farm, but that was altogether a different deal," Tal-ley said. "You were better off if

Texas, entered the service in August 1940. He said the horse was more important to the artillery than the

"We had more horses than the

caissons and guns every day, but had to be exercised without fail.

took up most of our time," Shelton said. The horses had to be groomed, cleaned and fed daily, and their needs took precedence over the sol-

# by Jeff MacNelly Horse-drawn

LAWTON, Okla. - When Joe

Willis Johnson, who arrived in De-cember 1940, said the 18th Field Ar-tillery remained a horse-drawn unit

horses and a buggy and carried me on post," he recalled during a reunion Sunday of about 200 veterans of the 18th Field Artillery and 1st Field

In 1940, the Army was not the mechanized marvel it would later be-

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come, the veterans said.

Prior experience with horses was no guarantee that a young soldier

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Clyde Shelton of Grand Prairie,

cavalry because we had to pull the caissons and the guns," he said.

The horses weren't hitched to the

"We rode horses every day. That

"The horses came first, and we had some of the best horses in the

Albert Juffer agreed. "They knew what to do when they got to a gun position," he said.

The horse-drawn artillery was phased out before the soldiers saw battle. The French 75mm guns were replaced with more modern 75mm guns. They were in turn replaced with 105mm guns pulled by 2.5-ton

### relations with AFL-CIO Los Ange Mine workers renewing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Richard Trumka, president of the United Mine Workers, will address the AFL-CIO's biennial convention next month in another step on the road toward affiliation between his union and the 13.7 million-member labor

No mineworkers' president has ever addressed a convention of the AFL-CIO, which was created in

The independent UMW has not been part of any labor federation for nearly four decades, since pulling out of the old American Federation

But with steep membership dedines in the mineworkers' union and throughout organized labor, the idea of unity is viewed by many in unions as a vital necessity.

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and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, who has directed the labor federation's headquarters staffers to treat the mineworkers union with the same cooperation given to full-

1947 amid much bitterness when the mineworkers' legendary president, John L. Lewis, angrily scrawled the words "We disaffiliate" on a white card sent to the labor federation's

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fledged affiliates.

In an interview last week, Trumka confirmed that he will address the AFL-CIO convention in Anaheim, Calif., during the last week of Octo-

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Kirkland addressed the UMW's most recent convention, in 1983 in Pittsburgh, marking the first time an AFL-CIO president had ever gone

before the mineworkers.
Affiliation with the AFL-CIO could be done with a vote of the mineworkers' executive board, and

would not necessarily involve a vote at a UMW convention.

The timing for the next mine-workers convention has not been

Among the issues to be resolved in any affiliation would be whether the mineworkers would hold a seat on the AFL-CIO's 35-member executive council, which is made up largely of presidents of the largest and most influential unions, although a number of smaller unions are represented.

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