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# OPEC may renew output curbs

GENEVA (AP) — Several OPEC leaders predicted yesterday that the cartel would renew a temporary agreement on production controls that has pushed oil prices up by 50 percent since August.

On the opening day of a special conference to review the accord, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries also exhorted non-OPEC producers to shoulder some of the burden of pushing prices higher.

Industry analysts say an extension of the cartel's two-month-old, temporary accord probably would mean stable, or possibly slightly higher, oil prices through the end of the year.

Oil prices rose in reaction to the OPEC developments. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the November-delivery price for the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude increased 11 cents to \$14.98 per standard 42-gallon barrel.

The oil ministers met twice for a total of about two and a half hours

and said they would resume deliberations today.

James Audu, a cartel spokesman, told reporters after yesterday's evening session that the ministers had heard a report on individual members' production levels.

He said there were a few violations of production quotas, but violators had "pledged to work within their quotas" in the future. He refused to identify the violators.

Audu said the ministers would begin detailed discussion today whether to extend the temporary production controls or try to agree on a permanent system with new quotas for each member.

Since the 13-nation cartel agreed on Aug. 5 to pull about 4 million barrels a day off the world market, to a total of 16.8 million barrels, prices have risen from less than \$10 a barrel to more than \$14 in recent weeks. OPEC's stated objective is to drive prices to a range of \$17-\$19 a barrel.

The production accord, engineered

by Iran, is due to expire Oct. 31.

But Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh told reporters at the largely ceremonial opening session he believed OPEC would agree to extend the temporary controls.

Aghazadeh said he had canvassed

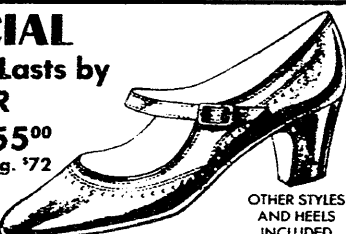
opinions of all OPEC ministers over the weekend.

"I feel they were all happy and satisfied with the present accord," he said, noting it had succeeded immediately in driving oil prices higher.

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## Web of steel

A construction worker at the Scott County, Kentucky, site of the \$800 million Toyota manufacturing facility checks the alignment of a wrought-iron framework that will support the building's foundation.

## Takeover of WREB planned

By SANDRA E. CONSTANTINE  
Holyoke bureau chief

HOLYOKE — WREB Radio is expected to be sold to DuMont Holding Corp. of Chester, N.J., later this fall, the station's general manager Larry Milesky said yesterday.

Both Milesky and the principal in the corporation that will buy the station, Allen B. DuMont Jr., said yesterday that the sale will not mean any changes for either the staff or the station's format.

The station has a "news-talk" format that allows listeners to call in and talk to broadcasters at any time.

"Everything will remain the same, and we're looking forward to that," said Milesky.

The sale is contingent on Federal Communications Commission approval to transfer the operating license, which is expected to take place in November. Milesky said DuMont has offered to pay 80 percent of the price in cash. DuMont owns the holding company with a group of friends.

Milesky said the reason for the sale was illness on the part of Joseph J. Alfano, whose firm, Algonquin Broadcasting Corp., owns the station.

Sales are \$400,000 annually at the station, said Milesky.

DuMont said he hopes WREB is the first in a series of small, profitable radio stations his firm will acquire.

DuMont's father, Allen B. DuMont, invented the cathode ray tube.

WREB, which is at 930 on the AM dial, began broadcasting in 1950.

It has three talk-show hosts, Jonathan Evans, Ron Chimelis, and Mike Dobbs.

The Massachusetts Broadcasters Association named the station Broadcast Station of the Year for the state in both 1983 and 1984.

## Foudy named 'Hamp editor

NORTHAMPTON (AP) — Former county editor James Foudy has been named editor of the Daily Hampshire Gazette, Co-Publishers Charles W. DeRose and Peter L. DeRose announced yesterday.

Foudy succeeds Edward K. Shanahan, who held the post for 15 years before resigning on Sept. 26 to move to Winston-Salem, N.C.

For the past two years, Foudy, a native of Worcester and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, served as the Gazette's county editor, coordinating news coverage outside Northampton.

Before that, he was the Amherst bureau editor from 1977 to 1985. He has also worked at the Berkshire Eagle in Pittsfield, at the Beverly Times in Beverly, at the Greenfield Recorder in Greenfield, and at the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune in Lawrence.



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