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BATON ROUGE, La. — The handwritten note on impressive "10 Downing Street" stationery surprised Lynne Hair, who never expected to receive a letter from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Hair, chairwoman of the Louisiana Women's Political Caucus, regularly types letters to prominent women who achieve an important goal. She recently congratulated Thatcher by mail on her selection as

prime minister. Hair received a handwritten response, dated June 1979.

"Thank you for your kind message of congratulations," Thatcher

replied. The early days of the new administration have been busy and

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OPEC official warns prices may push market out of contrained

United Press International MONTREUX, Switzerland – A senior OPEC official Monday warned that it is becoming increasingly difficult for OPEC to control the price of oil and if the situation continues energy markets will become "completely out of control."

The warning was sounded at a forum of oil experts and executives by Dr. Fadil alChalabi, deputy secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, on the eye of an OPEC meeting which is expected to approve another price

Dr. Ulf Lantze, executive director of the International Energy Agency, told the forum he expects this year's oil production shortfall of about 2 million barrels a day to last

through next year as well. The mid-year meeting of 13-nation OPEC is generally considered the most crucial session since

the 1973-1974 oil crisis. Speaking privately, OPEC offi-cials said the boost could be 20 to 25 percent and possibly more.

The Arab Emirates oil minister, Mana al Oteiba, current OPEC chairman, said in a pre-conference statement that the base price of oil should go up from \$14.54 per barrel to \$20 or \$21. That would mean an increase of 40 percent or more.

Western government and industry observers in Geneva said the most optimistic guess would be a hike of around 20 percent, to \$17.45 per barrel, and an end to the surcharges and premiums permitted by

in agreement at the last meeting in advantages of enabling ter March. Chalabi told the forum:

'More than at any time in history the pricing of oil is currently over-taken by the market forces rather than being fully administered by the collective action of the producers.

If this condition persists, the Iraqi-born Chalabi said, it will end up depriving the OPEC producers of the necessary tools to plan changes for their own economies

and for world oil prices. "This situation, if it continues, would make energy markets com-pletely out of control," he said. Chalabi made it clear that he did not consider uncontrolled price increases were necessarily to the long term advantage of OPEC.

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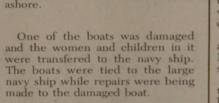
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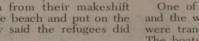
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