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## **OPEC** urged to end confusion

United Press International CARACAS, Venezuela — Vene-zuelan President Luis Herrera Monday called on the 13 member nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to end the current confusion over oil prices and forge a strong united front in dealings with the industrialized world.

"Confusion and lack of discipline in the market does not favor the longrange objectives of our organization," Herrera said in a speech opening the 55th semi-annual conference of the oil producing countries.

"It tends only to separate and weaken us while the multinational oil intermediaries reap the benefits without regard to any serious study of the origin and use of hydrocar-

The conference will try to set a unified oil pricing policy, although Iran, Libya and Indonesia have already announced their own sub-

Herrera said the spot market of high-priced oil sales outside the control of long-term contracts is adding to the confusion and threatening to

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become a permanent fixture of oil falling value of the dollar. dealings at speculative prices. He called for unified measures by the producers to protect the value of their resources through market stability and price adjustments to compensate for world inflation and the

Herrera accused consuming na-tions of wasteful policies of oil usage and said leaders of the industrialized nations were trying to blame OPEC for inflation caused by their own lack of foresight.

He said OPEC is seeking to s its own international news ag "to avoid the distortion, diso tion, confusion and mistakenew tions which are a consequenced tial and subjective reporting o roleum development

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