

OPEC oil production falls, competition, prices blamed

United Press International
VIENNA, Austria — OPEC oil production has fallen to the lowest level in 10 years, a leading oil company official said today.

Peter Mieling, director general of Shell Austria, said oil production in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries dropped by 28 percent between 1977 and 1981.

Production in 1981 dropped 16 percent from 1980 figures, he said.

"OPEC's oil production has thus dropped to its lowest ebb in the past 10 years," Mieling said.

Mieling gave two reasons for the drop in OPEC production figures — shrinking demand on the world market and higher production in non-OPEC coun-

tries such as Mexico, Norway and Britain.

Mieling said OPEC's oil price structure is endangered as a result of the shrinking demand that is likely to continue in the next few years.

OPEC set the benchmark price for Arabian light crude oil at \$34 a barrel at its last meeting at Abu Dhabi in December.



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Solidarity leader hopes for release aware of events

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WARSAW — An enthusiastic Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa hopes to be released for his daughter's upcoming baptism in Gdansk, vowing to shave a full beard only when talks start with military authorities.

"Walesa gives the impression of a man who has had a rest," Rev. Henryk Jankowski told reporters Tuesday about his meeting with the detained leader of the Solidarity trade union, suspended since martial law was imposed Dec. 13.

"It is an imposed rest but undoubtedly it will have a positive influence on the service of a man who is thinking how to restore peace in the country," he said.

An explosion ripped through a worker's hotel room late Monday in the southwest city of Wroclaw, killing F. Mieczyslaw, 21, a "worker" who police said apparently was handling the explosive, the official news agency PAP said.

Wroclaw is a major Solidarity stronghold. The explosion came two days after the reported discovery and defusing of a 13-pound time bomb at a gas station in Lubin, 25 miles from Wroclaw.

Jankowski read a statement from Walesa repudiating underground leaflets allegedly written by him calling for passive resistance to martial law.

"All leaflets appearing with my signature were fabricated and have a provocative character," the statement said. "My conception of the struggle is different and it will be explained by me on my release."

Jankowski came to Gdansk Tuesday for a three-hour private session with Walesa at an undisclosed location. He said afterwards "knows what is going on in the country."

Jankowski predicted talks between Walesa and the government, with other Solidarity members present as a condition leader has demanded think the talks will take very soon," he said.

Pope John Paul II sent a message to Walesa and his wife a note on the occasion of his seventh birthday. "Mr. Walesa fixed the date of the baptism as the first day of Lent with the thought would attend it," Jankowski said.

Walesa gave formal notice of the name Maria Victoria at the baptism at St. Peter's church in Gdansk. "I think his trip to Gdansk will be a release for good," Jankowski said with more optimism than hard information.

He said the interned chief was chain smoking and had grown a full beard but to shave off only after released and the talks with government started. Walesa was interned since Dec. 13.

Jankowski, the priest celebrated outdoor mass for thousands of strikers during August 1980 Gdansk strike, described Walesa as an enthusiast and vigorous leader of the struggle for the yard gate."

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