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By United Press International

The federal government moved Wednesday to stop the spreading blockade of highways by truckers revolting against lower speed limits and higher fuel prices.

With highways in five states clogged for miles by stopped rigs, the government ordered an immediate investigation of "alleged price gouging on truck fuel sales."

Long distance drivers used their tractor-trailers to block highways in Indiana, Delaware, New Jersey, Arkansas and Ohio Wednesday. A convoy of about 15 trucks made a "protest drive" on the Colorado interstate highway north of Denver, but did not cause any traffic tieups.

Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar had ordered an immediate investigation of possible "price gouging on truck fuel sales."

Brinegar also said the office of petroleum allocation had been directed to review "the allocation of fuel supplies" at truck stops.

He said an investigation would also be conducted into the problems posed for truckers by

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the commission has proposals.
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statement, will include that
said Pangeman in his opening
"Our agenda for this session,"
to finish the job."
to year, hopefully, we will return
to continue the effort. Next
have come to the Marianas twice
said Williams. "This year we
to begin these negotiations,
"Last year we came to Saipan
resumption in negotiations."
both sides to speak of an early
a goal near at hand is prompting
pre-Christmas talks, the sense of
amount of time allotted to these
Taken with the limited
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weeks until this round ends on
that will occupy the next two
series of closed working sessions
delegations began the first of a
Commission. At 4 the two
Marianas Political Status
Pangeman, chairman of the
Williams and Sen. Edward D.G.
exchange of remarks by
emerged from the formal
No major announcements
session at the Royal Taka Hotel.
the morning's brief opening
Williams, setting the tone for
Ambassador Franklin Hayden
not as adversaries," said U.S.
"We are here as friends and
smiling.
yesterday—and came out
future status talks here
went into their third round of
District and the United States
SAIPAN—The Marianas
Daily News Staff Writer
By Diane Maddex

Talks On

All Looks OK As Talks Start

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initiative in submitting proposals of responses to positions previously advanced by the commission.

After commending the U.S. for its recent promise "to honor its long-standing commitment to return the public lands to the people of Micronesia," Pangelinan indicated that his delegation will submit a proposal during this round detailing how the Marianas lands can be returned.

"In some respects, we will need the assistance of the U.S. delegation in this project," he said, "and we hope that the United States will aid our efforts to implement the U.S. statement of policy on this important subject."

In grass-roots meetings with district residents this summer, a number of conflicting avenues of effectuating this land transfer were suggested. These included placing the disposition authority in the district legislature, the municipal governments or in a specially-created public corporation.

Just this week the Palau District Legislature informed the U.S. it wants this authority vested in the traditional chiefs of Palau.

Williams selected the same four basic areas enumerated by Pangelinan as the focus of the new talks.

In turning "from general principles to more technical and specific and practical considerations," he said it is "comforting to remember that we will be building on foundations and preliminary understandings reached last May and June about the essential

Turning to future economic needs of the Marianas, Williams said the U.S. wanted "to reach agreement on how best the United States can assist in raising standards of living and how best the United States can contribute to your long-range goals of economic self-sufficiency."

In the most pointed reference to the two delegations' past differences over the level of future financial support — and perhaps a reflection on the problems that helped break up the talks with the other five TT districts last month — Williams stressed that the U.S. "intends to provide your new government with basic

budgetary support to meet the cost of government administration, education, health and other essential services."

Beyond this evidently barebones budgetary support, however, would be long-term, low-interest loans for economic development plus "a wide range of United States federal programs and services ranging from disaster relief to 'head start' type programs," said Williams.

Other goals the U.S. proposes to work for in the talks, he explained, are maximum internal self-government within the context of the larger American political system, a

constitution, elected executives and legislature and a judiciary for the administration of local justice, civil rights, equal opportunities and the preservation of the Marianas' cultural traditions and identity.

Included in the latter is the right of residents "to become American citizens if they so desire."

Williams, who is beginning his second set of Micronesian status negotiations in less than a month, concluded by telling the Marianas delegation: "We appreciate that our talks have been marked by good will and uninterrupted progress.

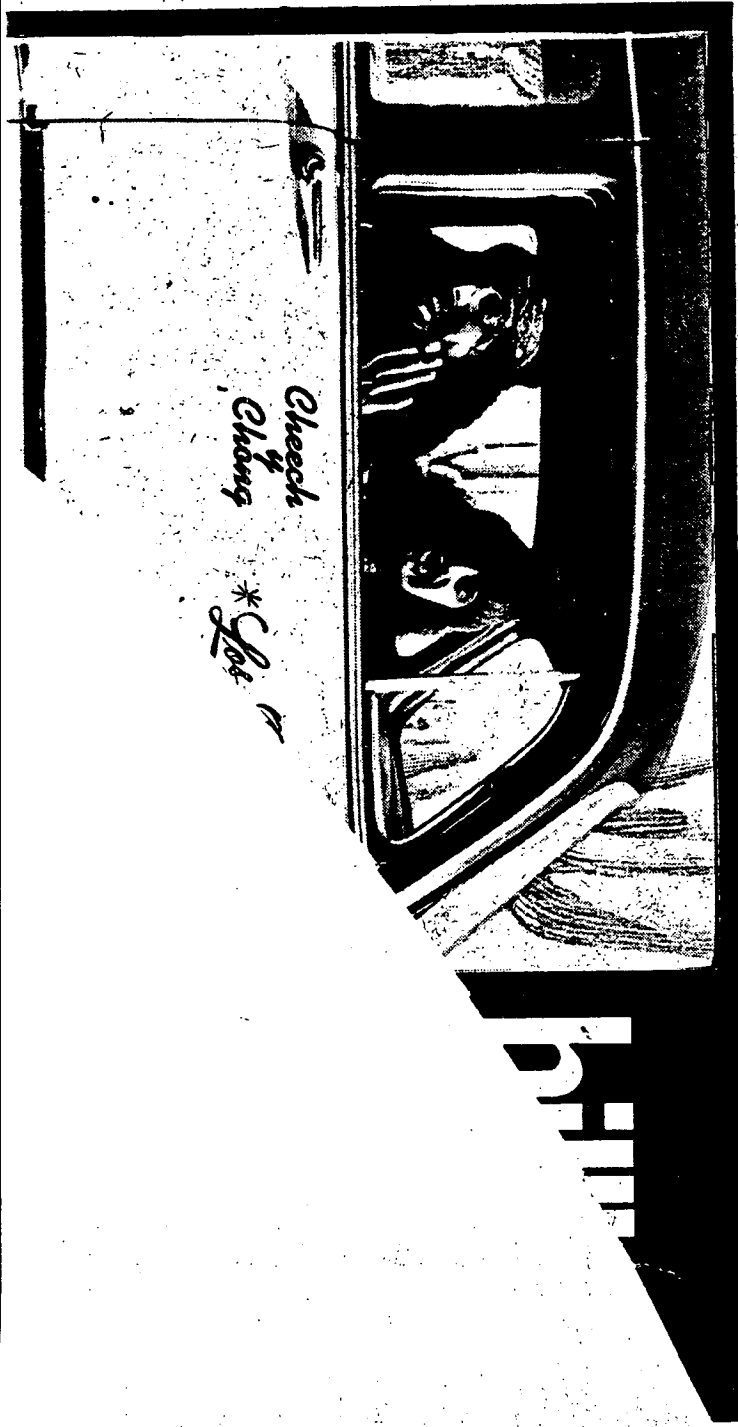
"We look forward to further steady advancement toward our

ultimate objective, yet the United States recognizes that the pace of our negotiations must be set essentially by the people of the Northern Marianas and their leaders."

Answered Pangelinan: "Let there be no doubt in your minds regarding the enthusiasm with which the people of the Marianas face their future relationship with the United States."

TT High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and Marianas District Administrator Francisco C. Ada also attended the plenary session as guests.

The first round of Marianas-U.S. talks was held on Saipan Dec. 13-14, 1972.



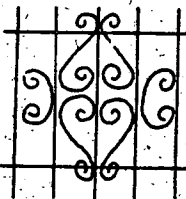
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political nature of the new relationship between the Northern Marianas and the United States."

Pointing to the subject of transition from trusteeship to U.S. commonwealth status, Williams stated: "If the Northern Marianas are to move forward toward a new status progressively and in a timely way, it is important to begin planning now."

"The United States is prepared to explore with you in detail how it can appropriately assist in this effort. It is our assumption that United States financial assistance will be necessary for both the planning and implementation stages of your major steps toward full self-government and we expect to discuss with you in these talks the character and level of our support."

During the second round of talks that ended in June, the Marianas put forward a request for an initial one-year grant of \$4.5 million for such planning, to be made available to the commission at the conclusion of the status negotiations.



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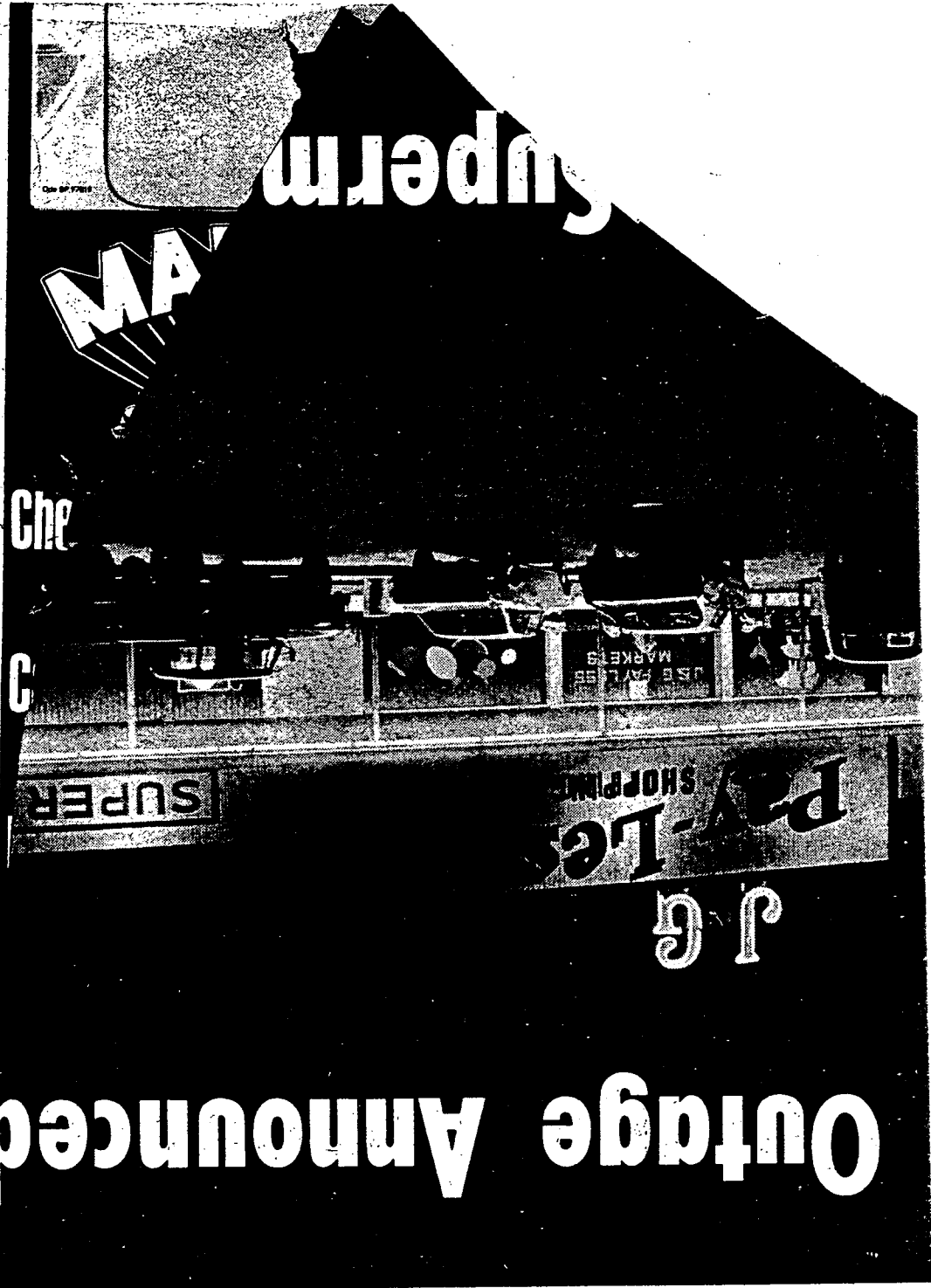
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