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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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4 April 1974

FROM Kika de la Garza

Washington, D C -- After repeated urgings to the FEO to insure gasoline for migrants traveling into the nation's harvest, Rep Kika de la Garza this afternoon said he expected FEO and the Department of Labor today to issue a contingency plan to insure migrant gasoline supplies.

Rep de la Garza said it is his understanding the plan the two agencies would issue would be strictly on a contingency basis. "This proposal would insure migrants getting gasoline should the need arise", de la Garza said.

Briefly, according to the South Texan who has been urging a firm program for issuance of gasoline supplies to migrants since the end of February, the plan would propose recommendations he had earlier made to the FEO.

This would include utilization of truck stops and dissemination of information to migrant centers. de la Garza said there would be no ID cards issued since truck stops would be able to identify the migrant requests.

The South Texas area houses the largest migrant population in the nation. California and Florida likewise have migrant flows but the main flow comes out of the deep South Texas area which de la Garza represents.

Rep de la Garza said details of the program would be incorporated in the FEO/Department of Labor announcement anticipated to be made today.

"I am happy," de la Garza said, "that FEO recognizes the problem and has taken what I hope are initial steps to take care of the situation."

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