

They don't want to carry that tremendous burden of work.

For example, we have Dominica Valin. She bought a sectional living room set, a lamp and table, from Stanton Furniture Company for \$517.

Two months later it started to rip apart and she complained many times, but not until she came to the union did we get matters settled for repairs on this.

There is Hilda Ortiz. She bought a radio combination from Sears Company for \$400. It didn't work properly. After many, many complaints to no avail, she came to the union.

We called the manager and got prompt action in the matter.

Then there was Primitivo Nieves. His wife bought an encyclopedia from a door-to-door salesman for \$285, and then he couldn't afford the payments. He could not carry the account.

Being threatened with garnishment he came to the union and we broke the contract.

Justino Garcia had such a difficult case that I referred him to the Legal Aid Society. I couldn't help him.

Then we had Angel Vargas. Angel Vargas bought a camera from Prospect Appliance Corp. for \$173. After making three payments, they promised his camera would be delivered. It never came and he came to the union for help.

Margarita Diaz was given a garnishment on the balance and cost after the firm moved without notice. The union arranged payment with a discount.

Carmen Melendez bought a bracelet from Remay Jewelry Company for \$55 on the layaway plan. She paid \$35 and the firm went out of business, and that was the end of it.

William Garcia, someone used his name at Ace Furniture Company and the union referred him to our lawyer for assistance.

Anna Torres, her salary was garnisheed for the unpaid balance of \$273 while she was paying to the firm. Six payments had not been credited to her. The union is working on her case.

I think that is about all I have to say.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mrs. Rolon.

We are very glad to have you here and I notice you referred to the Legal Aid Society as one that you referred very difficult cases to, and we are going to hear later from Miss Mary Tarcher of the Legal Aid Society.

We thank you very much for coming here.

Mrs. ROLON. I forgot another item. I wonder if this is of any importance.

I shop very often in the supermarkets, and when they come to the labels with five cents off, they will never mark it correct. People still pay the regular price until someone comes over to call their attention to it.

So the special offers never go to the consumer, the special offers stay in the market.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Congressman HALPERN. I haven't any questions, but I wish to thank you for a fine presentation.

The CHAIRMAN. Would Mrs. Zayas like to speak?

Mrs. ZAYAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Congressman Halpern?

Congressman HALPERN. We have a telegram from our distinguished Senator Jacob Javits. Our other Senator from New York will attend the hearing and we expect him to appear very soon.

Unfortunately, it was just physically impossible for Senator Javits to be here, but he did send this wire, and I would like to note it for the record.

STATEMENT OF MISS SHIRLEY KRONBERG, HOTEL, MOTEL, AND CLUB EMPLOYEES UNION

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Congressman Halpern.

Our next witness is going to be Miss Shirley Kronberg, Director of the Neighborhood Services Council of Hotel, Motel and Club Employees Union.

Miss Kronberg was very active in securing passage of garnishment provisions in New York which prohibit firing of employees because of being garnished once in twelve months.

She is further working for future legislation which will bar garnishments which will leave the employee less than a minimum wage.