

lieved the ads. They think all Safeway prices are the same. They should be. All bus fares in the District are the same, even when a line runs at a loss. As long as the Government licenses a chain to operate in the District, we feel it should have uniform pricing.

We were pleased in Mr. Magowan's reply to Tilford Dudley, our party chairman, to read that he believes Safeway now follows this policy. Therefore, we feel sure he will join us in urging Congress and the FTC to insure this uniformity through legal enforcement.

Mrs. Schlossberg will discuss these figures with you in detail.

I would like now to present Mrs. Janie Boyd and Mrs. Schlossberg, who will present their statements.

STATEMENT OF MRS. JANIE BOYD, WASHINGTON, D.C., AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL PRICING

Mrs. BOYD. Congressman Rosenthal, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Janie Boyd. I live at 624 Fourth Street NE., and have been there for 13 years. I am the PTA president for Logan Elementary School. Mr. Boyd, the principal, is no relation. I am on the parent council at Stuart Junior High School. Mr. Barton is the principal there. I am chairman for co-op month in the Northeast area, and I am also chairman of our civic group, the Willing Workers.

What brought Safeway's pricing practices to my attention was that in early spring I purchased a 3-pound can of Crisco, which is the brand I always use, for 79 cents in the middle of the month. On the first, I was out of Crisco so I walked down to the Safeway at Sixth and H Streets NE., with the intention of purchasing another can. When I picked up the can I noticed it was marked 95 cents. This was too much for me to pay and I thought it was a mistake, so I asked a checker. She verified that 95 cents was the price so I said, "But I just bought a can of Crisco 2 weeks ago and the price was 79 cents." I asked why there was such a difference and she said with a smile, "Things go up, you know."

Later a very dear friend of mine and I were talking about work and she remarked to me that her husband was angry when she got home at 12 midnight the day before from work. I asked why she worked so late and she said to me, "Janie, don't you know that just before the first of the month we work late upping the prices." She worked in what I would say was in an area that I would consider a little worse than mine. She added, "This is the time business is good, when the welfare checks come out and food stamps are most used."

We, the people in the area near Sixth and H Streets NE., Safeway store are not and have no intention of trying to make you close your doors, but we do intend to see that you give us fair prices on the first of each month as well as the 15th of the month plus just as nice a quality of meat and everything else you sell. You have no other competition there and the people in that area are quite aware of what is going on. If you, Mr. Winstead, Mr. Safeway Manager, and others refuse to give us, the poor, fair pricing we will surely seek and we are sure we will find, other sources of buying food. We the consumers—and a number of us belong to the Consumers Association of the District of Columbia—do not want to be pampered. We have our pride and our self-respect. We are asking you, Mr. Winstead, and other Safeway personnel to please stop taking advantage of us. Thank you.

Mrs. KELLY. Now Mrs. Schlossberg.