

Mr. ROSENTHAL. What was the price on August 15 in store No. 1?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. 29 cents.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. For bananas?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And what was the next price?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. The blue dot is the first of September.

Mr. MYERS. May I ask a question there?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Yes.

Mr. MYERS. Does that mean that 29 cents is the red dot? Maybe it starts a little bit higher. It is almost the same price on August 15 in all of the stores, is that correct?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Approximately, yes.

Mr. MYERS. In all nine stores?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Yes. The first of the month, which you see is the date of contention—

Mr. MYERS. I notice that.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. As you can see, 34 cents, consistently, in these three stores.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. So that I can understand: Bananas, which is one of your items, on August 15 was 29 cents for 2 pounds in stores Nos. 1 through 3, and on September 1 it was 34 cents?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. That is right.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Tell us about each item—go down the line.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right.

The next item is Town House peas. As you can see, these were very specific in weight. Town House peas is 25 cents on August 15, 27 cents on the 1st of September, and 27 cents on the 15th of September.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. In store No. 1.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Store No. 1.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You must identify this for the record, because the man who is going to read this later on will not have the advantage of your finger pointing.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right. OK.

In store No. 2, New Jersey and K—

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You do not have to identify those geographical locations. You have already done that. Call them by numbers.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. It is 19½ cents on August 15, 34 cents on September 1—I mean 27 cents and 19½ cents on the 15th of September.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. So that between August 15 and September 1 in the stores the 1 pound can of peas went from what to what?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. They went from 19½ cents to 27 cents, Town House peas. It is a substantial increase which is an average of 26 per cent increase over the other stores, as you can see.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. The Town House peas are in every other store—they all stayed at 19 cents on all dates involved?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right. Right. In all of these stores, I might add, that they were not done by the same person and it would have been difficult to be that consistent unless it was actually the fact.

Del Monte peach halves, in the first low-income store, on the 15th of August it was 63. This was consistently 63 throughout.

In store No. 2 it was 63 on August 15, 69 on September 1, and down to 63 on the 15th of September.