

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right. Right. And went up on the 15th of September, and went down to the lowest price because that was the 15th, when it went down to 25 cents in No. 9.

Domino sugar, a 5-pound bag—and this is one of the most consistent items that we have, that we had to have the managers check because it was seldom marked—61 cents on the 15th in No. 1, 65 on the 1st of September and back down to 61 cents on the 15th of September. All three stores had exactly the same fluctuation.

In 4, that is No. 4, it was 63 on the 15th, 63 on the 1st of September and down to 61 on the 15th of September. And these are all 63, 63, 63, 63, 63, up to here, where there is a 61—63, 63.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Was the price of Domino sugar in stores 1, 2, and 3 exactly the same on September 1?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. That is right; 65 cents.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And they are all exactly the same on August 15?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right; that is correct, 61 cents.

Mr. BAUMGART. You can see that that holds true for the rest of the stores involved. And if we have an equal pricing policy, that equal pricing policy should mean that we also have the same prices on all three dates, all across the chart, 1 through 9. There should be no fluctuation whatsoever—not even in the other stores outside of the poverty stores.

Mr. REUSS. That is the Domino theory. [Laughter.]

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. The point is, I think, too, that although there may be fluctuations in these stores, the fluctuations go up much higher in the first three. If it is any fluctuation in the other stores, it is usually the same or even a bit lower, especially on the first.

Lettuce, in store No. 1, 39 cents on the 15th of August, 39 cents on the 1st of September, and I think 29 cents—29 cents is right.

In the second store, 29 cents on the 15th of August, 39 on the 1st of September, and it got down to 29 on the 15th of September.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. A 10-cent increase?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Right. In store No. 3, 39 cents on the first of the month; it went down to 29 cents and down further to 19 cents. You can see that we even included those that do not favor our case.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Store No. 3 has the same price as stores 6, 7, 8, and 9; it is interesting to see, for lettuce.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. No.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. On the 15th of September.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. At stores 4 and 5.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. I see—yes, these four; you are right.

Washington flour, 5-pound bag was 65 cents on August 15, 69 cents on the 1st of September and back down again to 65 cents on the 15th of September at store No. 1.

No. 2, 62 cents on the 15th of August; 65 cents on the 1st of September, and 60 cents on the 15th of September.

Store No. 3, 65 cents throughout all three dates.

No. 4, 63 cents on the 15th of August, 63 cents on the first of the month, and 65 cents on the 15th of September.

And this is, I believe, a little different.

Mr. FREED. What store is that?