

Mr. MILEY. I cannot say that to be, but I believe it to be true because they come from other parts of the city in a car to my store to get their checks cashed, to go to some other bank to get their food coupons, and then come back and spend their coupons. And if they get \$100 worth of coupons at their bank, they will come back and spend the \$100 worth of coupons in one order, perhaps.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Now, what percentage of your items are sold at book value?

Mr. MILEY. 100 percent.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Well, sometimes you sell it below book value.

Mr. MILEY. That is if it has passed the—what you are referring to in that case, I feel sure, is vegetables and meats.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I just want for the record whether you have authority to reduce prices.

Mr. MILEY. If we are overstocked on merchandise that will spoil before it can be sold at the regular price, we have the authority to reduce that price.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Now, your district managers or supervisors do you ever see them checking prices in your store?

Mr. MILEY. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. They walk around and look at the cans?

Mr. MILEY. He doesn't walk around. He takes me with him.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And looks—how often does he do that?

Mr. MILEY. I would say once perhaps every week. Sometimes I do not see him for 2 weeks.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Why do they do that?

Mr. MILEY. Because they want to see if we are in line and following our rules and regulations, which is fair practices.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. But you have been there 30 years.

Mr. MILEY. Yes, sir; with Safeway over 35 years.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Don't they have confidence in you?

Mr. MILEY. They do.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. But they still have to check you every week?

Mr. MILEY. They do. I feel everybody should be checked every week.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Even a man who's been there 30 years?

Mr. MILEY. I think so.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Now, these other two men, they have not reached—they do not reach their maximum bonus opportunities in their stores.

Mr. WINSTEAD. I do not believe your store qualifies maximum.

Mr. TAHA. I wouldn't even reach it by the end of the year.

Mr. WINSTEAD. The volume in his particular store is—I would like to comment, may I, sir—on Mr. Miley's earnings.

His bonus was reached this current year at approximately July 15. He earned maximum for the year. Our records will indicate that.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Sir, have you been made aware of the charges that the ladies made that in your store prices go up on the first of the month?

Mr. TAHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And how do you explain that?

Mr. TAHA. I will say they are fabrications and have no truth whatsoever.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You think the ladies are telling a lie?