

do because we are always in a hurry, you are going to be paying more regardless of the price stamped on the specific box.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Had you been doing your own personal shopping you would have fought it out for the \$0.99?

Mrs. APONTE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. But to show this committee that there are frequent differences in prices on packages, you purchased the package at the price they wanted, to bring it along?

Mrs. APONTE. Exactly.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Do you think this reflects the chain's thinking or the individual cashier's thinking?

Mrs. APONTE. I don't know. I am going, as I always say, by the facts. I don't know what reasons are behind this, but the facts are here and as I said before, and I want to stress and repeat, a poor housewife or even a middle-class housewife is not—

Mr. GALLAGHER. All housewives are poor.

Mrs. APONTE. I don't have that opinion, sir. I know in my ghetto area—I know our housewives are very, very poor.

What were the findings in relation to the residents' complaints that prices changed on welfare checks arrival date; that is; on the 1st and the 16th of the month?

The following table presents the changes between November 14 and November 16 in the five major chainstores in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area only.

This is where we had a problem with the typewriter, but we have another evidence here that we can pass around which corrects the mistake. On "A" store, November 14, we paid \$12.60 in Bedford-Stuyvesant. On November 14 in the Flatbush "A" store, we paid \$11.82. The change therefore on November 14 is \$0.78.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Is this reflected in your chart here on page 9?

Mrs. APONTE. Yes. The changes only.

Mr. BARASH. The chart on page 8 relates to the differences in prices between Bedford-Stuyvesant and Flatbush on the dates November 14 and November 16. The chart on page 9 relates to the increase in prices in Bedford-Stuyvesant and in Flatbush between the dates November 14 and November 16?

Mrs. APONTE. Exactly.

May I continue?

Mr. BARASH. Please do.

Mrs. APONTE. Then as I said, in "B" store we paid on November 14, \$10.32. In Flatbush we paid \$10.25.

In Bedford-Stuyvesant, this is "C" store, we paid \$10.29. In Flatbush November 14, \$10.08.

In one place we paid \$8.41 and—on November 14, and on November 14 in Flatbush we paid \$8.33.

In "E" store we paid \$10.31, same amount in Flatbush.

Now, let's go to the 16th now. On November 16 in "A" store, we paid in Bedford-Stuyvesant \$12.78. Then in Flatbush in the same store on the 16th we paid \$11.78.

"B" store we paid \$10.50 in Bedford-Stuyvesant; \$10.25 in Flatbush.

"C" store we paid \$10.41 in Bedford-Stuyvesant and \$10.08 in Flatbush.