

Bedford-Stuyvesant A. & P. it was \$10.29 on November 14, and \$10.41 on November 16. There are two problems there.

One, the discrepancy between \$10.29 and \$10.08 on November 14; and the amazing allegation that prices in Flatbush didn't change at all between the 14th and 16th while in Bedford-Stuyvesant they did change. They were higher to begin with and they changed.

Mr. VAN LENTEN. As I said before, we haven't had an opportunity to investigate it. The prices have not changed and the prices in the first store mentioned are correct. The second store, as I say, we will try to find out what did happen and correct it. We feel there are errors.

Mr. ERLNBORN. I think, according to the testimony, you only change your prices once a week and that is over the weekend, is that correct?

Mr. VAN LENTEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ERLNBORN. So theoretically, Mr. Van Lenten, there should be no change whatsoever between November 14 and 16, that 2-day period, not including the weekend? All items in the store should be priced the same one day as the next, is that correct?

Mr. VAN LENTEN. Yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. For the record, November 15, 1967, was a Wednesday. Pursuant to Mr. Erlenborn's colloquy, there couldn't have been any change in an A. & P. store on Wednesday?

Mr. VAN LENTEN. That is right. There shouldn't have been.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. There shouldn't have been. Let's put it that way. But these ladies found in Bedford-Stuyvesant that there was a change.

Mr. VAN LENTEN. This is what we are led to believe, yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. This policy of maintaining the same prices, does this apply to canned goods and that sort of item only, or does it also apply to vegetables, fresh meat and so forth?

I am just curious. Do you change your meat prices during the week?

Mr. VAN LENTEN. The meat prices are changed. We have an early week special and weekend special. We have it in perishables. We have it on produce, too. But the groceries, as Mr. Vitulli testified, the list goes out Saturday morning and they start the reductions first. Then the advances. And these grocery items are, in most cases I can almost say every case, advertised on Wednesday so that the stores have a real leadtime and we shouldn't run into this problem.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Do we have any testimony as to what these 20 items were, Mr. Chairman, and whether they included produce or meat items?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I think Mrs. Aponte is still here. Do you have your worksheet that we could put into the record to show the items?

Mrs. APONTE. Yes. I will send for them. They are coming. Yes.

(Xerox copies of register tapes are in subcommittee files, the tabulated worksheet follows:)