

Now, some of the differences in price I will indicate right now. On Friday, the 20th of October, I found that bananas at the Clayton store sold at 2 pounds for 29 cents, at the inner-city store, the same 2 pounds sold for 39 cents, a 10-cent difference in price.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. The same quality, same No. 1 or whatever it is?

Mr. FRANKLIN. Right, top quality at both stores. There was only one quality of bananas at the two stores.

Peas sold for 22 cents a can at the Clayton suburban store, or three cans for 65 cents. In the inner-city store the one can of peas sold for 25 cents or 3 cents more, which indicated a significant price difference in the peas.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Would you break for just a moment.

We are delighted to have my colleague from Indiana, Congressman John Myers, join us.

These peas, were they the same brand?

Mr. FRANKLIN. The same brand; yes. Early June peas.

Now, these were the significant price differences that I found, and I later looked at the articles that I had purchased. I incidentally purchased all of the items that were on the list, and some of the items showed great discrepancies in quality, and I will talk about that now.

The green peppers sold two for 25 cents in both stores, but in the inner-city store the peppers were older, they were wormy, and to me there was a lot of dirt on these peppers, they hadn't been cleaned seemingly and many of them had been crushed to the point where there were breaks and gashes in them.

In the Clayton suburban store the peppers were fresher and they were firmer, of course, also.

The lettuce was the same so far as the cost was concerned. However, after examining the lettuce closely, we found that in the inner-city store the leaves on the outside of the lettuce, the leaves were wilted and they also were decaying. If one were to take off these leaves one would find that the inner-city buyer would get a smaller head of lettuce as opposed to the Clayton buyer, who would get a larger head of much fresher quality seemingly.

Mrs. Dames has already pointed out the pork chops and the hamburger differences we found. The same price, however, was true in both cases, but there was a difference in the quality and she has already indicated the differences.

In buying the items I notice that the vegetable bins and the meat counters of the inner-city store, the temperature of these bins was not as cold in the inner-city store as opposed to the Clayton store, and the inner-city store didn't, the produce there didn't have the water that one seems to use on the items to keep the freshness up, whereas the Clayton store, the produce had been drenched with water seemingly to keep the freshness up in those items. I thought that was very important.

Also, I found that the inner-city store had on display a number of sugar dry cereals as opposed to the Clayton store. This indicated to me that one could buy five boxes of sugared cereal and at the same time pay for a 5-pound bag of sugar if he didn't buy the sugared items.

Now, this is what happened the first day, of course. Now, on the second day, that was Monday, the 23d, I went back to the same stores and noted a difference in some of the prices of some of the items. The