

peas in both stores sold for the same price on Monday following the weekend. That price was 25 cents per can. Also the bananas sold for the same price. They had gone up 10 cents in the Clayton store to 39 cents, which indicates to me that the person or buyer in Clayton seems to have advantage of a sale that's going on on the Fridays, or let's say a shopping day, as opposed to the person in the inner-city store, she has no opportunity to take advantage of a sale on a Friday or a regular shopping day.

Also I notice that the vegetables and other fruits, such as oranges, apples, cabbages, cucumbers, all of these seemed to be much older and dirtier in the inner-city store; grapes and plums, also it was indicated that they were poorer quality and they were not as fresh and as clean as the items in the Clayton suburban store.

My conclusion is that there is a difference in the quality of the vegetables and the meats, whereas in the inner-city store the quality is much poorer as that in the Clayton store, suburban store.

Mrs. DAMES. There was one thing else. When I talked to the store managers they said too that food was not shipped from one store to another and that produce was not shipped from one store to another, and they said that there was no deliberate intent to send poorer quality to the inner-city store, and yet since there is no competition there available in these areas, whereas in the suburban stores there are often groups, several stores of competing chains. There is no competition, the very thing that built the supermarkets. In the inner city there is no competition going on so it seems to me that perhaps these price discrepancies, while following the uniform price list that they use, it would be a question that the people in the inner city, the very poor people who need it are not being given the benefit of the competition that the better-to-do people in the suburbs are getting. I don't know if that came out in this, but at least this was my private view.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. In other words, the two inner-city stores that you shopped had no competing supermarkets within physical walking distance by your judgment?

Mrs. DAMES. That's right. And for example, someone living on A.D.C. in the St. Louis area, a woman with three children will have \$114 a month to provide everything. I noticed earlier the A.D.C. people were talking about savings, how much a person could save shopping one store over another, and he said something like if they spend \$1,000 a year on food—well, if a woman only has \$114 a month she is not going to be spending even \$1,000 on food, and these prices, I think, are very important.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Also I assume she doesn't have transportation readily handy to travel outside?

Mrs. DAMES. Our bus fare in St. Louis, is, I think, 40 cents, 35 cents one way for an adult. She's not going to be able to afford a babysitter for the children.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. In simple language she has no choice but to shop at that store?

Mrs. DAMES. She really doesn't and what is available there, she probably does not even have knowledge of what is available in other stores because she is——