

A & P CHEATING ITS CUSTOMERS.

New York Charges A&P Unit Over charges on Big Tapes

NEW YORK — An A&P store in Manhattan has been charged with violating New York City's consumer protection law by overcharging customers with large purchases.

The city's Department of Consumer Affairs, after customer complaints about the store at 220 E. 46th St., sent teams of inspectors to purchase large orders and check the register tapes.

The inspectors, according to the department, went to separate registers. They found each item properly recorded, but when the prices were added up on an adding machine, each inspector had been overcharged by \$3.55.

The department said the tapes read \$34.69 and \$32.94; if correctly computed the totals would have been \$31.14 and \$29.39. The inspectors were preceded at the two registers by other department employees, who purchased a few items, and the prices on those tapes were added correctly, the department said.

"The fact that two separate registers, computing the cost of totally different foods, came up with the exact same error, leads us to believe that the machines were deliberately manipulated so that customers with large orders would be overcharged," said Elinor Guggenheimer, commissioner.

A spokesman at A&P headquarters in New York said the chain had not gotten to the bottom of the matter. He added that field engineering personnel from NCR had tested the registers and found them to be working properly and that NCR said it was impossible to program the machines to produce the overcharge effect.

A hearing on the charges is scheduled Tuesday.

WEO WHERE EXPLOITATION ORIGINATES

A & P has a history of discrimination and exploitation against minority people. They continue to exploit farm workers by selling scab lettuce and grapes. Their callous disrespect for their customers and hunger for greater profits has led to this tactic.



UNFAIR TO FARMWORKERS

BY SELLING SCAB LETTUCE & GRAPES

A&P helps to continue:

CHILD LABOR

Over 800,000 children work full time in the fields, most of whom will never finish school beyond the 8th grade.

PESTICIDES

Hundreds of workers are poisoned seasonally by the uncontrolled use of dangerous pesticides. Death due to respiratory diseases is 250% higher among farmworkers (compared to national rate).

LOW WAGES

Average yearly income of a family working together is \$2,700, and lettuce workers receive only 1/2 cent for each head of lettuce they pick.

AFL-CIO BACKS BOYCOTT

The nearly 14 million member AFL-CIO threw its full weight behind the grape and lettuce boycott by announcing its endorsement of the boycott on April 8. Recognizing that the United Farm Workers Union is the true representative of farm workers, the National AFL-CIO joins religious leaders, local community leaders, and individuals in supporting the UFW boycott.

Please fill out the form below and send to: UFW, AFL-CIO, 173 Harvard St., Dorchester, Ma. 02124 or call 536-9465 or 288-4347 for more information:

- I pledge to boycott non-UFW lettuce and grapes.
 Please contact me about helping in my community.
 I enclose a donation to help feed and clothe strikers.

NAME _____ Telephone _____
 ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____