

Food and Politics

To the Editor:

Before the Presidential election of 1972, the Stamford Democrats ran a "Pre-Nixon Food Sale." We selected ten grocery items and sold them to the public at 1969 prices. In some instances



the 1972 wholesale price was higher than the 1969 retail price.

We took the loss to demonstrate the dramatic rise in prices, in some instances $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent, in the three and one-half years Mr. Nixon had been President. As it turned out, we sold a

lot of food, but we lost the election.

Although our ads warned what four more years of Nixon could do to our cost of living, not even the most pessimistic among us foresaw what only one and one-half more years of Nixon would cost the average family.

The table below indicates the items we sold: the price of each in January 1969, in October 1972 and as of Feb. 22, 1974. The same brands, in the same market, were used for basis of comparison.

	1969	1972	1974
Chicken of the Sea			
Tuna, white meat, 7 oz.	\$.36	\$.51	\$.63
Maxwell House Coffee			
1 lb. can	\$.74	\$.90	\$1.13
Del Monte Fruit			
Cocktail 17 oz.	\$.28	\$.32	\$.35
Wesson Salad Oil, 24 oz.	\$.53	\$.64	\$.87
Carolina Rice, 3 lb.	\$.52	\$.59	\$1.35
Welch's Grape Jelly, 10 oz.	\$.26	\$.32	\$.35
Bumble Bee Salmon			
7 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	\$.73	\$.85	\$1.59
Golden Blossom Honey			
16 oz.	\$.37	\$.74	\$1.05
Sun Maid Raisins 15 oz.	\$.34	\$.47	\$.75

Because we could not sell perishables, significant increases then and now in meat, bread and dairy products could not be illustrated.

I offer these updated figures for review by all those whose major objection to George McGovern was the adverse effect his policies would have on our economy.

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