many residents don't have cars.

Residents told the interns that the conditions at the store were disgusting and infuriating. They include things like discolored (i.e. green and grey) beef and pork; foul-smelling chicken; indiscernible meat products (it looked like ham) labeled as "miscellaneous fish;" dirty, filthy floors on which can often be found broken glass, spilled food, and animal feces.

Iron Barriers Prevent Access

Additionally, the store is surrounded by iron barriers that don't let shoppers move the carts more than about ten feet away from the outside of the building.

This means that shoppers can't take the carts to their cars, but it also means that many customers are prevented from entering the store. Anyone in a wheelchair, or in a walker, or any person of size is forbidden from personally buying their groceries because of the iron barriers. The most appalling thing, though, is that the conditions just described occur at only one of the 25-30 ALMACS supermarkets — the one in South Providence. The other stores, in wealthier, whiter neighborhoods, are in much better shape.

At an accountability session recently, 65 people showed up to tell the press and the ALMACS corporate executives (they were on the "hot seat") exactly what they felt about this type of racial and economic discrimination. Moreover, due to a press conference that DARE held in front of the store, the Health Department did a surprise inspection and ended up throwing out 273 food items. The turnout was excellent; several customers from inside the store came out to tell how bad the quality of the food is.

Through organizing the ALMACS campaign, the interns have been recruiting people to be members of DARE. To date they have knocked on several hundred doors, recruited 36 members, and have gotten over $450 in membership dues.

Although they find the work demanding, the interns take pride in knowing that they are making real changes in the quality of people's lives. "Walking around the streets for six hours in 90 degree weather with 90% humidity ain't exactly a party," Ng'ethe remarked. "But it is really gratifying to be able to organize people to fight for their rights."

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