

Carolina Maria de Jesus and the Daily Struggle for Resources in São Paulo

19-07-1955 I gave the children their lunch and went to the Klabin paper mill to look for paper. I left the children playing in the yard. I got a lot of paper.



08-06-1958 One day [we] went to get water and didn't find the public spigot turned on. I carried water from Guaporé Street from the place where I sell paper.

21-08-1958 I heard Juana's voice asking me for a bit of garlic. I gave her five pieces. Then when I was fixing supper I didn't have any salt. She gave me a little.

14-08-1958 A woman who was returning from the market told me to go and look for paper at Porto Seguro Street, the building on the corner.

Av. Tiradentes

27-05-1958 When I entered Paulo Guimarães Street, a woman gave me some newspapers.

Canindé favela

12-08-1958 I left my bed at 6:30 and went to get water. . . .Lately it has become very difficult to get water, because the amount of people in the favela has doubled.

11-06-1958 At 1140 State Street I got a lot of paper. I received 98 cruzeiros. It was enough to buy oil, meat, and sugar.



16-07-1958 I went past the slaughterhouse. They had thrown a lot of sausage in the garbage. I sorted out the ones that were not rotten.



02-09-1958 I spent the afternoon flattening cans. Then I went to Bela Vista to get a box.

18-08-1958 I went to Dona Julita, picked up her paper. I earned 55 cruzeiros. What does 55 cruzeiros buy?



18-08-1958 I thought the price was exorbitant. But [João] was already sitting in the [dentist's] chair. . . .I separated 20 bills of five.

Pari



24-07-1958 I went to see Dona Guilhermina on Carlos de Campos Street. I asked her for a little rice. She gave me rice and macaroni.

31-05-1958 When I was returning to the favela a lady at 728 Avenue Cruzeiro do Sul asked me to throw a dead dog into the Tieté and she would give me five cruzeiros. I left Vera with her and went.



06-07-1958 João lost the 11 cruzeiros I gave him to go to the Rialto Cinema. He put the money in a wallet and went with some boys of the favela. One of them already knows how to steal wallets.



Av. Celso Garcia

23-07-1958 At the Divine Master Center, Senhor Pinheiro received us, smiling. There was no prejudice or class distinction. I got two light jackets, one for Vera and the other for José Carlos. João got a pullover sweater.

Brás

07-07-1958 I went to register to vote. When I got to Semanario Street, I needed a photo for registration papers. I had a picture taken in Foto Lara. It cost me 60 cruzeiros.



Av. Anhangabau

City Center



12-08-1959 I cleaned myself up and went to get Vera's [child support] money.



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Map by Sterling D. Quinn

Basic needs



Work resources



Money gained



Money spent

