

Re Shirley Chisholm LA 5/22/72 pledge of assassination probe: she's not even a respectable Joanna Come Lately. Cheap talk where she knew it could get her a little support. And when? After Wallace, not, for example, King. The story has her including Rockwell, excluding Malcolm X. Some position for a militant black! However, I have had my own experience, numerous calls and visits to her office, no reaction, no response, no action, no interest or help. No answer. She was even too timid to put any of the pieces, few as they are, that appeared in the black press on FRAME-UP in the Record. And she didn't even show the courtesy of a "Thank you" note when she got a free copy. With the Sat Review and Publishers' Weekly reviews, either or both of which she could have put in the Congressional Record without taint or possibility of adverse reaction, as my Republican Senator did without my asking. She just didn't care and refused to get interested. If this makes her no worse than any other black, it says little enough for any of them. Like the doggerel about Homer: "Seven cities claimed Homer dead, through which the living Homer begged his bread." Now that a potshot was taken at Wallace it is not declassé to suggest that when the impossible happens and she's President, she'll have an investigation. Phoeey! If I can't pretend to understand the black attitude, I also can't condone or in any way justify it, even less when she pulls this kind of thing having made a record of refusing to do anything when she could have. If the black caucus had made an issue of the stuff in F-U when the book came out, they could have done something. That was before a string of incredible and entirely illegal court decisions in the case, which also, thanks to their abdication, got no attention at all. And Jesse (Breakbasket) Jackson got two freebees with no single letter of thanks, no single word anywhere. I guess a pol is a pol and there are no color lines. Glad to have the clip. H