

Chisholm Campaign Charges

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The General Accounting Office (GAO) charged the 1972 presidential campaign organization of Representative Shirley Chisholm (Dem-N.Y.) yesterday with four violations of the federal campaign financing laws.

The allegations, which were referred to the Justice Department for possible legal action, involve the activities of the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, which raised funds for the Brooklyn congresswoman's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972.

The GAO said the committee apparently is guilty of the following violations of federal campaign laws:

- Failure to appoint and report the name of a responsible chairman of the committee, although Mrs. Chisholm's husband, Conrad, whose name is not listed on any report or statement filed by the committee, appears to have controlled all committee receipts and expenditures."

- Failure to keep records of the dates when contributions in excess of \$100 were received, or the occupations and business addresses of the contributors or of the types of receipts, as required by law.

- Failure to file all of the required reports on receipts and expenditures, and inaccurate reporting of balances on one final "termination" report, which showed "a negative cash balance of about \$6000 on July 15, 1972, while our audit indicated a positive cash balance of over \$18,000 on that date."

- Receipt of \$686 from the funds of three business corporations, despite the fact that federal law bars corporations from making political contributions in federal campaigns. The GAO said the head of one of the firms had reimbursed his business for its \$100 contribution out of his own pocket, and that the Chisholm committee had promised to refund the other \$586 in corporate contributions but had failed to send in evidence that it had done so.

An aide said Mrs. Chisholm hasn't read the report and has no immediate comment.

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