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Shirley Chisholm--Another 'Bug'

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Strong-minded Representative Shirley Chisholm is torpedoing the Watergate settlement that the Democratic high command has pushed for months.

In June, 1972, when Nixon campaign aides burgled the Democrats' Watergate headquarters, then-chairman Larry O'Brien sued for more than \$3 million. O'Brien's successor, Bob Strauss, has arranged an out-of-court settlement for about \$775,000,

with final papers now being processed.

Before the money can be paid, all 1972 Democratic presidential candidates hit by "dirty tricks" must sign a release promising not to sue independently.

Strauss' assistant, Mary Lou Burg, is said to have obtained the necessary signatures from Senators George McGovern, Ed Muskie, Hubert Humphrey and Henry (Scoop) Jackson.

But Shirley won't play ball, because she plans to

sue Donald Segretti and the Committee to Reelect the President (CREEP) for an as-yet-undetermined amount. Now defunct, CREEP's affairs are being wound up by the 1972 Campaign Liquidation Trust Committee, headed by former Michigan Senator Charles E. Potter.

Chisholm claims Segretti, who has served a jail sentence for "dirty tricks," libeled her in the 1972 California primary. He has owned up to circulating a phony press release on Humphrey's stationery, charging she had once been confined to a Virginia mental institution.

After Segretti confessed, Rep. Chisholm's lawyer in New York prepared to file suit. Not until Ms. Burg called on the Congresswoman last week did she know she would be asked to junk her plans.

The Democrats had figured the \$775,000 was practically in the bank, but with Chisholm refusing to sign, the deal apparently is dead.

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U.S. tourists could zip between countries with lightning speed if a new pocket-size, machine-readable and supposedly fraud-proof passport design were adopted.

The idea is the brainchild of passport director Frances Knight, who will present her design next month in Montreal to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

She says five years of research went into her dream of a standardized, interna-



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tionally acceptable document to speed border clearances.

Ms. Knight takes a dim view of "holders of diplomatic passports who demand and expect special

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services at ports of entry." She says such prerogatives "went out when the jet age came in, that protocol, prestige, and personal privilege have no place there today."

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Martha Mitchell's 26-year-old son, Vietnam war veteran Jay Jennings, plans to marry in September in Tvertown, Miss.

He met his future bride, Janis Crawford, at the State University at Oxford, where both attend law school.

Jay, with whom Martha has had an off-again-on-again relationship, is the only child of the her first marriage to Clyde Jennings of Lynchburg, Va. Clyde and second wife, Fran, are expected to sit in the family pew.

But Martha, who is hosting the rehearsal dinner, won't invite her ex-husband. Their divorce in 1957 was marked by bitter charges. In 1961, Martha won a \$13,000 judgment against Jen-

nings for child support, in a controversy over private schools.

Jay wants his half-sister, 13-year-old Marty Mitchell, to be a bridesmaid. (Marty is Martha's daughter by former Attorney General John Mitchell.)

It's doubtful Marty will be permitted to participate.