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## Black Congressman Favors Direct Mid-East Talks

The first Black Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat representing the predominantly black section of Brooklyn known as Bedford-Stuyvesant, has come out in favor of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab Countries.

As a presidential candidate in the recent primaries, Mrs. Chisholm's support went far beyond her geographical constituency to areas where one might have suspected she would receive no votes. While she was occasionally in conflict with some of her black colleagues in Congress and with other community leaders, she strove for a tangible expression of unity among her people.

As such she speaks with a wider voice and it is therefore of some significance that she has accepted an invitation to visit Israel to "see things there for myself."

Mrs. Chisholm continues to say that "Pales-tine" is the "root cause" of the conflict in the Middle East, but she has also said "there has never been any doubt in my mind" that there should be a free and independent Jewish State. While she had repudiated the statement of the Congressional Black Caucus praising Israel's contributions to Black Africa, Mrs. Chisholm, an authentic Black American voice whose straightforward statements concerning America frequently come to the heart of her matters, said that "I have no time for racial hatred or bigotry, be it white hatred or black hatred, because all hatred destroys the human individual,"

It will be interesting to hear from Mrs. Chisholm on her return from Israel.

## Nick Von Hoffman. Inc.

BY ROBERT E, SEGAL. Nicholas von Hoffman, the syndicated columnist; Norman F. Dacey, the Bridgeport polemicist; Talib El-Shibib, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations; and a variety of apologists for Poet Ezra Pound have all in the past few weeks given those who follow the news some classic examples of the tricks of propaganda.

In this array, the verbal acrobatics of von Hoffman are perhaps best known. He celebrated freedom and the Fourth of July by getting into print a column branding Israel as the Prussia of the Middle East, a baby Junker state with a combative desire for lebensraum. While he was at it, he playfully depicted Lebanon, the nation that gave us those adorable terrorist hideaways, as "a peaceful, reasonably democratic state, selling its rugs and minding its own business.

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page ad in the New York Times on June 6 --was to pick up where the suicide squad in Lydda Airport left off. In an apparent attempt to give Israel the dressing down of its existence on the eve of the Presidential election campaign, Mr. Dacey insisted once more that the Jews drove the Arabs out of Palestine, that Israelis were guilty of torturing Arab prisoners, that Jews are wallowing in a morass of dual loyalty, and that a potent Fifth Column operates in America, giving blind obedience to the Zionist credo.

No doubt, Talib El-Shibib did not intend to team up with Mr. Dacey; but the Arab envoy's important and revealing piece published in the New York Times on July 17 is one of the most daring examples of Arab propaganda served up for American readers to date. El-Shibib opened with a nod to the importance of the Presidential election. Against that backdrop he made quick reference to " the perennial football of anti-Arabism," the rare unanimity of opinion among candidates on the matter of Israel," and the American practice of vilifying Arabs. He cried out against character assassination of Arabs in American media as contrasted with the tendency to depict Israelis as sun-tanned, forwardlooking young people, industrious, courages, and energe-Here he saw racism at work. Then with a passing blow at George McGovern's strong pledges on behalf of Israel, he ticked off Israel's aggressive sins of 1948, 1956, and 1967 as he wept over the innocent, peace-loving people of the Arab world.

Finally there came Jose Vasquez-Amarel, an old friend of Ezra Pound. Writing from Rutgers University and greatly disturbed by the decision of the governing council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to veto the award of the Emerson-Thoreau medal to the Idaho-born poet, Mr. Vasquez-Amarel pointed out that Ezra Pound did not hate Jews ---- he just loathed "usura"; he wasn't pro-Nazi ---- he just admired Mussolini because Il Duce promised that money lenders would get their comeuppance.

In various ways all of these fascinating protagonists have been answered. Writers of letters to the editor have come forth to remind von Hoffman that the Israelis are neither large land holders of German descent nor goose-stepping Prussians. A stunned Joe Alsop has given the back of his hand and accurate memory to Brother

"The purpose of propaganda," it has been observed, "is to teach men to die." Perhaps the ultimate purpose. Meanwhile, behold its vile uses in these strange days of 1972.

## In Hartford

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

One of the most beautiful concert auditoria in the nation is Bushnell Hall in Hartford, Conn. That magnificent and spacious place never

housed a more stirring event than one that occu-

rred Sunday night, September 20.

Thousands of people packed the place to mark the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of the Connecticut capital, to elect new officers, and to listen, spellbound, to the closed-circuited talk by Golda Meir.

Mrs. Meir, of course, was splendid. Eschewing a script, she said, in effect, what she told an interviewer who asked her when there would be peace in the Mideast: "When the Arab love their children more than they hate us."

Also effective were the speakers who surrounded Mrs. Meir in the huge New York City gathering under the aegis of the UJA and Israel Bonds: Edward Ginsberg, Sam Rothberg, Abra-ham Feinberg, and Dr. William Wexler.

But equally stirring was the throng who came

to indicate their support of Israel.

And most notable was the cluster of young men who conducted the business meeting of the Typical were Arbold Greenberg and Michael Suisman, a new breed of clean-cut, eloquent, totally dedicated executives who are giving their all to the cause of Jewish community life.

The huge audience was also electrified by the sight of Rabbi Morris Silverman, whose latest literary work, a history of Hartford Jewry, was saluted. His opposite number, Rabbi Abraham Feldman, moved everyone with benediction stressing Ha-Tikvah, the hope of a better future.

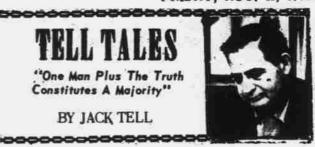
The Jewish community of Hartford, Conn. is glittering example of the fact that the people of Israel continues to live energetically, enthusiastically, and generously,

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One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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viding a workable, acceptable, suitable pattern of administration whereby Russians, Chinese, Jews and all others within the area may get along satisfactorilly with one another.

If it may continue as Russian Jewish Autonomous Region of the USSR it must needs be made more attractive to settlement by Soviet Jews. Some indication of the elements involved in providing this potential attractiveness may be garnered by noting the Israeli administration of its Arab territories.

Political tension is markedly relaxed and there is as much economic, social and religious freedom within the Arab units as in all the rest

of Israel.

Translated to Birobidzahn this would mean that those Russian Jews electing to settle there would be the political administrators in all except that which would affect the USSR as a whole. Additionally it would mean that the Birobidzahn Jews would have local freedom in their economic social and religious conduct. And they would be expected to extend those freedoms to all whom they permit to settle within the territory just as Israel is doing in the Arab territories it is administering.

If the Jews are permitted by the USSR to continue the development of their Jewish culture and the hopes of their Messianic universalisms it would seem entirely reasonable to suppose that they would be as content in their homeland as Jews elsewhere in the world's Jewish Diaspora. Even today, with all the screaming concerning Russian intolerances only a minute fringe of Russian Jewry to the far left and right voices open discontent. The massive middle plods along as of old and only a modest improvement of their condition would be a great stimulant to their Russian loyalty comparable perhaps to that which exists in the United States England, France and many other countries of the world with large Jewish settlements.

There is room for a lot of people north of the Amur. Suppose many Chinese are accepted for settlement. It is people that makes business hum. And it is business that's been most

important through all historic time.

The people who administer are of less importance than the pattern of administration. And if the pattern is sufficiently fair and impersonal there is little difficulty with the politics. Of course politics outside the secular must be carefully considered.

There is not only the politics of physical force - the army, the police, and various of-ficialdoms from top executives to lowliestbut there are also the legislative functions, hopefully based on intellect and reason or at least the desire therefore, and the judicial to constantly check and re-interpret the legislative rulings.

But the crucial and really important "politics" is that of the religious which has always been a most important function of government. Its characteristic is government from within rather than from without. And for that each minority group does have a responsibility to provide its share.

As far as Jews are concerned the pattern of government from within themselves individually and government of themselves collectively within higher authority has been a continuous experience for now thousands of years. Their record in all the countries of the world in which they have been scattered in a proud one. And arrangement with them and the government of the USSR for Birobidzahn should hold much promise.

Not only could it be a show-case for an administrative unit within the USSR but it might well surge to the forefront in administration world-wide. The loyalties of the millions of Russian Jews would receive new impetus and the fears of military confrontations wrld-wide would further subside.

Such a project could expect when the plan is sufficiently detailed and accepted, support, world wide not only from Diaspora Jewry but from many other peoples.