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LIBERTARIANS PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In a speech delivered to the American Association of Women Accountants in Albany Tuesday, September 21, John Northrup called the Libertarian Party, which nominated him for Governor at its state convention last May, the only party which "not only supports equal rights for women, but practices it."

According to Northrup, the Libertarian philosophy of civil liberties and a free market economy premised on individual rights rather than group conflict provides the only basis to evaluate individuals on their own merits, instead of the particular group they represent.

Commenting on women's participation in the highest reaches of the Libertarian Party's organization, Northrup cited Tonie Nathan, an Oregon businesswoman who was the party's first vice presidential candidate in 1972 and the only woman in American history to receive a vote in the Electoral College. Northrup also noted that two of the party's three past candidates for Mayor of New York City, Fran Youngstein in 1973, and Judith Jones in 1981 were women. The current Chair of the Libertarian Party, as well as its treasurer and national director are women. This year the Libertarian Party's candidate for Attorney General of New York is Dolores Grande.

Northrup urged the audience to "join the Libertarian quest for freedom - not for men or women, but for all individuals - because at the bottom line, we are not

just accountants, or men or women, or liberals, conservatives, or libertarians - but individuals who know best how we should live our own lives.

"Neither Lew Lehrman, Mario Cuomo nor I know how to run your lives, but I'm the only one who doesn't want to."

The ten year old party is the third largest in the nation, polling almost five million votes for its candidates in 1980. This vote total includes nearly one million for Presidential candidate, Ed Clark..