Dateline: FLP-HQ, Tuesday, October 1. Skeptics, take note. Last Saturday, The Washington Post's George F. Will column, entitled "Chester A. Arthur Lives!", introduced readers to Jerry Tuccille, his ideals, and the goal of 50,000 votes, including the remark, "We should wish him success". It's been syndicated in several New York State papers. This, hot on the heels of three New York Times articles in one week, plus stories in The New York Post, Daily News (page 3), Long Island Press (page 4), and the White Plains Reporter Dispatch (page one). At least four New York TV stations have aired various campaign activities. An Albany television station has agreed to run our commercial three times a week, gratis, now thru Election. And we've really lost count of the number of radio stations talking about us. Rumor has it that Wilson and Carey may demand equal time.

HOT DOG! By now most people have heard about it. Dreamed up by Laura, designed to dramatize the infamous hotdog tax by giving away franks with the eight-percent tax bite removed, set up by MARC TRAVIS, still working on that ulcer, who tried to explain by phone to a Greek hotdog vendor - they're all Greek - that he wanted to rent a pushcart to give away food played up by Jerry, who handed out the snipped franks with relish, noting how the tax discriminates against the poor and "people in a hurry" picked up by half the city's press in front of City Hall and a bit fouled up by an elderly hotdog vendor who considered this genuinely free market unfair competition.

No one knew quite what to do as he bickered with the owner of "our" pushcart in furious Greek. No one, except the press people, several of whom included the irate gentleman in their stories. Moral: Beware of Greeks when bearing gifts.

The condemnation of forty-four East New York homes, including that of FLP-member BOB STEINIS, was the focus of a Times feature last week. At the top of the paper's second section was a large photo of the Steinis brothers and some friends with protest signs, the most prominent reading "Tuccille Campaign Demands ACTION", held by a mischievous-looking blonde. And isn't that - can it be? - it is! Jerry, himself (looking like anything but a candidate), standing in the midst of the crowd. That night Bob described his plight on WCBS-TV news, looking spiffy in his color-coordinated set of "Tuccille/Governor" and "Free Libertarian Party" lapel buttons. They may become the Fall Fashion.

The first twelve TV spots are running in NYC this week. To keep them running will take buckets of cash.

We can bombard them thru the media, but clinching votes really demands the personal touch. A massive telephone drive is slated to begin in mid-October. But it can't get underway until we've stockpiled a list of registered voters and their phone numbers. The task of transcribing these numbers is as important to getting 50,000 votes as processing petitions was to getting on the ballot. And if you liked processing, you'll love transcribing. Call JOHN STANTON (212-221-3466) before he calls you.

Up in Poughkeepsie, it seems that SANFORD COHEN is making one hell of a race for Congress. ELLEN DAVIS describes the gratifying sight of "Cohen" bumper-
stickers on cars driven by people she’s never met. . . An ongoing series of debates features Sandy, his Democratic opponent, and an empty chair for Hamilton Fish, Jr. . . Assembly candidate GUY RIGGS’ low-key appeal complements Sandy's hard-sell . . . In Suffolk, VIRGINIA WALKER has introduced a new word beginning with “liber-” to the Women’s Political Caucus. . . Ms. Walker will be debating her opponents on local radio . . . In Nassau, MARY JO WANNER has addressed N.O.W. and intends to issue her own debate challenge . . . ALAN LePAGE is another candidate using the condemnation issue in his Manhattan campaign . . . FLP-endorsed Brooklyn Republicans JOE GENTILLI, STU FEIGEL, and LARRY PENNER passed out Tuccille Dollars at the Biennial Republican County Committee Meeting . . . Welcome back: to RALPH NAYCO, who split to Europe as soon as he had turned in the Erie County petitions . . . and to DAVE SAHN, who skipped the country right after being appointed Onondaga County Chairman . . . Several names were misspelled in our last newsletter. . . . Apologies to MARC TRAVIS, MYLES QUINTLEY, and the REV. SUN MYUng MOON . . . JANE MITCHELL may have been the first infected . . . then MYLES got it . . . passed it on to SUSAN . . . who gave it to MARC . . . then LAURA came down with it . . . BOB KLAIR began to show the symptoms . . . then CAROLYN KEELER . . . followed by JOHN STANTON . . . LINDA and CHARLIE BLOOD contracted it . . . HOWIE RICH planned to give it to ELLEN . . . As the curious epidemic of acute coryza made its way through the close-knit campaign staff . . . Only Allah knows where we picked it up . . .

A black-and-tan striped male kitten emerged from the IRT Subway at 38th and 6th Avenue last Friday . . . Obviously lost, he just missed being hit by a truck before asking directions from LAURA WERTHEIMER . . . She brought him back to the office to lick envelopes . . . We’ve offered him names, including Tooseel, Tan-Staafli, Minerva, Lysander, and Murray, but he just shakes his whiskers (finicky) . . . He’s been crashing at Laura's but really wants a permanent place of his own . . . Willing to sub-let . . .

For immediate release: JERRY TUCCILLE (two-chilly), Free Libertarian Party candidate for Governor, flatly denies any interest in the 1976 Libertarian Presidential nomination . . . Insists he will serve a full four-year term . . . Speaking at his Manhattan headquarters, Tuccille had no comment on suggestions for a joint-tour of state beaches with California Peace-and-Freedom candidate Elizabeth Keathley . . . Why not? She could bring a streak of luck . . . The gang hit Wall Street last Friday, trying to flood the market with Tuccille Dollars . . . But they ran into stiff competition from a white-haired man in clerical garb, who offered a one-man tennis demonstration atop a Cadillac while denouncing Satan . . . No one’s quite sure what he was running for ./. Upcoming: A walking tour of the NYU-Washington Square Park-West Village area (noted for its assorted victimless criminals) . . . An address to student libertarians at Hunter College . . . Tours of Brooklyn Nassau, and Suffolk . . .

And another upstate swing, including Albany, Ithaca, Binghamton, and Poughkeepsie . . . Clipping-Savers: Try and grab any stories or photos of Jerry campaigning and send them in to us . . . We’re making up a scrapbook to send to Jerry’s real-life boss out West . . . to prove he hasn’t been idle all these weeks . . .

The Last General Meeting of the Free Libertarian Party, INC. will be held Sunday, October 6th, 2 PM, at the Williams Club, 24 West 39th Street, Manhattan . . . See you there . . .

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