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CIRCUS JUGGLER HELPS TUCCILLE
ILLUSTRATE CAUSE OF HIGH FOOD PRICES

"Politicians have been juggling with our lives and pocketbooks long enough" said Jerry Tuccille near the World Trade Center today (Thursday, 17 October). To emphasize his contention, the Free Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate introduced a genuine juggler, who performed for the amusement of passers-by.

Tuccille made a noon appearance at Liberty Street and Trinity Place, in the latest stop of his accelerating campaign for governor. With the World Trade Center towers--housing the offices of the New York State Department of Taxation--looming in the background, he entertained the lunch-hour crowds and made a serious point about rising prices.

The candidate attacked politicians and bureaucrats for "juggling with food prices" and "playing political games with the budgets of middle-class families." Meanwhile, his juggler colleague tossed about Indian clubs on which were painted the prices of major staples.

"The cause of spiraling food prices is government," said Tuccille. "When the price of beef began to fall, industry lobbyists pressured the federal government into purchasing huge amounts of meat, thus creating an artificial scarcity which drove prices up again.

"And," continued the candidate, "it is common knowledge that Washington has long been paying farmers not to grow certain crops."

Tuccille quoted Federal Trade Commission chairman Lewis Engman's recent criticism of the Agriculture Department's price support programs. Engman had alleged that such programs "ask the consumer to buy with his tax dollars what he doesn't want and will never eat."

Tuccille condemned the anti-inflation plan which President Ford announced last week. "The tax surcharge is particularly inadvised; all it will do is further reduce the American family's purchasing power."