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LIBERTARIAN IDEAS ARE SPREADING, SAYS TUCCILLE

"There has been in recent months a small but unmistakable proliferation of libertarian ideas in high places," said Jerry Tuccille today. "Perhaps this trend can be attributed in part to the influence of the national libertarian movement."

The Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor noted as examples of this trend the passage by Congress of a bill legalizing private ownership of gold, President Ford's promise not to impose new wage-price controls and the appointment of free-enterpriser Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

"Most surprisingly," said Tuccille, "Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist--who has not been notably libertarian in the past--this week proposed a head-on attack upon what he called 'the expansion of substantive government regulation of our lives.' Justice Rehnquist claimed that those who fight for civil liberties in terms of rights to secrecy or privacy only succeed in hampering law enforcement. Instead, he suggested a movement 'dedicated to repeal of regulatory laws.' He even went so far as to say a word in favor of the decriminalization of victimless crimes, such as prostitution and the use of marijuana.

"It's heartening--and unexpected--to see our national leaders displaying some concern for individual liberty, considering their usual willingness to sacrifice freedom for the sake of any number of dubious purposes. We can only hope that this trend will begin to manifest itself in New York State."

Tuccille charged that his opponents have demonstrated little concern for the rights of the individual. "Only two days ago, for example, Governor Wilson attacked another candidate for voting against harsher pornography laws. Mr. Wilson apparently believes that the First Amendment guarantee of free expression is expendable.

"If my campaign were to be summed up in two words," concluded Tuccille, "they would be 'individual liberty.' It has been said that a government that has the power to do things for you has the power to do things to you. Paternalism breeds totalitarianism. Libertarians favor maximum autonomy for the individual and private, voluntary solutions to social problems."

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