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TUCCILLE CHALLENGES RIVALS TO GAME OF MONOPOLY

His offer to debate the issues having been turned down last week by the major-party gubernatorial candidates, Jerry Tuccille today presented a new challenge to Malcolm Wilson and Hugh Carey. Tuccille invited his opponents to join him in a game of Monopoly, the winner to be declared governor of New York.

Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, issued the following statement to explain his unusual proposal:

"The dilemma of the Monopoly player is analogous to that of the voter. A Monopoly player is trapped between the escalating cost of living and the constant pressure of taxes, assessments, rents and mortgages. Clearly, the candidate best able to cope with such a situation is the candidate best equipped to solve the problems of New Yorkers.

"In addition, with the election decided by this simple method, money and time would be saved, and an objective test of skill substituted for the phony process of media image-building."

As a further inducement to accept his challenge, Tuccille announced that he is willing to concede an immediate competitive advantage to his opponents. Each would begin the game with a "Get out of Jail Free" card, to be issued by Gerald Ford.

"If Governor Wilson lands on any of my properties," said Tuccille, "he has the option of paying the rent or simply confiscating the site and buildings--as allowed by New York's archaic Eminent Domain laws.

"If I acquire all four railroads, however, Governor Wilson will agree to withdraw Proposition One, the \$250 million transportation bond issue.

"As for Mr. Carey, if he lands on a square requiring him to pay income or luxury taxes, he may use any of the shelters, deductions, or other ploys so popular among politicians these days.

"I wish to stress that this match will be played with Monopoly money. This differs from the usual practice of my opponents, who like to play games with real money taken by force from the taxpayers of New York State.

"Monopoly is a contest of free enterprise," concluded Tuccille. "And free enterprise was once--before the present multitude of government controls--the uniquely American social system. The outcome of this game just might break the major-party monopoly on state government, and thereby help to restore the spirit of free-market competition to New York."