THE INSIDER'S NEWSLETTER

Dateline: FLP-HQ, Saturday, October 26... We're just now digesting Nicholas Von Hoffman's New York Post column, "The Libertarians," (syndicated from the Washington Post) concluding with the remark that "for the over-taxed, over-regulated, over-burdened and under-powered millions of American middle class, they're the only people worth voting for." Evidently Mr. Von Hoffman is still feeling the effects of his winning-dining by the staff last week... They ended up at the Kangaroo Pub, swapping stories till 3 AM... That night the columnist called us "the only political game in town"... This comes only weeks after an excellent piece by Von Hoffman's Post colleague, George Will... Mr. Will is considered far-right, Mr. Von Hoffman extreme left... Seems like we're starting to play both ends against the middle...

"Mr. Tuccille's strong showing must be attributed in part to his last-minute television blitz."... No, nobody's said that as yet, but it does have kind of a ring to it... We've bought a few half-minutes for next week, and tentatively booked series of late night spots (11:30-1 AM) on all three NYC network outlets the weekend before election... but they'll be cancelled unless we get the money to pay for them...

JERRY TUCCILLE has picked up an endorsement and separate front-page story in Real Estate Weekly... Newsweek's gathering information for a post-election story on Libertarianism... And we're still getting clippings from the Columbus Weekend Tour... Highlights (and lows) follow... Friday, JERRY, CHARLIE and LINDA BLOOD fly into Albany in ROGER MacBRIDE's air taxi... Met by JOHN ERB, DON FEDER and others, they head for the Albany Mall... Road crew (BOB KLAR, BILL LARRY, MARC TRAVIS) arrive and attempt to carry pyramid onto Mall but are halted just outside by guards... Press interviews just beginning on sidewalk when there appears an Abe Lincoln character, peddling some eccentric cause (as opposed to rational things like pyramids, hotdogs, and fishing poles)... Press swarm to the new attraction... Jerry recognizes "Abe" as the Galambosian who's been plaguing him for years... Last month he was disguised as a Bulgarina-Greek hotdog vendor... Nonetheless, as the roadies return south they pick up two hitchhikers who've just heard the story on the radio during their last ride... and now say they want to start a libertarian club... Saturday, two "Downstate" teams embark (after a ritual sacrifice of balloons to the weather spirits)... DINO JUSTICE and JANET CASSELLA arrive at Poughkeepsie airport, joining SANDY COHEN, GUY RIGGS, SERENA STOCKWELL, VIVIAN WADLIN and others awaiting Roger's plane... which has been stacked up for an hour... Finally it lands... Jerry, pale green, just sets one shaky leg on firm ground and has a microphone stuck in his mouth... Somehow he manages three radio interviews... Behind schedule, arrive Binghamton, meet second downstate crew (RAY STRONG, ANN and BECKY WEILL, WARREN DOSWELL, MIKE NICHOLS, and yours truly) plus a university group headed by RALPH WARRIN... Hotdogs (93¢ beef - 7¢ tax) catered by Mr. and Mrs. BOB MARSH... Sunday Press interview... On to Ithaca, meet LARRY RHODES, dash to a TV interview (WCIC), a dinner interview with Cornell Daily Sun and a meeting with members of Radicals for Capitalism... the last covered by the Ithaca Press and WICG Radio...
Sunday, Buffalo press witnesses arrival of plane bearing Jerry, Roger, Charlie, Linda and entourage of balloons. Met by RALPH SAICO, SAM KURAK, others. UBMW-TV interview Jerry, focusing on major issues. WBZ-TV runs feature on "dark horse" candidate, noting light tactics with serious message, professionalism. Buffalo State students listen to Jerry, watch TV commercial. Buffalo Evening News, Courier Express, and college record print stories. Again, to Syracuse, joined by DAVE SAHN. Still more hotdogs and interviews by university paper and radio station, two TV channels (WNYS and WSYA) and the Herald Journal.

Tuesday, down to Suffolk County, met by LAURA WENTHEIM, VIRGINIA and ALAN WALKER. Interviews by Newsday and others, tour of shopping centers along Sunrise Highway, ending in a triumphant return to the city. Nixon had his Plumbers. We've got the Gardeners. Ang-leader BILL LARRY and accomplices BOB KLIK, JIN ANTHONY, JOHN and BRUCE GAUTFIELD have been paying clandestine visits to slopes and fields around the city, sewing seeds intended to sprout in the shape of a giant "TUCCILLE." Late one night they were working Central Park. Enter two of New York's Finest on their trusty steeds, passing within fifty feet but taking no notice. Later they (or two others) reappeared, this time halting a few yards away. After observing the group stomping and humming beneath the new moon for a few minutes they silently moved on (Boys will be boys). Another example of police efficiency was the enforcement of gambling prohibition laws at Tuccille's Casino, set up on 55th and 6th. When a sharp-eyed officer perceived that people were actually betting real money on a real roulette wheel, he tried to shut down the operation, but was befuddled by the explanation that this was legal since the House wasn't taking a cut. Then his sergeant arrived, determined to put an end to such law-breaking. But he too was confused by the "no cut" excuse. Enough so that he had to call headquarters for a clarification before finally banning the cash exchange. Must have held them off half-an-hour anyway.

By the way, don't look for any Tuccille grass before election. But sometime next year people may start to notice living reminders of Jerry's campaign.

A more permanent reminder makes its first appearance in November, '75.

In the home stretch. Congressional candidate SANDY COHEN is still running hard, debating his opponents and giving out wooden nickels. (They run a million to Tuccille 50,000 bill). ELLEN DAVIS notes curious absence of Hamilton Fish's customary victory-predicting polls. And in the Assembly districts. VIRGINIA WALKER's been scoring points in confrontations with her opponents. The New York Times ran a feature on the 3-way race for Speaker Duryea's seat. AWAY JO WANZER has a victimless crimes spot on a rock station (WLIR), reports positive feedback.

Legalize Maryjane. ALAN LePAGE is passing out Tuccille brochures and Spanish-language leaflets in Hispanic neighborhoods, and looks forward to a WNYC radio debate. GUY KAGGS is also debating and campaigning through the want-ads in the Poughkeepsie Journal. TUCCILLE will be a frequent item in the classifieds of Rev. A's New York Magazine. The N.Y. Times has provided us with a motto for passing the buck, so to speak, to Finance Chairman GEORGE. Let GEORGE do it.
It's too late to plug the Theater Benefit and too soon for a review, so we've got this instead . . .

F. L. Productions, the folks who brought you "Youngstein for Mayor", now proudly present:

A MESSAGE THEY CAN'T IGNORE

Starring JERRY TUCCILLE as "The Guv'nah"
Co-Starring LOU SICILIA, "Painless" BOB FLANZER, LEE SCHUBERT, JACK MARTIN, and MEL HIRSHOWITZ

With a CAST of THOUSANDS (at least fifty of 'em)

Director: LAURA WERTHEIMER
Assistant: ANDREA MILLEN
Screenplay: DON HAUPTMAN
Cinematography: J.W. DOSWELL and Co.
Set Design: CAROLYN KEELLEN
Choreography: MARC TRAVIS, BOB KLAR, JOHN STANTON, RAY STRONG
Scoring: The BOARD of ELECTIONS
Link with Sanity: SUSAN CORKERY

Technical Consultants: GARY GREENBERG, HOWIE RICH
Dirty Tricks: BILL LARRY

With UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS too numerous to mention.

*Discover: Who are the mysterious Committee for 50,000 Votes and what is their fantastic plan for New York?
*Meet: The inscrutable Dr. Rothbard - What secret knowledge lies beneath his benign exterior?
*Witness: The bizarre rites actually performed at a Free Libertarian Party!

The critics rave!

"Ambitious" . . . New York Times
"Right on!" . . . Gramercy Herald

"Small and sloppy office" . . . Herbert Hadad, New York Post

"Neat headquarters displaying the diligence, organization and self-discipline you'd expect." . . . Nicholas Von Hoffman, New York Post

And on Tuccille's performance:


"Energetic and determined" . . Watertown Daily Times

Winner of the Tanstafl Award at the 1974 Laissez Fair.

Limited engagements November 5th at Tow J locations in the five boroughs, and sharing a double bill on low I throughout the state. Don't miss it!

(And watch for the sequel: "Freedom in Our Lifetime")
Campaign Personality Focus: Long-suffering scheduling director MARCUS ANTONIUS TRAVIS ... Since trading his cabin in the Colorado Rockies for a yacht at a West Side marina, Marc's had a little trouble adjusting to the Big City ... He still tries to find his way around town with a compass ... And who else would actually show up at one of those "private" campaign dinners ... wearing a tux and hiking boots ... A self-proclaimed "Hasidic panda bear", Marc says his ulcer's getting better, and thanks everyone who sent cards ...

Lady Godiva, Tax Rebel, Debuts (For release Sunday, October 27)

A coming out party for LADY GODIVA JANE MITCHELL today in Manhattan promised to be remembered as the social event of the season. Her Ladyship's unusual debut consisted of a ride through midtown on her steed "Taxpayer", to lay bare the injustices of state taxes.

Lady Godiva Jane discussed her protest openly, explaining, "I felt a need to expose these atrocities, so I decided to make my case public."

The demonstration was attended by numerous press photographers, and maybe a reporter or two. A large crowd of well-wishers was also on hand, including gubernatorial hopeful JERRY TUCCILLE.

Mr. Tuccille looked like anything but a candidate, dressed in a specially designed, hand-tailored flamingo red Western suit, and tan Frye boots. Taxpayer was attired in a brown leather McClellan saddle with matching bridle, and rubber-soled iron shoes by Fruin of Chicago. Ms. Mitchell's nail polish was "Blush Pink" by Revlon.

Down to the wire ... Today they're canvassing Greenwich Village (blue cards, gang!) ... Tomorrow a lady on a white horse and the theater benefit ... Monday, interviews with WOR-TV and Daily News ... Tuesday, WLIB radio show with Jerry, Virginia, Mary Jo ... Wednesday, the 30th, WMTV-Albany, originates a "minor party" extravaganza, including Jerry, Lou, Bob and Lee, to be syndicated on educational channels ... Sunday, November 4, Jerry's on WHBC-TV (1:30-2:30 PM), Monday the 5th on WMEN-TV, between 11 AM and 1 PM ...

Needed: Tuccille Dollars - REAL ONES ... it could make the difference ... John Stanton's begging people to absorb the charges for voter-contact calls ... the personal touch can mean thousands of votes ... And speaking of personals, everybody please dig out your Christmas lists a month early ... and send them a message they can't ignore ... In Ithaca, Larry Rhodes and the Rad-Caps are distributing victimless crime statements on the Cornell campus ... Be sure to pass out all that literature sitting on the table ... All ye poll-watchers make sure you get your official government-inspected ID cards (in the City contact Bob Klar, upstate locate your county chairpeoples) ... Hope to see y'all at the Kangaroo Pub on Election Night ... Party starts late, so we all have time to collect our many happy returns ... We're gonna do it, folks! ... Meanwhile, Susan Corkery's busy reserving suites at Happydale-on-Hudson ... We all check in the 6th ...