

don't recommend it, they won't raise it." Cuomo claims not to have seen a study which showed that CUNY could save money by eliminating tuition. The study was completed two years ago.

Governor Jabberwocky told people to "go to the city" for money. He told the audience it was "Washington's fault" that we can't afford everything. He would not promise to oppose the homeport if the "majority of the people" were against it, and avoided the issue of Staten Island's garbage problem. (When someone asked him to look into the possibility of keeping other city landfills open, Cuomo turned to Henry Williams who concluded a lengthy speech by saying "we're going to make sure the city closes all its landfills." Jabberwocky didn't care that this was another non-answer.)

On the homeport, he said at first "that is basically a judgment for people who live there. You people know best." This non-sequitur was followed by another preachy lecture telling us why he wouldn't necessarily follow the wishes of the majority. In other words, we know best but Cuomo will decide what we know best. And if he doesn't agree with what we know, he will overrule us. This is the liberal governor at work. Although he said "local government was better government," Cuomo doesn't really believe that. If he did, he would not have tried to weasel out of his statement about the "people knowing best."

Cuomo is a lucky politician who sounds good and depends on a dotting press to keep him away from being blamed for the disgraces of his administration. He is truly a master of double talk and, despite his alleged love for the people, really has no use for the folks who pay the bills. He thinks they are ignorant, selfish, and unwilling to listen to reason. He is the quintessential whiner. His motto seems to be "don't blame me; blame Reagan, Koch, anybody but me." The liberal governor who excited the Democratic Convention in July doesn't want to deal with the fact that he doesn't know how to govern. "Go away," is his message. Blame it on someone else. We can't do everything for everybody. We need money for Westway and \$20 million for raises for my underworked staff and no-show jobs in state agencies and the legislature.

Cuomo made two promises about the Greenbelt and Corson's Brook Woods. It will be interesting to see if he keeps them, or will turn Arthur Webb loose again to threaten us with a lawsuit. It will be interesting to see if he is willing to buck Betty Connelly and John Marchi, both of whom apparently made private deals with Webb to fool their constituents on the issue.

It is clear that Cuomo has been transformed from the liberal fighter against bureaucracy to one who defends the bureaucrats and has become one himself. The state government is at a standstill. Cuomo's commissioners are contemptuous of the public and he is in bed with the same real estate developers who are chasing the middle class and the poor out of Manhattan. Even on an issue like abortion rights, he is trying to have it both ways. If he indeed thinks "abortion is wrong," there is nothing in the state Constitution which prohibits him from trying to get the law changed. While he upholds the current law, he could persuade people that the law should be changed.

But he wants it both ways. He wants the liberal vote, the feminist vote and the conservative Catholic vote. While posturing that he will not impose his will on the people, he does exactly that on the death penalty issue. He goes further, in fact. He says even if the state legislature passes a death penalty bill over his veto, he will commute any death sentence. This is known in most circles as imposing your views on the people. Governor Jabberwocky gets away with this because too many liberal commentators agree with his positions on the death penalty and abortion, so they give him a free ride while he refuses to take a truly honest stance on the abortion question.

Governor Jabberwocky said this in July: "We must answer our opponents polished rhetoric with a