The Editor Speaks

The time has come to determine what is more important: the obese funding of the defience industry, which swallows messive amounts of capital with no visible product or additional funding for environmental preservation and protection, currently undefended and undersurpported by those who stand in a position to lend their support,

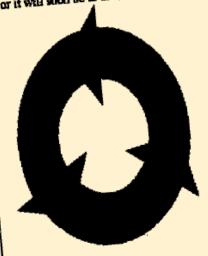


le it is possible to ignore any political issue for an extended period of times, until it becomes a rallying cry for an unknown group, the environment must cease to be a political issue and become strictly a matter of common sense.

It is uncomprehendable to imagine that anyone would not favor increased funding for a cause so benevolent as the environment, and while the Clean Weter, Clean Air Bond Act recently proposed in New York State passed by a fair margin, it was still widely protested by groups of mostly middle and upper class citizens, who have children whom will resp the harvest of their parent's greed. The bond act means an

additional \$3.25 per tax payer, per year for the next 20 years. For the price of a cup of coffee and a docum the chizers of NYS could improve their cavironment on a grand scale.

As a member of the Nature Conservancy I heartily believe in increased funding of the environment. I find it hard to believe that a general spathy for the environment can be the universal feeling of the public majority. Unless the current level of funding is increased the environment is in most certain danger of destruction by industrial landfills, subustan speali and the American tendency toward disposable goods. We must act now or it will soon be to late,



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Truman went to bed thinking he was the loser. In the morning he was the President. Forty eight years later, when New Yorkers looked at election results one the last time Tuesday night before going to bed, they thought the bond act was deleated. reason was, with 73% The σf the polls reporting, the bond measure was losing by 8 points. The next morning many New Yorkers awoke to surprising news, the bond won with 56% of the vote.

How could this dramatic chango happen? On Tuesday night most of the precinct reporting were from upstate New York. When the York city Precincts finally tallied their votes, the landslide in defeat upstate changed to downstate à landslide in approval. Ιt

Wasn't surprising that New York city voters

wanted this passed, while upstate New Yorkers wanted it defeated. It has been suggested that 1.3 billion, or 77 percent, of the попау could conceivably go to New York City City projects.

Actually, specific projects aren't detailed in bond lagislation. act that New York voters approved borrowing, the projects will have eligible compete funding, and they'll for be reviewed by technical experts in state environmental and park agencies.

Editorial

It is time that the voters about got a chance to decided if they want to fund environmental project or not. New York does need to apend more money on the environment. not, the future of Ιf this state will be grim. The Bond

will provide funding Act for much needed clean water, clean air, conservation and land waste site cleanup activities. It will

improve drinking Water facilities, solid wastes areas, bas encourage environmentally sound technologies.

The money New Yorkers pay for this act will be used for the enjoyment and future of all. Most money that is paid in taxes aren+t always paid back directly to the taxpayer, but this act is different. Every person will be paid back whenever they walk through a cleaner park, drink water, fish, swim, or breath.

The people who complaining about this Bond act should think about how much they enjoy the environmental before they open their mouths.

