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Fighting the Public Conscience

When President Kennedy goes over congressional heads to urge popular support for tax reduction, he is not at his best.

Why should he find it necessary to convince his countrymen they should support tax reduction? Politicians grow up at the ward boss's knee believing tax reduction is the best vote bait in existence.

Rank and file voters are supposed to be helpless when tax reduction is dangled in front of their eyes. Taxes are never popular. One of the prime political axioms, used through generations of applied politics, is: "Vote for all spending and against all taxing."

But tax reduction in 1963 does not find rank and file voters snapping at the bait. A most unusual

thing has happened.

Here is a proposition supposedly sure fire that has been sputtering its fuse ever since it was thrown into discussion last January.

The recession it was supposed to ward off has failed to materialize. The Wall Street Journal reported in its September 18 edition that the "current business upswing displays a remarkable immunity to the ravages of time."

The tax relief it was designed to give has been interesting but not irresistible to masses of taxpayers supposed to be hysterical about tax relief. It is as if the ordinary run of people had looked at the array of household appliances mentioned by Mr. Kennedy in his appeal for support and said they intended to

buy them tax cut or no tax cut.

As for the unemployed and what a tax cut might mean to them, it is more obvious to people who work for wages than it is to the President that in the first place the unemployed pay no income taxes, being without income, and in the second place do not believe a tax cut would put them to work.

President Kennedy is earnest about a tax cut. He must be puzzled by the cold shoulder his proposal has received.

Has he not been given support by outstanding businessmen? Has he not made it plain that deficit financing — spending excess of income to stimulate expansion — is sophisticated business practice?

One misgiving sticks in the popular craw. Millions of people who have been taught to live within their incomes cannot understand why there should be different rules for the Federal Government.

Why should it hand back \$11 billion of anticipated revenue when it is expecting to be short by more than that amount in the next fiscal year?

This would be stupid or crooked if an individual tried it. President Kennedy is fighting the public conscience. Some of the things he is saying sound as if he didn't know the public had one.

SENATOR SAM

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needs, the military budget approved by Congress this year is likely to be in the neighborhood of \$53 billion.

The defense appropriations approval comes at a time when events in Viet Nam spell out the tragedy of the world in which we live and the tremendous commitment which we have undertaken around the face of the earth.

Moreover, the frustrating events

in Viet Nam bring into focus an old debate which has been going on intermittently about the accuracy of our military intelligence information. Some years ago, Senator Mansfield proposed that Congress should set up a joint Congressional Committee composed of House and Senate members who would be charged with overseeing the activities of the CIA which operates in Executive secrecy. I supported that suggestion which was not adopted. Recent reports of conflicting policies being pursued by the CIA and the State Department in Viet Nam emphasize anew that Congressional committee supervision of the CIA is still a meritorious reform measure.

SILENT SHOPPER?

Emily Warren of 403 North Davis Street was arrested last week and charged with shoplifting in Green's ten cent store.

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OCT. 5, 1963 1:00 P.M.

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Kinston, N. C.