

# Woeful Waste

If the Beame administration is long on the economics of budget-making, it is short on esthetics. It proposes now to emulate the Environmental Protection Administration and put concrete waste containers with advertisements on their sides in Central Park. The idea is to save \$100,000 by eliminating standard baskets.

With charity, one could say that these misshapen monsters may look all right on city streets, if not in meadow or bosky dell, but even on the streets they offend. To put it kindly, they are a design fiasco. The top openings are frequently wedged with waste so they can't be used, and the sides are more often papered with pleas for ads than with the ads themselves. Smudged with city dirt, their crowning litter vies with half-plastered messages. Would that their all-too-solid concrete would melt.

In the park, it is a tossup whether they would be ludicrous or obscene. It is certain that they would be an environmental disgrace.