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SURRENDERED—San Francisco Police Chief Tom Cahill and Mayor Joseph Alioto look over firearms turned in by their owners with no

questions asked. The effort, launched after the death of Robert F. Kennedy, has brought in 1,972 weapons. —Associated Press Photo

20 Yards From Maine Border

Angry Canadians Dam Polluted River

CENTREVILLE, N.B. (AP) Appalled by the stench of rotting fish in a polluted river from Maine, Canadian villagers threw up a dam Tuesday to block the flow near the international boundary.

Five bulldozers called in by Centreville activists mounded earth and stone across the 60-foot-wide stream, a tributary of the St. John River that is known in Maine as the Prestile and in Canada as the Presque Isle.

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police stood watch "in case of trouble," but there was no interference—official or otherwise—in this impromptu creation of a sanitary cordon within 20 yards of American soil. The resultant lake should back up into Maine.

The flurry recalled the Aroostook War of 1839, a bloodless

row between Americans and Canadians about boundary lines that eventually led to the Webster-Ashburton treaty of 1842, which drew the U.S.-Canadian border in this area.

The river rises south of Fort Fairfield, Maine, and runs southeast to the St. John at Florenceville, N.B.

Centerville, a lumbering and potato-growing center, is on the river about three miles east of the border.

"The water is so bad we couldn't even use it for fire fighting," said Robert Caines, a Centerville spokesman. "It would foul our pumps."

Caines said the river, once a thriving trout stream, had become "nothing more than a sewer" since industrial plants opened operations near it in Maine.

"And we're getting as much support for our protest from across the border as we are on this side," he said.

The situation has been under study in Augusta, Maine's capital.

Robert H. Smith, an engineer for the State Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission, said Monday most of the pollution comes from the combined outflow of the Vahlsing, Inc., potato processing factory and Maine Sugar Industries, Inc., at Easton.

But Vahlsing stopped dumping waste into the river Monday, Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis said Tuesday.

Vahlsing's waste has been diverted into a lagoon which may take up to 60 days to fill, said an inspector for the Maine Air and Water Improvement Commission.

Fred C. Vahlsing Jr., Vahlsing's president, said his firm moved three weeks ago to anticipate problems from low water in the stream.

Smith said he received a report that fumes from decomposition of organic matter in the water at Mars Hill, northwest of Centreville, was causing paint on houses to turn black and peel.

About the only chance of relief by state law, he said, would be to have the condition declared a public nuisance and let a court decide what might be done about it.

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BEACH, days underground earlier this year.

Miss Miller's coffin, six feet long and 2½ feet wide and high, is padded with foam rubber and equipped with a radio, telephone, air-conditioner, magazines, and a light.

A narrow chute extending five feet above ground connects her with the outside world and permits promoters to lower food to her.

"It's kind of boring and kind of crowded," she said. "But I'm going to try real hard for 65 days."

Miss Miller explained that a woman in Charleston, W.Va., is challenging White's record of 63 days. She said the woman, Patricia Havelamb, has been underground 51 days.

"If she breaks Bill's record, I want to go one over and break her record."