

Estimated to yield \$7 million during the balance of the fiscal year, it is a key item in the council's \$53.6 million revenue program intended to balance the \$446.8 million budget and hold the line on the property tax.

Already approved by the council is a 1% boost in the municipal sales tax, which will produce an estimated \$44.1 million. Collections are scheduled to begin Aug. 1.

A third revenue item—a 10% increase in fees for city permits and services—is expected to be submitted to the council within a week. Its estimated yield is \$2.5 million.

Would Wipe Out Deficit

Passage of all three measures would not only wipe out a \$30.6 million deficit in the budget but permit the council to eliminate a built-in 19-cent tax increase and finance a massive sewer construction program from general funds.

To offset the tax hike, resulting from escalating fire and police pension costs, the council would have to appropriate \$11.3 million.

The first year cost of the sewer program is estimated at a minimum \$12 million.

Spokesmen for the alcoholic beverage, restaurant and hotel-motel industries bitterly opposed the 5% hike in a public hearing preceding the council action.

They challenged its legality, maintaining the state pre-empted the field, argued it would have an adverse effect on business and cautioned that it could precipitate crime and corruption.

Frank Vitale, chairman of the board of the Bohemian Distributing Co., argued that "local political control would bring on local prohibition," in which "the public would suffer."

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Murville, France's longtime foreign minister who became finance minister at the height of the student-labor crisis a little over a month ago, is expected to complete a new cabinet by the end of the week.

Not only will it be a completely "new look" for the Gaullist government, but the departure of Pompidou, almost totally unexpected after his adroit and skillful direction of the Gaullist June election victory, means a complete reshuffle of the French political scene.

There are two opposite theories to explain the impending move. The first is that Pompidou is being dropped after six years in office

order to prepare from the sidelines to run for the presidency to succeed De Gaulle, with assurances that the general will step down in the near future, probably in the first few months of 1969.

According to this theory, Couve de Murville will thus take charge of the unpopular and difficult measures to control the economy and institute necessary reforms in the months ahead, while Pompidou devotes himself to grass-roots politics and the improvement of the Gaullist political machine. For this task, he may well take over the presidency

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Canadians Knew Something in U.S. Was Fouled Up, Dam It

CENTREVILLE, N.B. (P)—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.

Centreville activists used five bulldozers to push earth and stone across the 60-foot-wide Prestile, a tributary of the St. John River. The water will form a small lake in Maine.

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police stood watch "in case of trouble," but there was no interference.

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.

Centreville, a New Brunswick 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 Centreville 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.

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

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