

Quiet Anti-War Session On U.S.-Canada Border

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Blaine, Wash.

A group of Americans and Canadians met peacefully Sunday at the International Peace Arch Park straddling the border between the two countries to hold a one-hour prayer service opposing United States involvement in Southeast Asia.

The same area was the scene of violence Saturday when a group of anti-war demonstrators from Canada surged into the border community of Blaine, ripped down and burned American flags, scuffled with townspeople and threw rocks at a train loaded with new automobiles, before law enforcement officers moved the demonstrators back to the Canadian side of the border.

A group of about 200 of the 1700 residents of Blaine were

on hand Sunday, armed with baseball bats, steel pipes and bicycle chains, said the Rev. William Sadt of nearby Bellingham, Wash.

The Rev. Mr. Sadt, a participant in the prayer vigil, said residents showed "hostility and fear" and expected another violent meeting.

"We were Christian, nonviolent people who went to a church service," the minister said.

The Saturday demonstration resulted in fist fights between some of the Canadians who left the open border park and moved into the business district of Blaine. Injuries were confined to bruises.

Windows in a bank and the U.S. Customs office were smashed. Rocks also smashed windows and dented the bodies of new autos load-

ed on railroad cars of the Burlington Northern Railroad, parked at the border. Officials said the damage to the automobiles might be as high as \$50,000. No arrests were reported.

A spokesman for the Canadian demonstrators said they had planned to "penetrate" into the United States 21.7 miles, the distance President Nixon was quoted by con-

gressional leaders as saying U.S.

troops would not go beyond into Cambodia.

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