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The sign outside the last
sardine canning factory
in the lower forty eight
reads: Free Fish Waste.
A week ago, we dumped a truck
load of guts and heads
into the newly-dug garden bed.
Vultures followed the
stench but wouldn't land
as long as the dog was around.

I know the flies got in
because I can hear the maggots
churning the dead fish
into dirt.