

The crass unconcern for the plight of the displaced families shown by TVA is alarming. Land is scarce. The prices have tripled and more. We find it totally impossible to replace our property with similar property.

One person who works for TVA said to me it is like settling on Man of War.

Mr. JONES. On what?

Mrs. WHITEHEAD. Man of War, the race horse. In other words, you cannot replace him.

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When some of our people approached TVA to exchange or buy TVA surplus land across Kentucky Lake, TVA took the lands off the market and refused displaced families access to them, either by sale or exchange. In the much-publicized TVA community planning for Grand Rivers adjacent to the Land Between the Lakes, no provision was made to accommodate the many displaced families from the Land Between the Lakes.

TVA has acres and acres in there.

All emphasis by TVA has been on enhancing the position of special-interest groups—real estate lot promoters and tourist-oriented interests—at the expense of displaced families. These fringe and outside interests have been accommodated to the extent that TVA says it would be discriminating against them to allow a business to operate within the Land Between the Lakes after May 31, 1968.

I talked with a very lovely lady in her seventies in Stewart County, Tenn., a few days ago. Their business was 43 years old. Before they could dispose of the stock from the store, it had been padlocked by TVA. Merchandise from the store was scattered all over the front porch and the hall of their home. They had two auction sales and had practically given the merchandise away and much was left over.

These people had also been moved out during the Kentucky Dam project, and they had had this store in another location, and they had moved it. She set up on the creek. And she said to me, as many of these people who have dealt with TVA in the Kentucky Dam project, that they are so much different now than they were then. She said, "We didn't have the problems during the Kentucky Dam project that we are having in this instance."

Is it any wonder that this individual was obviously to the breaking point?

The price they have to pay for a relocation home was astronomical. TVA had urged them to move a long distance from the home area and she had refused, saying, "Why should I want to move to some strange place to die?"

The mass removal of people and complete destruction of communities that are over 200 years old is cruel indeed, provided every safeguard to justice is meticulously followed.

Finally, I request passage of this legislation on behalf of those many friends who have spent sleepless nights and miserable days; for those who have wept bitterly in the feeling of utter hopelessness and helplessness in their dealings with the agency. I include also those who, because of the unhappiness and great pressures, have met an untimely death. And this is a factor in this; the number of suicides,