

I think TVA's tactics in dealing with people here are terrible. They even try to cause trouble among family members. After a conversation with a TVA man one morning he went on down the road and told my brother "it doesn't help a bit for your brother to call me a SOB." At no time in the conversation was such reference made to the TVA man. I resent his untruths.

HUGH C. COTHRAN.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY CHARLES R. COLLINS,
AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I own three lots on Kentucky Lake in Sportland Subdivision, Trigg County, Kentucky. (Lots # 20, 21, 22, Block F.) These are unimproved *water front* lots with approximately 900' of frontage and containing 2.7 acres.

I was notified by T.V.A. that my lots would be in the LBL and that the T.V.A. appraiser would like me to be present when he inspected the property. At that time, he assured me I would receive enough compensation to buy similar property on Kentucky Lake including compensation for my time and trouble plus any acquisition costs. *This seemed fair* and he treated me very nicely.

I made an extensive search and found Kentucky Lake water frontage ranging from \$25 to \$50 per front foot. Very few desirable parcels were available. My next approach by T.V.A. was made by a Mr. Bozarth. He came to my office without calling to make a prior appointment and barged into the midst of an important business conference. He told me he had a contract that was necessary for me to sign. The total price of the offer was \$3,000.00. Mr. Bozarth was very rude when I refused to sign. After his visit, I went to the Trigg County Court House and looked up prices paid by T.V.A. for acquisitions in Sportland. They had paid an average of \$2,800.00 per acre for thirteen parcels, all of which were unimproved and *non-water front property*. (Mine is *water front* property.) The prices paid ranged widely for property similar in appearance.

During Mr. Bozarth's next visit, I informed him of my finding and asked him why they were offering me such a low price. I also pointed out a realtor, who was qualified and familiar with the area and property, had recently appraised my property for \$25,000.00. Mr. Bozarth told me T.V.A. knew I had a very low basis and that \$3,000 was absolutely all he "was going to *give* me." He further stated that if I didn't take it he would take me to court. If this became necessary I couldn't have a jury or a regular judge, that T.V.A. appointed a panel of three commissioners to try their cases, and I "*wouldn't have a chance*" and would probably receive *less* than previously offered.

Thereafter, he made another trip and threatened me with court action, a lower offer and used abusive language in the presence of witnesses. I told him that I didn't wish to speak to him further, to please send someone else next time. He made two very unpleasant visits after that and during the later stated they would "*see me in court*." Recently I received a letter from T.V.A. stating they were going to court and lowering their offer to \$2,000.00.

I do not think that I am an unreasonable person. However, I do expect compensation enough to replace my property with similar property *on the same lake* plus reasonable acquisition costs. Further, I am prepared to write the editor of every major newspaper in the United States to inform the public of T.V.A.'s *practices* and the fraud being perpetrated on small land owners by the "holy" agency. Also, I will be happy to go to Washington to testify and can take witnesses if necessary.

CHARLES R. COLLINS.

APRIL 6, 1968.

We are members of the Woodson Chapel Properties Inc. Our Woodson Chapel church was sold to the Corps of Engineers by the Methodist Conference about the year 1962. Mr. McFALL who was in charge of acquisition of lands for the Barkley project agreed that the Church and cemetery could be left undisturbed and gave the building back to the members. Approximately \$1000 was donated then by the Methodist Conference for improvement of the building and surrounding area. The church was painted, a three foot wide walk was built around the