

One time they burned us down—the next time they flooded us out now we are high and dry and not going to be pushed around.

HOWARD W. BARNETT.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY REX AND RUBY PEAL, AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

We have owned some of our property for 28 years and the rest all of our lives. The Corps of Engineers took 202 acres of our river land for the Barkley project. We were left with an 11.1 acre tract and 3.7 acres where our home stood. We live in Trigg County, Kentucky.

When TVA came in we were the first people contacted for purchase. Our home sat on a beautiful knoll extending out into Barkely lake and has always been considered an outstanding location. When the TVA man came to survey and appraise I asked them to wait until I could call my husband. They were rude and we told them we did not want to sell.

The TVA crews were doing earth moving in the area adjoining our yard. A TVA Man knowing full well where the property lines were ran the bulldozer up into our yard and started to scoop dirt. My wife took a 38 caliber revolver out and told him to leave the bulldozer standing—he ran away with it and she called the TVA office and got the bosses down.

The bay and area surrounding our home became a haunt for the tourists, fishermen and loafers and prowlers. Our property was marked all around as private property yet we were forced to keep ourselves armed and never leave home because of the thievery and even were berated and argued with that it was not ours. Our pigs were even stolen and hauled away in a car and we watched looters load what ever they took a fancy to from our neighbors who had left their homes unguarded. It got to where we couldn't eat or sleep any of the 24 hours of the day for people pilfering through and blocking our road and driveway.

It was common for grown men to pull off stark naked and go swimming in the lake right in sight of the house and our yard and grounds were constantly used as a privy. Not even our pets were left unmolested.

No one can believe the absolute hell we lived through until we could stand it no longer. TVA's price wasn't fair at all. You are always at a loss for you are never contacted by the same TVA people. About 1942 a TVA man came to me and said "we've appraised you, you can take it or leave it". This was for a road.

Those who have moved are so uprooted they are dying and many are young who have passed away. My heart will always be Between the Rivers.

RUBY PEAL.
REX PEAL.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY H. N. BARNETT, AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I am 23 years old. I am married and own my home in the LBL area. Before going to Service date of December 1964—there was talk of TVA coming in and taking our community. I didn't burn my draft card. I went to Service, completing all training. I went airborne to become a better soldier. While in airborne training I was notified I was going to Viet Nam. They gave me a four day leave to come home and do what I needed to do. After my leave I went back and we left for overseas. I spent 14 months in Viet Nam in the 1st of the 8th Air Calvary Airborne and Airmobile. Much of the time was in full scale combat where we were away for as long as 90 days from base.

When I came home my father was bed fast. He filled me in on the TVA activities here. I talked to Dr. Moseley and he told me about Dad's health—worrying was the last thing he was supposed to do—yet TVA had the audacity to drive in his front yard, knowing he had nothing to say. My Father passed away March 1, 1968. I blame TVA mostly for his death.

Now they are talking about calling people back in the Reserves—knowing how I feel about TVA a parasite of the Government—consider yourself in my place and ask if you'd go back—to fight, not for your own country but some other little