

were approached by the TVA men to allow them to go ahead and appraise our property. We were told we were not committed one way or the other to accept the appraisal. All of the property was appraised in 1966, my Mothers and mine. My Mother refused to accept the offer until she was sure every one had to leave the LBL area.

August 1967 all of the family was home and they agreed to sell me  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. All of the stores had been bought out by TVA within a 10 mile radius and people in our neighborhood had to drive from 10-15 miles for necessities. I built a store building and stocked it with groceries, bait and gas and small items. Within a few days TVA called and asked if we'd sign the contract to sell. I told them I want to stay here. Two weeks later they sent a notice they were going to condemn the property. In February 1968 the US marshall delivered the condemnation papers on all three of the places. They condemned the 3.1 acre tract as previously appraised before I had bought the .58 acre and just added my name and that of my wife to the papers. In December 1967 my Mother had called and told the TVA representative that she would sell to them but that she had sold  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre to me. Mr. Bozarth of TVA said he thought it would be alright. When the condemnation papers were served in February my Mother called and asked why they had condemned her when she said she would sell willingly. TVA Attorney Beauchamp Brogan told her she couldn't sell unless I signed to let my .58 acre on which my business stood go with the other at the original appraisal. TVA's L. Bozarth denied that my Mother had called him and told him she was willing to sell. She has four witnesses to prove she had the conversation with Bozarth.

I hired an attorney and he went with me to the TVA office to try to get them to separate the properties in the condemnation. My deed to the .58 acre is a valid deed. TVA refused and the original offer of \$18,100 stood. TVA's Brogan told me and my Mother in the office that the reason TVA was condemning it all together was to close my business and "the sooner the better". He said TVA would have all businesses out of here and closed by June 1, 1968.

TVA has taken my business and acreage without compensating me. They gave me until June 1, 1968 to close and get out.

TVA harassed my Mother who is 73 years old. I signed the papers only because the pressure and harassment on her was to the breaking point physically and mentally. They even told her if she didn't get me to sign the papers they would come down and push her house over with a bulldozer and bury it. She become so upset and torn up my brother and sister urged me to relent. To keep from being considered the biggest SOB in my family I signed. I have refused to accept the price on my other acre tract of land. I have filed a protest against taking the acre that is left.

EARL B. MOLLOY.

EDDYVILLE, KY., April 18, 1968.

I came back from the Army European theater in 1946. I opened this repair shop and have been here ever since. I haven't made a lot of money and I have asked no aid from the VA or the Government.

My first contact with the TVA was when they came and asked me to show them my neighbors corners for a property survey. I refused. They have constantly trespassed on my property in making surveys after being told not to.

In Dec. 1967 TVA came to me to buy. I told them I have nothing for them. They told me if I wouldn't take the easy way it would go the hard way. I told them I had gotten nothing easy in my life and we'd just go the hard way.

The principles I fought for and my buddies died for such as freedom and the right for a man to make his own way and determine his own destiny are trampled upon and flaunted in my face every day by TVA in this LBL project. Just what is the use in living anyway if every thing you have believed in and been taught to admire is desecrated by my own government?

HOMER RAY.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY ROBERT F. AND BLONDAL M. FLOOD, AGAINST TVA

#### NATURE OF COMPLAINT

The TVA has condemned my property and is in the process of acquiring it against my will. It is my belief that it is unconstitutional for the TVA to determine what I should be paid for my property in the manner that they go about it.