

Their offer is well below the standard cost of like property in the area. TVA has not recognized my property as a sub-divided plot in a very desirable location but insists on purchasing this land as if it were a farm plot. I might not object to selling my property at a reasonable price but I do object to the bulldozing tactics used by TVA. TVA, on numerous occasions, has not been consistent in the price offered to different individuals for similar properties. I do not believe that our government should be or has any right being in the real estate business, especially when they come in and condemn a person's property and take it for the price they want to pay for it and then keep it a year or so and sell it for a big profit—as I know has happened in the past.

The landowners in the United States may as well turn over their land to the government and quit paying taxes on it for they soon will own it all anyway. If a person does not have the right to do what he wants to with his property then I do not believe we live in a free country. I will not stand in the way of progress but experimenting in recreation certainly is not progress, to my mind, when it results in the destruction of established and growing communities and puts the TVA, a governmental agency, into the boat rental, camping and vending machine business.

The only thing I can see is that TVA is buying all the land for is to make a big profit as they have done before right here in the Kentucky Lake area and as they point out with pride in the Beech River area—where they say they have “a new land-buying plan”.

If Congress does not permit the landowners a jury trial then what good will a three-man commission, appointed by the TVA, do for the landowners! What are the widow-women and the old-aged people going to do when TVA pay them? Just above one-third of the cost that it means for them to relocate is what TVA offers.

Does TVA have any sympathy or concern for people like this?

No! All they have known is to ignore the previously-agreed upon boundaries, wipe away the populated areas and grab it all!

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A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY MR. AND MRS.
H. J. SMITH AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

We complain about the fact that here in LBL 100,000 acres were already in government ownership which we think is enough for the type of project that TVA plans. Only a small portion of this 100,000 acres has been developed, yet TVA says that they have to have the populated areas and have proceeded to destroy our communities and threaten our whole way of life. To this we strongly object.

Our family and those of my mother and mother-in-law are among the many in here for whom this take-over by a government agency is the third. The prices offered by TVA do not nearly cover the cost of replacement of property. Should we be forced to sell. As it now stands, if you do not want to submit to TVA's demands and dictates they threaten condemnation.

We've been duped by TVA before during our first move made necessary by the building of Kentucky Lake. TVA took bottom land, timberland plus the high ground that would not be covered. My mother's place (her deed read 198 A.—TVA surveyed it to read 189 A.) was taken along with her home, barn and out-buildings for the sum of \$3000, an average of about \$16.00 per acre. The high ground there still remains unused. We think that such tracts which stand idle today should be developed instead of taking people's homes, schools, churches and businesses.

If TVA took over the LBL project to experiment in recreation, as they say, then why do they advertise annually farmland for lease to be used for the raising of row crops and pasture?

I know, firsthand as a hunter, that the game population is greatly reduced since this project began. We know that the human population has been greatly decreased, too, by the pressures forced on people by TVA and the destruction that has resulted by this project for which no public hearings were ever held.

Congress appropriated money for LBL but Congress never authorized this project. We are denied trial by jury and we complain because our citizenship rights have been taken away.