

OUR THOUGHTS ON TVA FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES

To begin with, TVA is the most misrepresented organization that we have ever seen. They take credit for everything that has happened in the Valley whether it is of their doing or not.

Some people say that TVA made Western Kentucky. Let's take a look: Who designed and built the Kentucky Dam? Who designed and built the Barkley Dam? And all the many other governmental improvements? Not TVA we are sure.

What was TVA's part? They simply used their right of eminent domain to trample all opposition.

As to the "Land Between the Lakes," they wish to take 200,000 acres of which they will probably never develop 500 acres. All of this land comes off the tax rolls of Lyon, Trigg counties in Kentucky and Stewart in Tennessee—except the part that has been excluded by TVA for private development in Stewart county. This will very badly cripple their educational facilities and other county functions. Worst of all is their high-handed un-American dealing with the public.

It seems to us that this whole area project is very wasteful of natural resources and in taking over the populated areas they have wiped away established and growing communities and forced hardship and heartbreak on the people.

Our own experiences with TVA have been very bitter. We went to Kentucky from Kansas in 1960 and built a new house where we hoped to make our home for the rest of our lives. Then along came TVA to tell us that they will take our home at their price and their pleasure. They made it very clear that TVA is the law—there is no higher.

We still like Kentucky but do not care to live where you don't know from day to day when you will be stepped on by TVA.

We can go along with progress and even if that progress means taking people's homes but we feel that this is progress in reverse. The federal government already owned 100,000 acres in LBL which is enough for recreation, particularly with so many of the surrounding states going into the development of the same type of development.

If anyone makes a profit on the whole thing—you may be sure that it will be TVA.

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A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL 1968, AGAINST TVA, BY
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NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I owned 4 acres in the LBL. I had a new house built in 1962. It had 6 rooms and bath, hot and cold running water. We were located on Ky. Highway 522. We lived there two years when TVA came in with the LBL project. I have a wife and three small children.

TVA came several times to get me to allow them to appraise. They said if I didn't sell TVA would condemn and take it. I thought my offer was much too low. I had to pay three times as much for 2 lots in Lake City. The lots are 75 feet by 150 ft. each. It cost me about \$6,000 to get the house moved and set up and pay for the lots and I did all of the labor.

TVA offered to help me relocate, however their only suggestion was for places far away such as West of Paducah. They found one place and suggested it as replacement. It was a bush farm on which stood an old house on a gravel road. I wasn't interested. I tried to get them to buy some property and swap with me. TVA refused.

I wound up with a lot less property than I had and less valuable. I would have had to borrow money to have replaced the same number of acres as I lost.

I think TVA paid much too little. They quit giving the old buildings back, which makes it hard on the property owners. They gave inadequate time to relocate and I was rushed.

Thieves have taken over the LBL area. We had never had to lock a door until TVA turned the area over to outsiders. I had a sheet metal building app. 12 by 14. I went back for it and it had been stolen. I also left a car and before I could get back it had been stripped.

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