

SENTENCE ON A VALLEY:

The tiny village of Capel Celyn, in North Wales, nears the end of its centuries of history - for in a few months' time the waters will be rising above its rooftops. Parliament has approved a plan by Liverpool Corporation to dam the Tryweryn valley and create a new City reservoir. The seventy inhabitants of the valley, supported by Welsh opinion generally, have been fighting the plan. They want to stay on the land where their ancestors have lived, worked, and worshipped for generations.

Liverpool, they point out, already has a reservoir at Lake Vyrnwy, not far away, and will soon have so large a surplus she will be able to sell water to other English towns. Men like farmer R.E. Jones, who has reared 13 children in Tryweryn valley, still do not know whether their compensation will be in money or land. If we must leave the valley of our fathers, they ask - let us at least know what our future is to be....