

October 10, 1933

[TVA message]

- 0622

FDR Speech File

20th Congress

April 10, 1933

The continued idleness of a great national investment in the Tennessee Valley leads me to ask the Congress for legislation necessary to enlist this project in the service of the people.

It is clear that the Muscle Shoals development is but a small part of the potential public usefulness of the entire Tennessee River. Such use, if envisioned in its entirety, transcends mere power development: it enters the wide fields of flood control, soil erosion, afforestation, elimination from agricultural use of marginal lands, and distribution and diversification of industry. In short, this power development, ^{of war days} logically leads to national planning for a complete river water shed

involving many States and the future lives and welfare of millions. It touches and gives life to all forms of human concerns.

I, therefore, suggest to the Congress legislation to create a Tennessee Valley Authority. — —

~~_____~~ a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise. It should be charged with the broadest duty of planning for the proper use, conservation and development of the natural resources of the Tennessee River ~~Basin~~ Basin and its adjoining territory for the general social and economic welfare of ~~the nation~~ ^{the nation x}

This Authority should also be clothed with the necessary power to carry these plans into effect.

Its duty should be the rehabilitation of Muscle Shoals development and the coordination of it with the wider plan.

us

Many hard lessons have taught this ~~the~~

the human waste that results from lack of planning.

^{a few} and Counties

Here and there wise cities ^A have looked ahead and ~~and~~

~~some communities have~~ planned. But our nation has

"just grown." It is time to extend planning to a

wider field, in this instance comprehending in one

great project many States directly concerned with

the ~~the~~ basin of one of our greatest rivers.

This in a true sense is a return to the

spirit and vision of the pioneer. If we are successful

here we can march on, step by step, in a like develop-

ment of other great natural territorial units within

our borders.

Master Sketch
File

~~P.P.F.~~

April 10, 1933.

TO THE CONGRESS:

The continued idleness of a great national investment in the Tennessee Valley leads me to ask the Congress for legislation necessary to enlist this project in the service of the people.

It is clear that the Muscle Shoals development is but a small part of the potential public usefulness of the entire Tennessee River. Such use, if envisioned in its entirety, transcends mere power development: it enters the wide fields of flood control, soil erosion, afforestation, elimination from agricultural use of marginal lands, and distribution and diversification of war day^s of industry. In short, this power development leads logically to national planning for a complete river water shed

involving many States and the future lives and welfare of millions. It touches and gives life to all forms of human concerns.

I, therefore, suggest to the Congress legislation to create a Tennessee Valley Authority,
~~which~~ a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise. It should be charged with the broadest duty of planning for the proper use, conservation and development of the natural resources of the Tennessee River drainage basin and its adjoining territory for the general social and economic welfare of ^{the nation} ~~its inhabitants.~~ This Authority should also be clothed with the necessary power to carry these plans into effect. Its duty should be the rehabilitation of Muscle Shoals development and the coordination of it with the wider plan.

us

Many hard lessons have taught this nation

the human waste that results from lack of planning.

Here and there ^{a few and countries} wise cities have looked ahead ^{and} ~~in~~ ¹ ~~in countries~~ ~~and~~ planned. But our nation has

"just grown." It is time to extend planning to a wider field, in this instance comprehending in one great project many States directly concerned with the ~~Basin~~ of one of our greatest rivers.

This in a true sense is a return to the spirit and vision of the pioneer. If we are successful here we can march on, step by step, in a like development of other great natural territorial units within our borders.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE
RECORD GROUP 16

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF APRIL 10, 1933
RELATING TO TVA



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, 1955

www.english-test.net

The surviving strains of a great cultural movement in the Brahmaputra Valley add up to over 40 languages. The linguistic accessories, as evident from our past, in the history of the people,

- 2 -

I am very sorry to have caused you any trouble. But we
believe our right to do so is based on certain principles which
we believe are as follows: We believe that the right to do
what we do is based on the fact that we have the right to do
what we do.

This is a very simple way to explain it. We do what we do
because we are the people. We do what we do because we are the
people. And we do what we do because we are the people.
And we do what we do because we are the people.

President Wilson

100-10000
July 10, 1950.