

In a Valley a storm brews

JANE, 80, SAYS WE'LL FIGHT

By Paul Jones

WE will fight—and fight to the end against the tin-hat Ceasars who want to build a reservoir in our valley.

That is the message which will be sent to Swansea Corporation from North Carmarthenshire Farmers.

In the heart of the Towy Valley at Rhandirmwyn, where no clock chimes the hour, no bells ring out, a storm is about to break over plans to build a £10 m. reservoir in the valley to supply Swansea with water.

Swansea Corporation hoped that they would not meet with such strong opposition as they did at Llangendeirne, when it was proposed to drown a major part of the valley—a scheme which they have now abandoned.

But they will be in for another tough fight at Rhandirmwyn. Leading the battle will be quaint, but strong-minded, 80-year-old Miss Jane Jones, who farms 900 acre Troedrhwyruddwen with her 86-year-old bachelor brother,

"I have lived here all my life," said Miss Jones, "and I will not let anyone interfere with the natural, beautiful wilderness of this valley.

FISHING RIGHTS

"Through my land runs about two miles of the River Towy. I have been offered thousands of pounds for the fishing rights, but I prefer to keep it free for all anglers to enjoy when they come to the valley."

From all over the country, letters and telegrams have been flowing through the letter box of the 200 year old farmhouse.

"Fight the invaders"; "good luck in your battle against the monstrous plan"; "don't surrender your valley" . . . These are just some of the feelings expressed in the letters.

Contractors making the survey are expected to arrive in the valley in about a week's time, "but they will not make a pepper hole in our land," said Miss Jones.

NO WELCOME

Plans are already being made for protest meetings and it is certain that the surveyors will not get an old fashioned farmhouse welcome when they tread into the valley.

This week a church minister from Swansea visited Miss Jones in a bid to try and persuade her



Quaint, strong-minded, Miss Jane Jones, who will lead the fight against the "tin-hat Ceasars."