



GOVERNOR GRANT SAWYER

Governor Grant Sawyer's New Year's Message

CARSON CITY, NEVADA

For all of us, 1963 has ended on a note of sadness. But this changing of the year, a reminder of the relentless march of time, calls for us to look ahead to the promise and problems of the future. We cannot afford to dwell on the heartbreaks and disappointments of the past.

The curtain is lifting on what promises to be a magic year in Nevada. As we begin the observance of our 100th birthday, it seems the celebration has taken on a larger purpose than a mere statewide party. From the preparation for this massive undertaking has come, I feel, a new understanding of our state and a great pride in the history which has distinguished it.

Nevada -- in 1964 leading the nation in growth and progress, with nearly every economic index at a record high -- is home to about 450,000 persons who approach the challenges of modern life in the manner of their adventuresome forebears.

Blessed by bountiful natural wonders and favorable climate, Nevada has undergone a dramatic change since it won statehood in 1864 on the strength of its mineral wealth. The exciting Comstock Lode of 100 years ago, which yielded more than \$500 million in gold and silver and dominated the economic and political structure of the fledgling state, is now but a memory. No longer dependent on the ore from its mines, the state is a vacation wonderland for 20 million tourists annually, a new center for light, industry and a vital link in America's space and nuclear research programs.

Nevadans have a great pride in the heritage left by the dauntless pioneers who carved a state out of

the wilderness and in this period of unprecedented expansion they are taking great care that our traditional respect for the right of the individual and for the qualities that distinguished the early-day trailblazers and settlers are not lost. It is with a great sense of humility and appreciation we pay tribute to those fine men and women in this Centennial Year.

The early hours of our Centennial Year find us with much unfinished business in Nevada. The very growth which has brought such prosperity has also caused problems in many areas. Overcrowded schools and threatened natural resources are but two affects of our population surge. But we are moving to meet our problems, and our success will be limited only by the scope of our imagination and our willingness to plan, work and sacrifice.

The state we want for our children is on no certain timetable. The processes of history are fitful and uncertain. But as free men we have the future of this state in our hands. Every person in this state is part of its history and is equally responsible to some degree for its success or failure.

Let this Centennial Year mark the beginning of a new era of cooperation and purpose by the people of Nevada. May we be guided by the spirit in these words of Daniel Webster:

"Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its power, build up its institutions, and see whether we in our day and generation may not perform something to be remembered."

GAMMA PHI DELTA

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