

Gov. Sawyer Describes State's Booming Economy

(How well acquainted are YOU with your home state of Nevada? When visitors from other parts of the country "brag" about their home states, are YOU prepared to fire back with facts and figures about Nevada that provide ample evidence that OUR state is among the most progressive in the nation? Gov. Grant Sawyer presented a dramatic picture of Nevada during a recent address before the Municipal Forum of the New York Lawyers Club. The VOICE feels that Gov. Sawyer's remarks are of great significance so we have decided to publish them in serial form. The first part follows:)

IN WESTERN AMERICA TODAY, we are experiencing the vanguard of a migration of population, industry and political power that will completely change the historic structures of American life. Probably no other state so dramatically represents the change brought about by this "western tilt" as does my own state of Nevada.

Nevada, once considered little more than a desert outpost, was recently cited by a national magazine as a "success saga" of industrial growth, economic expansion and scientific research. It is this new Nevada I want to discuss with you today.

A hundred years ago when Nevada became the 36th state, it was a land with one major economy—mining. Today this industry still plays a vital role in the overall economic picture of the state. The days of the Great Comstock Lode in Nevada are over, yet mining today far exceeds the production of those great bonanza days. Mining was a \$85.4 million dollar business in Nevada last year, an increase of \$2.4 over the previous year and the highest total in several years. By comparison, the Comstock Lode produced \$13.5 million in silver and gold in 1865 and \$46 million during the peak year of 1877.

Today Nevada ranks first in mercury production and first in the production of magnesite, with the world's largest deposit. Nevada ranks second in diatomaceous earth and fourth in copper production, with both Kennecott Copper Corporation and Anaconda Company operating huge open pits in the state. Moreover, current exploration developments indicate that in the not-too-distant future we may be the number two copper state behind our neighbor, Arizona. As the West grows and the need for iron ore increases, Nevada will become the leading iron producer in the West. Two billion tons of this vital mineral have already been blocked out

and are ready for mining. Standard Slag Company is shipping 3,000 tons of iron ore daily from its mine and mill in western Nevada, while firms such as Utah Construction and U.S. Steel Corporation are probing other parts of Nevada for iron deposits.

Nevada has the highest grade of limestone in the West. U.S. Lime Corporation ships Nevada mined limestone from Nevada throughout the nation. Each year about \$250,000 is spent on mining exploration in Nevada. At least one-half of this amount is used in search of new gold and silver deposits, and the search has not been in vain. Newmont Mining Company, one of the largest mining firms in the world with holdings as far away as Africa, has uncovered a gold ore field in Northern Nevada of at least 5.5 million tons. This ore will be mined in a modern open-pit operation and processed in a mill now under construction which will handle 1,800 tons daily.

Nevada's mining industry is active. It is growing. And it has a big future.

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DOOLITTLE DANCERS—These youngsters are part of a dance class being instructed by Mrs. Pat Shook at Doolittle Recreation Center. From left: Melodie Cruish, Ruth Andreen Simmons, Idella Stokes, Cynthia Stokes, Detria Henry, Linda Henry and Darla Campbell. Mrs. Shook, formerly of Denver, Colo., is offering an introduction to ballet and tap, with samples of acrobatic, jazz and baton every Wednesday to fifth grade children from 4 to 5 p.m. and sixth grade children from 5 to 6 p.m. Ten lessons cost \$3.



BETROTHED — Miss Thelma Vineyard (above), daughter of Mrs. Sam McElroy of Pelahatchie, Miss., has pledged her troth to Nathaniel Hughes of Las Vegas.

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the explosive problems we face at home and abroad. We commend the Johnson-Humphrey ticket to all Americans of goodwill. We urge our readers not only to vote for Johnson and Humphrey but also to persuade their friends and associates to register and vote. We are impelled to this view by neither racial nor partisan considerations. The issues in this election transcend races and parties. We are called upon now to decide what kind of world we want and what kind of American we deserve. Negro Americans have a stake in this country and an obligation to work for its survival. The basic issue in this campaign is the survival, at home and abroad, of the American idea of equal rights under law and respect for the life, liberty, and human dignity of all men and women without regard to race, creed, or condition. That idea, to be sure, has not been fully implemented either at home or abroad. But it is crucially important, we think, to preserve a climate of hope.

We believe Lyndon Baines Johnson and Hubert H. Humphrey will preserve a climate of hope.

We believe Lyndon Baines Johnson and Hubert H. Humphrey will preserve and extend the great tradition of Abraham Lincoln the Republican and John Fitzgerald Kennedy the Democrat.

We recommend the election of Lyndon Baines Johnson and Hubert H. Humphrey, not because we are Negroes but because we are Americans, not because we are Democrats or Republicans but because we are human beings.

John H. Johnson, Editor and Publisher
JET, Ebony, Negro Digest

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