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(SAWYER, from page 10)

main offices in a new \$4.5 million, 16-story building in Reno and with 29 branch offices across the state, First National is rated among the hundred largest in the nation. Today the bank's capital is more than \$28 million and total resources are over \$400 million. Since 1959, First National has added 18 new bank offices to service its mounting number of cus-

The utilities are engaged in accelerated construction programs in order to keep ahead of

the needs of Nevadans. Sierra Pacific Power Company has increased its capacities from roughly 120,000 kilowatts in 1960 to nearly 178,000 kilowatts. This was achieved by the installation of three diesel power stations, two gas turbines and northern Nevada's first steam power plant. A new 80,000 kilowatt steam plant is now under construction, and Sierra Pacific has made a proposal to the Atomic Energy Commission for a 150,000 kilowatt nuclear power plant by the end of 1968. From 1959 to 1963 the power firm's plant investment increased by 95 per cent, from \$39 million to \$67 million; and construction expenditures in 1963 were the largest in the company's history at \$14.8

Bell of Nevada expects to increase its plant in service by more than \$11 million during this year bringing the investment of telephone plant in service to \$84 million by the end of the year. At present the firm has 75,000 telephones in use. By 1965 this total is expected to climb to

83,000 telephones.

Southwest Gas Corporation, with headquarters for its three-state operation in Las Vegas, first introduced natural gas to Nevada in 1954 with an initial investment of \$3 million and 3,300 customers. In the course of ten short years the company's investment has grown to \$50 million and 31,000 customers. Now practically every community in the state is either served by natural gas or within a reasonable proximity of a main. The company's Nevada revenues have increased 825 percent in the last ten years, one measure of the state's growth and vitality; and, from 1963 through 1965 the capital expenditures of Southwest Gas will reach \$37 million.

I have only mentioned a few of the programs going on today to meet the rising tide of our growing Nevada. Nevada is expanding its economy on many varied planes; it is rapidly attracting new business, industry and people; and we Nevadans are planning ahead for an even bigger more versatile state through long-range programs of planning. Like all Nevadans, I am proud of my state and its accomplishments, and I relish the opportunity to tell others of its history, its current developments and its future. I thank you all for that chance here today.

(MURDER, from page 1) Lomax predicted. "But the important thing is

to alarm the American conscience."

LOMAX SAID HE FELT many of the racial problems in other parts of the country were directly related to the Mississippi "situation," and that "cities like New York, Chicago and Philadelphia inherit problems bred in Missis-

Following their arrest Dec. 4 by the FBI, the 21 suspects in the Philadelphia murders were freed on a technicality by U.S. Commissioner Esther Carter, who refused to hear an alleged confession by one of the suspects on the ground it was "hearsay" and therefor inadmissable as evidence.

The U.S. Department of Justice immediately announced it would turn over its evidence to a federal grand jury. After some delay, U.S. District Judge Harold Cox ordered a 23-member grand jury to reconvene next Monday (Jan. 11) to hear the government's case.

Gov. Paul Johnson of Mississippi said last week that prosecution of the suspects under state law also was being considered "if the evidence warrants" such action.



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