SAWYER SPEAKS AT POVERTY PROGRAM MEETING TUESDAY

GOV. GRANT SAWYER was the featured speaker at a Poverty Program meeting at Jo Mackey School Tuesday night.

The meeting was keyed to the Youth phase of the Poverty Program. Mr. J. David Hoggard, program coordinator of the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board chaired the meeting. Hoggard asked for cooperation of all the people of the community to make the project a success.

Gov. Sawyer was introduced by Mrs. Lonnie Marshall, a young mother of five who has taken advantage of the adult education phase of both Operation Independence and Economic Opportunities since 1962. Mrs. Marshall gave high tribute to the Child Day Care program of Operation Independence. She said that she had been able to give her undivided attention to her studies because she knew that her five youngsters were in excellent hands at the Center. The Child Day Care Center is only one of the multiple operations headed by Mrs. Lubertha Johnson, executive director of Operation Independence, Nevada's first Poverty Project.

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Gov. Sawyer was "flabbergasted" to see the crowd of several hundred people at the meeting. "I had expected to see only a few interested people from the neighborhood", the Governor said.

Sawyer related his experiences with the Youth Camp located mear Carson City. He said, "I was amazed to know that in this great nation of ours, there could be so many bright, hopeful young adults in the 17 to 18 year bracket who could not read or write." He went on to say that these young Americans never had a chance to go to school.

"I agree with our late President John F. Kennedy, that the only differences that exist among the many ethnic groups of our society, are the differences in opportunities available to them," Sawyer added.

"We want desperately" Sawyer said, "to see this program work. If it is going to be a success, there must be maximum participation of those for whom the project was intended. Who could know more about deprivation than the people who have been deprived?"

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(Editor's comment: There will be a feature account of the plan to divide the target area into six neighborhood councils to work at the grass roots level in the Poverty Program. Watch for this feature.)

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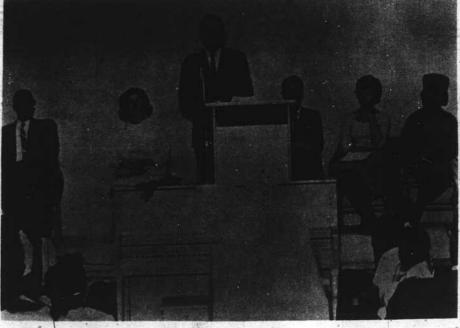


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ON STAGE with Governor Sawyer at Jo Mackey School, Tuesday night were (1-r) Rev. J. L. Simmons, Mrs. Leola Armstrong, Senator Bruce Parks, Mrs. Lonnie Marshall, and Mrs. Lubertha Johnson--'Right Down Front' to see the Governor, in person, were a group of interested younger Citizens.

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