

TELL TALES

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partment files in Washington states that the best information uncovered by investigators is that Hughes not only is alive but in good enough condition -- mentally and physically -- to take an active role in operation of his far-flung financial empire." This story appeared less than a month ago.

As recently as Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, Greenspun wrote: "Now that Mr. Hughes has finally sold a piece of property in our town, two opposing but both valid theories can be advanced for the future of Hughes Nevada operations."

(Note: The piece of property sold, 10 acres, was being leased to Caesars Palace as a parking lot. It could never serve as site for a major hotel, a motel, although possibly for a gas station. Incredibly, this called for an eight-column headline in the Sun, "Hughes Dumping Vegas Land.")

Now to get back to Greenspun's "valid" theories: "The first and most logical is that all his Nevada properties are now on the market, which include all the hotels and casinos.

"The second, and also extremely logical, is that the man is not functioning and has no knowledge of what is presently taking place."

Let us take these "logical" Greenspunisms apart and see if we can find some answers.

At a recent meeting before the Clark County Commission, Attorney Bill Morse, representing the Hughes Tool Company, answered "Absolutely not," when asked if the billionaire was liquidating the Nevada properties.

But this answer did not satisfy the Sun publisher, so Greenspunism comes into full play. Remember, Greenspun started with a theory. Direct evidence disputes that theory. Here's Greenspun's "logic."

"I am willing to make Attorney Bill Morse a sporting wager of \$100 against his dollar that any or all of the Hughes' Hotels and casinos are on the block right now." Then he calls Morse a liar, with: "Bill Morse did not respond truthfully."

Morse a respected attorney, whose reputation for truth and veracity far exceed Greenspun's, is called a bare faced liar, without a single bit of evidence to back up the contention. That's Greenspunism at its height.

Greenspun goes on to couple Morse with District Judge Howard Babcock, who Greenspun has labeled crooked, also without presenting any evidence to support the frivolous contention.

In order to bring the next Greenspunism into proper perspective, we digress to explain the circumstances surrounding the application for gambling licenses by Hughes Tool directors. This, of course, was necessary after the firing of Maheu. Greenspun was vicious and maniacal in having the licenses denied. Every Greenspunism was deployed to the fullest. The most insignificant items were blazened into headlines in the Sun. The public was confused beyond comprehension. It was all to no avail. The directors seeking approval, all competent and reliable persons, overcame all obstacles presented by Greenspun and the road is now paved for the granting of licenses. But Greenspunism does not relent, with:

"He (Morse) might even do a pretty good snow job on the gaming commissioners, but how dare he give a direct negative reply to an inquiry about the sale of the hotels, WHEN THE FACTS ARE DIRECTLY CONTRARY."

So last week we asked a Hughes Co. executive if the hotels were for sale and he answered, "ABSOLUTELY NOT." This is a fact we are reporting, not a Greenspunism "theory."

Then Greenspun goes on to libel Attorney Chester Davis, a Hughes Tool Co. director seeking license. Greenspun states it would be a "totally futile exercise in veracity and credibility," to question Davis. And here is the evidence Greenspun presents, craftily worded, to prove Davis is a liar:

"There is no more convincing record than a man's conduct during a trial with all the supporting evidence of a court transcript. --- received evidence that a document allegedly bearing the signature of Howard Hughes was indeed a forgery."

This is the height of insulting the intelligence of a reader. A lawyer presents evidence in a trial, a hostile witness offers a contrary contention, just as happens in every legal action. It is for the court to determine who is right. It certainly does not make the



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lawyer a liar as Greenspun would have you believe. This attempt at spurious deception by a publisher, who happens to be a lawyer, is monstrous.

Do you understand what Greenspun is doing here? He is presenting an opinion of a witness in a court suit, as a positive fact. The very same point was raised in the Maheu suit before Judge Babcock. One witness testified, in his opinion, the signature was a forgery. Another witness stated he was there and notarized the signing by Hughes. Who are we to believe? The court determined the Hughes' signature was genuine. This is the official record that stands to date. But every story in Greenspun's Sun, relating to the document, continues to call the signature, "disputed." That's Greenspunism in high gear.

Greenspun, who does not give up easily, continues in every direction to spread fear and hate and distrust for the Hughes operation. The Greenspunisms fly thick and fast and continuously. Here's what he says:

"So many strange happenings have occurred since Thanksgiving Day 1970 when Hughes disappeared, supposedly under his own physical and mental powers, that strong doubts have arisen to the functioning of either of these two necessary qualities for a continuing and fruitful life."

He goes on: "Up to this point Mr. Hughes has received far more than a fair respect for his privacy." (We interject, by every honest, decent person in Nevada, not Greenspun.) Greenspun continues: "Despite the normal expectancy that proposed gaming licensees appear before Nevada gaming authorities, this was waived along with a great many other requirements by the prior administration on seven separate occasions wherein Hughes secured licenses."

Again we repeat, this unorthodox procedure took place during the first three years of the prior administration, when Greenspun controlled the governor, and because Greenspun, himself, appeared personally before the gaming commission, to demand the licenses be granted. At that time Greenspun knew there was more than \$10,000,000 of Hughes money, via Maheu, in the bag for him to pocket.

Greenspun has the effrontery to blast the prior administration for waiving requirements that he, Greenspun, brought about with pressure, and power and force.

Greenspun continues: "So if he (Hughes) is functioning as some of his underlings would have us believe, he most certainly would be curious why so much of his past influence and authority has suddenly changed."

We believe we can answer that one. Unfortunately, the only influence Hughes had in Nevada, was what he paid for to Greenspun to the tune of more than \$10,000,000, a high price for a press agent. When Hughes left, and Maheu was dumped, the golden goose was over for

Greenspun. That's when the Sun publisher started knocking instead of boosting.

Greenspun: "A good reason for the dissolution of his vast power in Nevada must be charged to his changed status. Certainly a resident of the state has priority over non-residents so where gaming and administration officials were willing to waive practically every rule in the book for resident Hughes, there might be some reluctance to grant similar consideration to the non-resident billionaire.

"And where heretofore no doubts were expressed about his financial competency and security, grave doubts now exist."

Do you see the Greenspunisms at work?

Apart from a few personal secretaries and some doctors, not a single person has even seen Howard Hughes in approximately fifteen years. Certainly not Greenspun. But Greenspun says he knew Hughes was alive, functioning and in control of his faculties during the Maheu years when the Sun publisher glommed more than \$10,000,000. Hughes knew what he was doing every minute of that time, says Greenspun, but when the flow of money stopped, along with the firing of Maheu, suddenly Hughes became incapacitated, says Greenspun.

Greenspun continues: "Before his departure from Nevada when state or county officials were anxious to learn of Hughes plans, there was a man in authority who could supply answers with some reasonable belief that an attempt would be made to live up to such assurances. --- who in the Hughes hierarchy can discuss anything with any degree of credibility?"

"No one in the present Hughes organization can give such an order (to clean up the El Rancho acreage). All the old Tool Company board of directors are just as much in the dark about Mr. Hughes as is the public."

If this assumption of Greenspun has any authenticity, we ask Mr. Greenspun who it was who authorized \$300,000 donation to the University of Nevada Medical School? Who sanctioned the \$10,000 donation to the Muscular Dystrophy fund as proclaimed by Sammy Davis on the Jerry Lewis telethon? Who determined the bonuses that will appear in every Hughes Nevada employee pay envelope on Christmas? Who, who, who, Mr. Greenspun? For years the El Rancho property was right where it is with no comment. Now that Hughes owns it, it's an eyesore. That's Greenspunism at work, badgering, harrying, baiting, annoying, plaguing.

We can conclude only, that the incessant tormenting by Greenspun is contrived to confuse and discourage Hughes employees. The purpose is to create insecurity, which could lead to chaos. Is that what Greenspun desires? Is he looking to close up shop for 8,000 wage earners?

When Greenspun states, "the two men who are pulling the strings (Davis and Gay) are operating under disputed and possibly spurious authority," he, Greenspun is an out-and-out liar.

Greenspun goes on: "The two men--- are under a vast cloud which is presently before the Supreme Court of the State, so any actions of theirs' must be questioned until the court rules." Does this mean, Mr. Greenspun, that the state must return the more than \$800,000 in charitable contributions, and each employee cannot accept the bonus he will receive?

Here is Greenspunism stimulating doubt in the vaguest generalities:

"When the circumstances surrounding any transaction are suspicious, all participating in the 'deal' must be above suspicion."

We know of no transaction in which Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co. are suspicious. But we are very suspicious and extremely dubious about several transactions that came to light involving Greenspun and Hughes, via Maheu, in which all the profits and advantages accrued to Greenspun. We're talking about a \$4,000,000 loan, with ridiculous collateral and terms, payable in eight years. There are other "transactions" with Greenspun that are even more incredible.

As we conclude this segment, we ask this question: Who has profited most by Hughes coming to Nevada? And who appreciates it the least?

We will continue to expose Greenspunism with all the vigor and intensity that a younger, and fairer Greenspun exposed McCarthyism. --- But that was almost 20 years and \$10,000,000 ago.