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action to protect Hughes?

Once it was recorded, isn't it logical that Greenspun, himself would record the second agreement, if the Hughes Company failed to do so. The Hughes people, if they knew of the second agreement, probably do not accept its legal validity. Hence, its request for payment due under the terms of the first agreement.

Now we get back to Greenspun's subtle but nefarious attack on Hughes to bolster his legal action. Here the Sun publisher says:

"However, when the cloak of privacy intentional or no becomes a shield to disavow responsibility for actions taken it assumes an almost sinister quality.

"Since Mr. Hughes removal or voluntary quitting of Nevada, it is becoming increasingly apparent that his reclusivity is being employed as a convenient vehicle to walk away from solemn obligations incurred on his behalf by agents and supposedly trusted lieutenants with his knowledge and upon his instructions."

Here we have a cute, abstract reference of the billionaire having knowledge and giving instructions to agents and "supposedly trusted" lieutenants to incur "solemn obligations."

Just what was the "solemn obligation" incurred by Hughes? A loan of \$4,000,000 cash, at ridiculous interest, payable commencing four years later, and secured by debt-laden properties.

What "solemn obligation" did Hughes have? Perhaps a promise not to ever ask for the return of his money. Perhaps call it a gift? It doesn't make sense.

But there is another aspect.

Could there have been an understanding at that time (during Maheu's tenure) of a favorable press in the Sun in return for money, which would never be returned? That would have been some hell of a way to run a newspaper protecting the interests of the state and the public.

How else could Greenspun explain the \$500,000 advance he received for ads in the Sun, which was never mentioned all during Maheu's term. How come not one cent of the

advance was applied to all the space taken by Hughes properties in the four years of Maheu? Something smells rotten here.

Greenspun goes on explaining he was enamored and victimized, and continues with: "As the old saying goes, "Once deceived, shame on you; twice deceived, shame on me." Having been led down one blind alley, should we permit ourselves to be duped over and over again?"

The Sun publisher was deceived, was he? He was deceived enough to make a secret appearance before the State Gambling Commission. He used his power and prestige at the time to pressure unprecedented granting of gambling licenses without the personal appearance of Hughes. Hank did that, he would have us believe, because it would benefit the public and state. Four years later we are informed of millions going from Hughes to Greenspun. A conservative estimate puts the total of cash in excess of ten million.

Now he says he was duped, over and over again. Notice he says "WE" were duped. He should have said "YOU" were duped, meaning all the rest of us. Certainly, not Greenspun, unless he felt he should have gotten double the amount for all the services he rendered.

After Greenspun has taken Hughes for all that money, Hank goes on to complain about Hughes refusing to appear in public, especially to testify in court. "It is the honorable and manly thing to do," says Greenspun, "in order that grievances may be redressed and justice done in our courts."

It's like Dillinger screaming for law and order. Greenspun's next observation is a corker:

"In the name of privacy, he (Hughes) works through others. When matters become a bit sticky he simply fires a subordinate or two, moves on to other inaccessible quarters and leaves the obligations incurred by him and on his behalf in a shambles to be resolved by others."

How can you be less than indignant when answering this insult to the Sun's readers? Here we have Greenspun accusing Hughes of taking advantage of employees. To our knowledge Hughes pays top wages, as high as \$10,000 per week. He pays top prices for properties,

all in cash, over \$300,000,000 in Nevada. Like \$100,000,000 for mining property, worth about \$100,000. The only thing that became sticky, as Greenspun says, were the vast sums that Hughes found out about, that stuck to people who had no right to the money. It had to be conspiratory thievery. What else?

Here's the biggest distortion of all, which would be funny, except it may wind up seriously for those involved. Greenspun says Hughes leaves obligations in a shambles.

So far as we have been able to observe, any shambles in the Hughes properties were created by those who claim Hughes is obligated.

Then comes the shocker. Greenspun laments that the shambles (on behalf of Hughes) has to be resolved by others. Are we to believe that Greenspun is taking up the cudgel for the Hughes directors and attorneys, who are forced "against their will" to iron out the problems. If Greenspun don't mean that, what does he mean?

And finally Greenspun winds up with the philosophical thought:

"Life cannot be all to one's choosing. The poorest way to face it is to run and hide."

As we ponder Greenspun's parting paragraph, it is with heavy hand and sad heart we contemplate the ultimate in this new, bizarre circumstance of the Hughes involvement. Deep in our mind lies the shuddering thought (and we mean this in all seriousness) that Greenspun's lawsuit is a last, desperate effort by a man who does not know which way to turn to get out of a predicament. It is the theory, the best defense when all is lost is a strong offense. It only gets you in deeper. Hitler tried it with the Battle of the Bulge at the close of WW 2, needlessly sacrificing the innocent in a lost cause.

We do not think it is Hughes who ran and hid, as written by the Sun publisher. He's been hiding of his own volition for more than 15 years.

But someone else may be running and hiding, probably in Israel, when and if the true story is told.

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