

TELL TALES

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persons representing Hughes, claiming the billionaire was being coerced, was incapacitated or even dead. It was "Mr. Hughes" being taken advantage of by power-seeking underlings, "Mr. Hughes" who's interest was the prime concern of the corrupt publisher.

Greenspun blew up every rumor and insignificant item into a glaring headline. He resorted to distortions, perversions and outright lies to discredit the men designated to run Hughes Nevada Operations. The Sun publisher played every trick in the book. He planted false stories in nationally syndicated columns, in magazines and on TV, and then blew up the lies as coming from another source.

All this has been documented and proven in Tell Tales columns. It will be incorporated into a book when the final chapter evolves with criminal charges being brought, his newspaper lost or, at the very least, disgrace and dishonor as a journalist.

Maheu and Greenspun relied on the refusal of Hughes to appear personally for their collusive abominations to be protected from disclosure, but their nefarious calculations back fired.

A fraud called Clifford Irving wanted to cash in on the easy pickings attached to the Hughes name. With the knowledge and assistance of Greenspun, Irving spent four days in the Sun publisher's offices in Las Vegas getting background material for the bogus "autobiography." At the time he was telling the world he was having personal interviews with Hughes, Greenspun knew it, but remained mum on the subject, fully aware he was aiding in perpetrating a fraud.

When McGraw - Hill publishers and Life magazine announced the forthcoming 'autobiography,' Greenspun never divulged the part he played in the fraud. He weaseled his way out when he was subpoenaed to testify in the bogus embezzlement, but he had a ticket to Israel in his pocket, for a quick getaway, just in case.

When Hughes emerged from seclusion for the now famous phone call to seven respected newspapermen, the Irving myth was exploded. The Sun's first reaction, breaking the release date for the story, was that the phone call was full of flaws and doubted the authenticity of Hughes' voice. "I wouldn't trust four of the newspapermen on the phone," said Greenspun in a television interview. But all seven honest newspapermen certified they were speaking to the real Howard Hughes, so Greenspun batted out again.

By this time Greenspun started to divert his nefarious attacks away from those associated with Hughes and commenced to discredit the billionaire himself. It was no longer Mr. Hughes this and Mr. Hughes that. It was that crafty billionaire scheming to take advantage of others. "Investigate Hughes Tool Co. contracts with the government," screamed Hank. "The Tool Company is on the verge of collapse," Greenspun lied. "Hughes issued false reports to stop others from investing in Nevada," was among the false statements in his contaminated newspaper.

We would be remiss if we did not include the detestable role played in this fraud by Paul Price, Greenspun's stooge.

Price said that Carl Cohen, who was on a leave of absence, was not coming back to the Sands. Carl, probably the most respected man in gambling, denied the report through Perry Lieber, Hughes vice president in charge of public relations. Price called Lieber a liar. There is no question the dealers fraternity was shook up considerably by the insistence of Price, who we have proven to be a notorious liar on many occasions. The Price reputation held up, as we knew it would, especially against a man like Lieber, who is known for honesty and credibility. Cohen is back working in charge of gambling at all Hughes casinos, and all Hughes employees are breathing easier.

So Price has been proven dead wrong again. Did he apologize or make any attempt to correct the misinformation he had fed to his readers? He never did, and probably never will because the TRUTH is foreign in the Sun.

All this while the Hughes Nevada Operations went about its business, carefully overcoming each false accusation with performance of integrity and respectability. Decent men, with honorable backgrounds, were brought in to supervise the vast operation. Those with proven

Real Jewish History

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The following is a condensation of a lecture that is creating much comment and requests for copies. It will be published in the Israelite, exclusively, as a series, as space permits.

For all too long Jewish history has been buried under an accumulation of schmaltz and oi-oi-oi -- that is, platitudes and lamentations. Christians have distorted the Jewish past with so many pious frauds, and Jews have smothered it with so much pious mythology, that it has become difficult today for laymen as well as scholars to perceive its real grandeur.

During the Middle Ages, it became fashionable in Church circles to downgrade Jewish history in order to ennoble the Christian view of things. Thus Jewish history was reduced by the Christians to a minor, meaningless footnote. In ghetto circles it became fashionable to count dead Jews, in order to enhance Jewish suffering. Thus Jewish history was reduced by the Jews to a meaningless, boring dirge.

With the period of the German enlightenment in the nineteenth century, so-called scientific Judaism was born. A more apt phrase would be "public relations" Judaism. In their eagerness to portray the Jews to Christians as nice, tolerant, taxpaying citizens, most of these reform Jewish scholars began to suppress anything they thought was unfavorable to the Jews. In their hands, the Jew emerged as a nice shnook, pushed by naughty Christians to the slaughterbench of history. Some Jewish historians went even further. Retroactively they conferred the crown of martyrdom on Jewish history all the way back to Abraham.

It is only in the twentieth century that Jewish scholars have begun to discard the stereotypes of Church fathers, ghetto scholars, and German-Jewish historians. Modern scholars -- both Jews and Christians -- are re-examining Jewish history with new, objective, critical eyes. Jewish Scholars especially are arming themselves with general world history, religious and secular. Today these Jewish scholars are shedding apologetics, letting facts fall where they may. As the myths of Jewish history are cleared away, the real Jewish history is revealed in a new light.

Our first myth concerns the fall of Jerusalem in the war with Rome in 70 A.D. Here is a battle that cries out for a Jewish Herodotus or

ability, were retained on the job and in many cases promoted to higher positions.

It was a long, slow process, but dedicated men, working sincerely and honestly went about the business of building a solid, working relationship. The first order of the day was to gain the confidence of the 8,000 employees who were confused by the doubts cast by Greenspun. Profits were secondary. One by one the extravagant falsehoods of Greenspun were discounted with the truth. The rank and file workers became assured their jobs were secure. They realized they were working for a man who had their interest at heart, in addition to sound business principles. It has been proven, right now, that both are paying off.

Now that the Hughes casinos and hotels are operating smoothly and at a profit, we wonder when the governor and the State Gambling Commission will come to their senses and do what is best for the people and the state.

Isn't it about time they threw off the yoke of fear and intimidation by Greenspun? Shouldn't the licenses and corporate changes asked by Hughes Nevada Operations be granted? How long will it take? Do we have to wait until the next governor's election in 1974? Is it fair that the largest employer in the state cannot have stationery printed to serve its proper operation and the 20,000 mouths it is feeding? We ask you?



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a Jewish Churchill. Compared to this Jerusalem Rome War, the much heralded battle of Marathon was a puny affair -- 11,000 Greeks against 22,000 Persians. Alexander the Great needed only 32,000 men to carve out his vast empire. Caesar had fewer than 25,000 legionnaires with which to conquer all of Gaul and Britain. But Titus had to use 80,000 legionnaires and 10,000 cavalry to vanquish besieged Jerusalem, which was defended by no more than 23,000 Jewish soldiers -- a four to one handicap. It took the Romans four years to defeat the Jews.

Churchill's ringing rhetoric has immortalized the stand of England against Germany. Yet when we peek under his Victorian prose curtain, we find that after six years of war there were no more than 50,000 deaths in all of England from all enemy aircraft, incendiary bombs, explosive bombs, buzzbombs, V-1 and V-2 rockets. Jewish casualties in its four year war with Rome, according to Tacitus, exceeded 600,000. Yet, in spite of these losses, to the amazement of the other nations and the great discomfiture of the Romans, the Jews dared challenge Rome twice more -- almost winning, too.

The Pagans in the Roman Empire watched with incredulity as the Jews singlehandedly fought the Roman Goliath. The Jews came so close to winning this -- and the two subsequent -- wars, that the Romans were forced to use their full military weight to insure final victory. The Romans knew that if they were to falter, if the Jews were to win, the entire Roman world would be aflame with the spirit of revolt.

The Romans were quite right in this estimate of the situation. The frontiers of Rome, which had been continually expanding until their war with the Jews, began contracting after the fall of Jerusalem.

What have we Jews done with this most heroic episode in our history? We have buried it in a meaningless footnote. The Jews blandly slough off the fall of Jerusalem as a punishment for imagined sins. The Christians portray the fall of Jerusalem as an event come true according to Gospel prophecy, as a punishment for not recognizing Jesus.

Instead of indulging in Jewish lamentations or perpetuating Christian post-mortem prophecies, why not assess what happened in history with the aid of modern historical insights. Jewish nationalism challenged Rome's totalitarianism. A new Jewish creed -- Christianity -- assaulted Rome's pagan mind. As Rome petered out, Jewish inspired ideologies took root. This is the impact of Jerusalem's war with Rome which, I think, historians should assess, not with pious hindsight of cassoed monks or with the pious "oi-oi-oi" of earlocked rabbis.

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