

TELL TALES

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THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ALL THE HELP IT CAN GET, AND NOW THAT HE HAS "FOUND OUT ABOUT IT," AND IF HIS (BABCOCK) COURTROOM ATTACK ON THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS IS A SINCERE DESIRE TO CORRECT AN ABUSE, WE MIGHT BE INCLINED TO FORGIVE HIS LACK OF INFORMATION.

Greenspun claims the community needs all the help it can get provided, of course, the one suggesting the needed help, is not pointing a finger at O'Callaghan. The publisher "might be inclined to forgive Babcock's lack of information," certainly had not, to this point, nor anywhere else in his column show any degree of knowledge on drug abuse, himself. But this Hanky panky is merely an introduction to his next paragraph:

HOWEVER IF IT IS PURELY A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED BLAST TO GAIN HEADLINES, THEN WE JOIN WITH LEGISLATORS AND STATE OFFICIALS WHO ARE SOMEWHAT "MIFFED" OVER HIS UNWARRANTED CRITICISM.

We hope the public is aware of this sneaky way utilized by Greenspun to discredit an honest public servant. Judge Babcock has made this same criticism on many occasions, whenever the circumstances warranted it. This time the reporters picked it up. If the legislators and state officials are "miffed," they should be downright ashamed, especially the governor. The fact is, there is no minimum security facility in Clark County. Is Greenspun trying to put us off with the fact that a minimum security facility is not necessary? Who is Hank trying to kid with this double talk? The column goes on:

BABCOCK ACCUSED STATE LEGISLATORS OF A "LACK OF INTEREST" AND URGED VOTERS TO START LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY.

Judge Babcock's accusation was justified. If the governor and state legislators had any interest in a minimum security facility, something would have been done, or at least be in the planning stage. They have completely bypassed this phase of the narcotics problem. Now hear Greenspun:

LET US SAY HE MEANT WELL AND WE HAVE NO PRESENT REASON TO DOUBT HIS SINCERITY, BUT WITH THIS NEW AWARENESS, PERHAPS HE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HIS SERVICES TO ONE OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS NOW OPERATING AND DEALING WITH BOTH DRUG EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION!

What new awareness is Greenspun alluding to? Certainly nothing that Greenspun has disclosed so far. The slur about offering his services, shows how uninformed Greenspun is. It just happens that Judge Babcock is a director of "Operation Bridge" and on the advisory board of "Southern Nevada Comprehensive Mental Health Center." Judge Babcock attends meetings regularly. He is very much aware of what is necessary and how to combat drug abuses. But he also is very aware and disturbed that there is no minimum security facility in Clark County. Can you fault him for this? Greenspun distorts, most viciously. Now look how Greenspun distorts the truth:

IN ONE AREA OF DISCUSSION, JUDGE BABCOCK IS CORRECT. THERE IS NO COUNTY OPERATED FACILITY FOR REHABILITATION. BUT THERE ARE OTHERS AND PROBABLY THEY SERVE A MORE USEFUL PURPOSE THAN LOCKING UP DRUG OFFENDERS BECAUSE THEY DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM ON A MORE HUMAN LEVEL.

So Greenspun admits there is no county operated facility, nor is there a state operated one, and we want to know, with Judge Babcock, WHY NOT? There are others, says Greenspun, more useful than locking up drug offenders. Here is Greenspun at his lowest. The whole reason for Babcock's stand is to find an alternative to sending offenders to prison. A minimum security facility is an absolute necessity. When an offender "graduates" from the minimum security facility he can go on to anyone of the many fine rehabilitation services offered by meaningful organizations and supported by donations from the public. The way it stands now a judge has either to sentence a guilty party to prison or allow him to go free on probation. Then the drug addict determines for himself

whether he chooses to enter anyone of the rehabilitation centers available.

Mrs. Mary Jane Loper, executive director of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, is also authority for Judge Babcock's claim that: "The state does not have any facility for residential treatment of drug addicts." Mrs. Loper said there was a law on the books in New York that allows a judge to sentence an offender to one of the rehabilitation centers. But there is no such law in Nevada.

Now Greenspun goes after Judge Babcock, personally, which everyone knew he would, because such are the Sun publisher's tactics.

I CAN'T REMEMBER SEEING JUDGE BABCOCK AT ANY OF THESE SESSIONS, NOR DO I RECALL HIS NAME AS A MEMBER OF ANY FACT FINDING GROUP ON DRUGS.

But we have already stated Judge Babcock's active participation in drug combatting organizations, so Greenspun's "recollection" is somewhat faulty. Here are Greenspun's suggestions. Get this:

IF HIS CONCERN IS SINCERE WE URGE JUDGE BABCOCK TO BECOME INVOLVED. AND WE CAN SHOW HIM A MOST CONSTRUCTIVE WAY HOW TO DO IT.

FIRST, HE CAN MAKE A SIZEABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL, WHICH IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN A FUND DRIVE.

The magnanimous Greenspun is advising someone else to make a sizeable contribution. We do not know whether Judge Babcock has made contribution or not to any charitable organization, but we do know of countless pledges made by Greenspun, many of which were NOT MADE GOOD before months and even years of badgering and pleading by those he made the pledges to. Greenspun tells of what his Sun did "some years back." Then he destroys any good he may have performed, by bleating of his own contribution.

Let's look at one Greenspun story about contributions. He was in the midst of pocketing some \$10,000,000 in cold cash from Howard Hughes. The transactions for the money were highly suspicious, unusual and very strange. The deals were made with Bob Maheu, when he was chief of Hughes Nevada Operations. Greenspun and his wife made a bid of \$25,000 for the first moon flag, which was being auctioned off for the Cancer Foundation. Months later the pledge was not kept. The Review-Journal exposed the story. Greenspun's answer was that he had suffered reversals in the stock market and that Maheu, who was chairman of the drive, had ALLOWED the Sun publisher to defer the payment. How do you like that?

I AM PARTICULARLY AWARE OF ONE, THE US, INC. PROJECT, BECAUSE I HAVE DONATED A BUILDING FOR THEIR USE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND HAVE SUPPLIED SOME FUNDS. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN OPERATED BY YOUTH, MANY WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE ROUTE AND OFFERS A DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM BY SUBSTITUTING MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRUG USE.

The building Greenspun donated was the old Sun plant gutted by flames. It was an eyesore for years, a source of embarrassment to visitors and neighboring businessmen on Main Street. The donation to a good cause, if not exploited might have been commendable, even if it meant a savings in taxes to Hank. But like the cow that kicked over the bucket, it is just spilled milk. Meanwhile, what has all this to do with a minimum security facility that has not been provided by the governor?

Greenspun describes all the various facilities supported by contributions, which no doubt, are doing the best they can. They are all contributing something to alleviate the situation, unquestionably. But, unfortunately the drug problem appears to be mounting. Greenspun further confuses the reader with:

JUDGE BABCOCK'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEM MOST LIKELY STEMS FROM THE LIPS OF THOSE WHO ARE IN HIS COURT FOR VIOLATION OF THE NARCOTICS LAWS. TO SUGGEST THAT A MINIMUM SECURITY FACILITY FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION IS THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM IS SIMPLIFYING A SITUATION THAT HAS NO SIMPLE SOLUTION.

Judge Babcock is very well aware of the problem he is concerned with. He never once claimed what he is asking for is the answer to the whole drug situation. It is just one, sorely needed and necessary facility. Does Greenspun

or anyone dispute that? Here goes Hank, off again on his favorite pet:

AND NO ONE HAS SPENT MORE TIME, EFFORT AND ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO COPE WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM THAN THE PRESENT GOVERNOR.

What Judge Babcock is maintaining, and we concur, is that the governor has not made any effort towards a minimum security facility. As for the contributions of the present governor, just what are they? Certainly, if O'Callaghan had achieved one, just one, specific accomplishment, Greenspun would have listed it. What time, what effort, and what resources came from our present chief executive? If there were any which we may not be aware of, we would be happy and proud to give proper publication in our Tell Tales. The illusion Greenspun is attempting to create is just that, an illusion. It is another attempt to mislead and give false information to an unsuspecting public. Hanky Panky all over.

As an aftermath, we report that Greenspun's Sun ran two stories with headlines in 48 point type, "Nevada Officials Reject Babcock's Charges," and "O'Callaghan Pledges New Fight Against Dope."

Sure, state officials will look to protect themselves and their boss. Why not, it means their jobs. Carroll Nevin, director of Nevada Crime Commission, the law enforcement agency, and Roger Trounday, director of Dept. of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, which administers rehabilitation, rose to the defense of the governor just like Greenspun. They stated Judge Babcock "implied" the state not moving in the all-important area of narcotics and drug control."

Judge Babcock made no such implication. He flatly declared the governor and state officials did nothing to provide a minimum security facility.

The O'Callaghan story dealt with acquiring federal funds, mainly concerned with elementary school prevention program. We do not question the importance of the governor's proposal. What we do question is the lengths and measures taken by persons, like Greenspun, to discredit an honest public servant whose only desire is to provide our community with a minimum security facility.

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repeated for another \$200.

STATUS SYMBOL: At Caesars Palace there's a slot machine for \$5.00 bills or chips. At a hot dog stand on Fremont St. there are penny slots.

BIG BENNY: At Benny Binion's Horseshoe there is \$1,000,000 on display, one hundred \$10,000 bills. Also at the Horseshoe the limit for wagering at dice is \$2,000, the highest in the world. Benny will let you set your own limit, the amount of your first wager.

LEGAL AID: A district judge's secretary, set to go into the hospital for an operation the next day, had lunch at the Golden Nugget. On the way out she paused at a craps table. Fifteen minutes later she had \$950 safely tucked away in her purse, the exact amount of the surgeon's bill. It could happen only in Nevada.

POOR WINNER: A poker dealer at the Stardust has been playing the same 8-spot, \$1.20 Keno ticket for more than five years. Recently, a young woman poker player asked how the game was played. He showed her his ticket. She marked off the same eight numbers for 60 cents. You guessed it, the eight numbers came up. Since the cumulative payoff on any game is \$25,000, the dealer had to settle for \$17,500 while the amazed young lady received about \$7,500. The dealer lamented: "All these years and I have to split the payoff." He was consoled with an observation that it was not his luck that turned up the winning combination, it was her's.

THE LAST STRAW: Over the past weekend a couple of gentlemen from Mississippi were stuck \$3,000 at the International. During a coffee pause they assured each other they were going to win back their losses. Their determination paid off. They started to win and win and win. When they took inventory they found they were just \$25 short of even. One more bet, they told each other, and we're home free. You guessed it. Before they were through, chasing that last \$25 cost them \$10,000.

What's your story on gambling to fascinate the world? Jot it down and drop it in the mail to P.O. Box 14096, Las Vegas, Nev. 89114. For your trouble we'll send you a free subscription.