

TELL TALES

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Sawyer insisted Nevada would handle its own violators and wanted the federal government to keep its nose out of state business. Where was Greenspun?

We do not recall Hank's exact words, but this "great defender" of the rights of individuals, played a different tune when it served his own purpose. He was all for law and order and screamed how the rights of citizens must be sacrificed for the general welfare. Ask Sawyer about that one. He'll fill in the details.

Of course, Sawyer went down to defeat and Greenspun had Laxalt in his pocket until the falling out during the last year in office. That's when Greenspun decided to break the "River" scandal, which led to the television debate between columnist Anderson and Laxalt. It resulted in Ed Fike's defeat to Greenspun's new found chum, our present governor, Mike O'Callaghan.

In last Sunday's column, Greenspun, who had blasted Sawyer for criticizing the F.B.I., came up with this stunning reversal of opinion:

"From the bedroom to the funeral parlor, agents are recording information on private citizens that not only violates all their constitutional rights and guarantees, but actually assaults their person and their minds."

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT FOR BEING TWO-FACED, BUT READ MORE OF GREENSPUN:

"We are allowing federal agencies to violate the Constitution and sow the seeds of a police state more complete and more entrenched than in any other period of history."

HEAR, HEAR, BUT HE CARRIES ON:

"And there's no call to blame the fellow who is merely carrying out orders -- the agent of the FBI or Internal Revenue Service who is in the field and is working for a living. It is the fellow on top, from the President down, who must shoulder the responsibility."

NOTICE IT IS NO LONGER JUST THE F.B.I. HE ALSO INCLUDES THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. IS IT BECAUSE HE, HIMSELF, IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY I.R.S. FOR THE HUGHES' INVOLVEMENTS? IN ANY CASE, HERE WE HAVE HANK PROTECTING THE LITTLE GUY. BUT READ ON:

"The most underpaid, insignificant government employee can wield a big stick over the most successful, affluent private employer with the intimate contents of the buggings he acquired through his official practices."

HERE HANK RIPS INTO THE LITTLE GUY. WHAT A REVERSAL OF FORM? NOW FOR THE CLINCHER!

"Every newspaper of any responsibility must continue to point out the danger is not so much in detecting the criminal, but in making criminals out of law enforcement agencies."

HERE WE HAVE GREENSPUN, WHO, IN OUR OPINION, IS THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER IN AMERICA, CALLING ON FELLOW NEWSPAPERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE. WHAT A LAUGH.

Let's set the record straight here and now, gating unsavory recipients of Hughes' Nevada investments. Hank knew he was, and probably still is, a prime target, and we can presume only that his interest in honest journalism was confined to a dishonest interest in his own involvement.

And, now, are you reading his lame excuses to squirm out of his backing of Nixon for the



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presidency? Do you remember the letter of gratitude maneuvered out of the White House, which Greenspun ran on Page 1? Now, with Watergate and the Nixon administration under fire, here's Hank's sickening trend of thought:

"Listening to the Senate hearings on Watergate confirms how formerly good, patriotic men can get caught up in a web from which there is no release with the ultimate penalty shame and disgrace."

THESE MEN WERE CROOKS TO BEGIN WITH AND ALL THEY NEEDED WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLY THEIR NEPHARIOUS TRADE. THEY NEEDED WATERGATE LIKE A HOLE IN THE HEAD, BUT IT PROVIDED THE MEANS TO LATCH ON TO LARGE SUMS OF UNRECORDED CASH DONATED FOR NIXON'S ELECTION. WAIT UNTIL THIS PORTION OF THE SCANDAL BECOMES UNVEILED IN THE HEARINGS AND TRIALS. BUT LISTEN TO GREENSPUN RAVE ON:

"At least half the nation is hoping that the presidency can be kept out of the monstrous evil that is presently unfolding on the TV screens and in the nation's press."

The other half will shrug off the whole thing with the amoral belief that the greatest sin of all is getting caught."

HERE IS HANK PROPHEZIZING ON WHAT THE NATION IS HOPING, BUT REALLY AT-

TEMPTING TO PUT THOUGHTS INTO PEOPLE'S MINDS TO MINIMIZE THE TRAGEDY. AND THEN HE SAYS:

"It's the Republicans who have been caught this time but that does't preclude equal bugging activities on the part of the Democrats when they held the highest office in the land."

NOW ISN'T THIS A TRUE GREENSPUNISM? DOESN'T IT SMACK OF THE TRAFFIC VIOLATOR TELLING A COP TO CATCH MURDERERS?

Sure the Democrats pulled some cuties when they ran the country. Didn't they grant a pardon to Greenspun, restoring his citizenship, so he could run for the nomination for Governor? Hank Didn't Even Win His Own District In That Primary. BUT LISTEN TO THE CLINCHER OF GREENSPUN'S MENTALITY:

"Our only regret is that the hirers of James W. McCord and his cohorts in the Watergate affair did not follow the rules of the super-secret organizations of which they have been a part in the past and which calls for a little vial or pill of cyanide which they must swallow in the event of capture."

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? COMING FROM A PUBLISHER WHOSE INTEREST SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE TRUTH BEING BROUGHT TO THE PUBLIC. HE DOESN'T WANT THE TRUTH. "COMMIT SUICIDE," SAYS HANK, "BEFORE YOU GET OTHERS INVOLVED."

While we're cringing at being in the same profession, we begin to wonder whether, somehow, somewhere, Greenspun is tied into the Watergate mess. He seems to be going a bit overboard to hush up the gory business. We shall see.

But here we have outlined some of the incidents in Greenspun's background to show you the type of man he really is. It is easy to see. He conquers through threats and controls through fear. Like all scoundrels, somewhere, somehow, someone will break the chain. Then the ax will fall, just like Watergate.

This is the man who is backing Christensen.

We urge you to weigh the circumstances. Hank Thornley deserves every consideration on June 5.

VOTE JUNE 5

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Greenspun's opinion on trust funds shifts

Las Vegas Sun publisher Herman Greenspun wrote lengthy editorials last month opposing the public trust fund plan by those attempting to build a monorail here.

This week in Henderson he pleaded with the Henderson City Council to finance 8,000 acres of his land exactly in the manner he was so critical of in regard to the monorail.

Off site improvements of the land owned by Greenspun will be financed under the Nevada Public Trust Law as a result of a "do pass" vote by a committee of Henderson City Council members. The official council meeting to vote on this matter will take place Monday.

Greenspun said in his April 20, 1973 front page editorial: "When the bonding capacity of the community is involved for private gain we have a horse of a different color." The land Greenspun owns, and hopes to finance by public bonds, is a proposed housing development.

Greenspun's editorial also said, "The Sun—and many other businesses here — kept going through adversity and prosperity not with the backing of the public's tax dollars but from the keen spirit of private and competitive enterprise."

However, Greenspun apparently does not have this same feeling for the public's tax

dollar where his own 8,000 acres are concerned.

Greenspun's same editorial wisely pointed out, "One tends to be more cautious and prudent when using one's own money." Greenspun won't have to worry about using his money once the Henderson City Council gives him the final okay Monday.

The Council agreed to enter into a declaration of trust with the American-Nevada Properties Inc. at a special committee meeting Tuesday. The agreement means that bonds sold to finance off-site improvements on the proposed Green Valley Project will gain tax-free interest.

The trust monies will be used to construct "back-bone improvements such as water, sewer, streets, and flood control projects" in the Green Valley Project, according to Don Dawson, city manager.

Dawson said the credit of the city would not be endangered by the sale of the bonds.

Cruz Olague, city councilman and mayor-elect, said the city was not obligated in any way and said the success or failure of the development wouldn't affect the credit of the city.

Lorin Williams, city councilman, said the city wasn't completely committed to the project yet, adding he thought the public trust

law was a good way to get the needed improvements into the area.

Williams said the city was absolutely not responsible for pay-backs. The bonds are not city-bonds and aren't backed by tax money, according to Williams.

He said the Denver bonding company of Becher and Company would hold a first mortgage on the 8,000 acres owned by Greenspun.

Williams called the public trust created by the Council action an aid to Henderson and said the tax money saved by not paying taxes on the interest on the bonds would lower the cost of homes in the final Green Valley Project.

Greenspun editorialized at the time of the monorail discussion that the Public Trust Law would involve the bonding capacity of the county. Greenspun said, in the monorail issue, that if the project failed, the bonds would become an obligation for the city and county.

Dawson said the benefits of the proceeds of the bonds, the off-site improvements, would revert to the city of Henderson after completion.

The Council action to enter into the bonding agreement must be ratified by official action at a 7 p.m. Monday meeting.

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