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Nevada chief Bob Maheu was ousted, the note was recorded. Because no payments had been made at the time (and none since), a token \$30,000 for interest was returned to Greenspun and foreclosure commenced against the Sun. Greenspun obtained a temporary injunction and counter-claimed for the \$142 million claiming a subsequent note extended the payments to the year 2004. Greenspun claims also he UNDERSTOOD the first note was not to be filed.

Last year in the Maheu trial against Hughes, Greenspun testified he had "LOANED" Maheu \$50,000 on the day he received the \$4 million. "It was never repaid," Greenspun swore under oath, "and I never even asked for it because Maheu was broke." Maheu was earning \$10,000 a week at the time.

It has never been made clear exactly what was the consideration for so large a sum of money passing from a man, whose every move made news, to a newspaper publisher. Nor was the consideration ever established for \$500,000 advanced earlier for future advertising in the Sun. It is interesting to note that Greenspun did not honor the advance, but accepted payment for the ads until the advance agreement was discovered four years later when Maheu was fired.

Greenspun did not see fit at the time to reveal these large money transactions to his readers. They certainly were news, involving Howard Hughes. Nor did Greenspun reveal, obviously, the many other suspiciously clandestine arrangements which kept lining his pockets with Howard Hughes' money.

Yet in the hearing before the Supreme Court, Greenspun's lawyer stated, apparently with a

straight face, "Hughes has an obsession for secrecy --"

Greenspun admitted he had sinned and erred, but he never told his readers exactly what the sins were or the extent of the errors. Like the Watergate culprits Greenspun evidently is attempting to prove his innocence by justifying his guilt.

The phoney publisher, who claims he does not use his newspaper to further his own cause, only last week reprinted innuendos to discredit Hughes from dusty news clippings reported through the years. Greenspun topped them with "There are memos yet to be disclosed which will show the true measure of this man's (Howard Hughes) loyalty and patriotism to this country, and they may not be favorable."

To us, this appears to be journalistic blackmail. If Greenspun has such memos, why does he not print them now? Is Greenspun hoping his threats will cause Hughes to withdraw his suit for the \$4 million?

We doubt if it will work, just as the same tactic failed during the Maheutrial, when Greenspun hinted of dire consequences to lawyers and politicians, whose testimony was yet to be heard. Nothing happened then, no heads rolled, and Greenspun's threats turned out to be whistling in the dark.

Don't you agree that the Sun's readers are entitled to the answers of many questions which are given to them piecemeal, under forced circumstances and usually when faced with perjury under oath. After all, Greenspun is a newspaper publisher and like all the others who are decent, honest and honorable members of the profession, there is a responsibility to readers.

For instance:
What were Greenspun's sins and errors and what was the consideration for the millions he

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Greenspun flip-flop on Howard Hughes

We ran into some folks the other day who had been reading Hank Greenspun -- and taking him seriously.

This came as a shock to us until we found out that they were new in the area, and don't know the Las Vegas Sun publisher as we do.

After all, anyone who has lived here for any length of time knows that Hank is to be taken with a grain of salt -- maybe even an entire salt shaker.

AS FOR US, we've always enjoyed Hank's antics -- primarily because we know that what he says today and where he stands today is no indication of what he really thinks -- or what he'll be doing or saying tomorrow.

The most recent example of the great contradiction that is Hank came a few days ago in an Associated Press story from Carson City.

It seems that Hank is suing Howard Hughes. Apparently Hank figures that he hasn't gotten enough money out of Hughes over the years, so he is taking him to court for \$142 million.

NOW, give or take a few million, Hank has sold his television station to Hughes for \$8 million, his Paradise County Club Golf Course and nearby land for \$2.25 million, and then borrowed an additional \$4 million from Hughes in a sweetheart loan that allows him to pay only three per cent interest.

On top of that, Hank also got a half-million dollar loan from Hughes to be paid off in advertising in his Las Vegas Sun. This loan is at no interest and no specified rate for the advertising.

BUT ALL THAT was hardly enough to satisfy Hank. He now claims he is entitled to \$142 million of Mr. Hughes' money on the basis that Hughes' Summa Corporation clouded the title to some 2,000 acres of land that Hank put up as security for the \$4 million loan.

What intrigued us in the AP story on the court case was the contention of Hank's lawyers that Hughes should be required to come into court and make a deposition "like any other person."

SO, NOW Hank wants Hughes treated like anybody else. That wasn't his position a few years ago when he was selling millions of dollars in property to Hughes or getting sweetheart loans from the billionaire.

Hank didn't object before to Hughes getting special treatment. In fact, he urged it.

Hank never raised his voice once to say that Hughes should appear personally for his gaming licenses.

HANK NEVER had a word to say against Governor O'Callaghan when he flew half-way around the world to meet with Hughes privately in London -- special treatment that other gaming licensees don't receive from the governor.

But times have changed, and now that it suits his purpose he wants Hughes treated like everyone else.

The AP quoted one of Hank's attorneys, Ralph Denton, as saying that Hank "has an obsession. That all men should be treated equal."

WE'RE CERTAINLY glad to know that. We've never really noticed it before. It escaped us completely when he was getting all those favors from Howard Hughes.

Anyway, we wouldn't want to take Mr. Denton's description of Hank any more seriously than we take Hank's own column.

What amazes us about the whole situation is not that Hank's position has changed over the years, it's that he's only suing Howard Hughes for \$142 million. We can only conclude that Hank is getting soft in his old age, or that he must have been in a benevolent mood the day he filed the suit.

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cal ways for Palestinian agriculture.
"5. God will then bless us with His Grace, and we will, though beginning modestly, be able to acquire more and ever more property in the Holy Land, as the Prophet foretold.

Even as the pragmatic seemingly non-observant Theodor Herzl surprised his friends with the statement that the Jewish people's "return to Palestine must be preceded by their return to Judaism," so the former Socialist, Moses Hess -- who extricated himself from the Marxist philosophy -- shocked all his former 'friends' by his great stress on the eternal value of the Torah-faith and his constant references to the Hebrew Prophets.

"The pious Jew," Hess stated, "is before all else a Jewish patriot. The 'new-fangled' Jew who denies Jewish nationalism is not only an apostate, a renegade in the religious sense, but a traitor to his people and to his family. Should it prove true that the emancipation of the Jews is incompatible with Jewish nationalism, then the Jew must sacrifice emancipation.

"I, myself, if I had a family," Hess vowed, "would not only actually have joined a pious Jewish congregation but would also regularly observe in my house all the fasts and feasts in order to keep alive in me and my descendants the Jewish folk traditions."

It is well for all of us today, as we recall the role of the world's greatest legislator, Moses, prior to and during the Exodus and at the historic moment at Mount Sinai, to reflect deeply on the lessons we may learn from the noble lives of Hirsch Kalischer and Moses Hess. They both foresaw what we have been blessed to witness in our time in reborn Israel.

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