

"one of the most sexually liberated women"

completely new image. But I think it's very difficult to hide your past because somehow you bump into someone and it can be very embarrassing. In that sense by being honest I've lost a lot of friends in talking about my social life, or those I would consider "friends". A friend is someone you think you can trust but there are very few people you can trust.

I've noticed the double standard myself. When I was straight before I became a hooker I used to screw around like crazy. I was called The Flying Dutchman. I felt less respected then when a guy would say: "Oh that girl, you can make it with her anytime." I like sex and I hated to be alone. I liked for just an hour, to lie in the arms of a man — or a woman for that matter. I created a very bad image for myself, but I was invited to all the parties because I was an easy lay. Then I became a prostitute and combined business with pleasure. All of a sudden my so-called friends didn't call me anymore because they couldn't use me anymore and now they thought I'd charge or I'd pass out my cards. Little did they know that for me there is a differentiation between private life and business life, and if I'm invited socially to a party in no way would I start passing out my card. But that's how little people know me. And when it hit the newspapers that I got arrested they would change their phone numbers, slam their phone's down on me and girls would say I was too hot to handle. My phones might be tapped or the police might be following me. The amazing thing is when I came out with this book The Happy Hooker and it hit the best seller list where it's been ever since, all of a sudden they changed again. They'd call me and say: "Oh I hear you're giving a big party, can we come?" That was the moment I realized society had accepted me, but it's just one big phoney veneer. If they can take advantage of you and stand in the spotlight next to you they will. But meanwhile they had let you down for two or three years before. It's all a matter of hypocrisy and double standards.

Excalibur: What about male prostitutes for servicing women? That's something you never hear about.

Hollander: In Israel they have certain bars, not really brothels, that are full of gigolos. A gigolo is not necessarily a gay boy who makes it with a 60-year-old woman. It could very well be a young boy who makes it with a woman of any age. I've even heard that in Toronto a few years ago there was a group of college kids where the boys serviced women. But I think the police rolled it up. Of course in New York there are a lot of male prostitutes.

Excalibur: That seems to be considered more respectable somehow in the eyes of society.

Hollander: Yes, but those male prostitutes basically service men; very seldom women, because women are still not liberated enough.

Think of all the little princesses that are married, unliberated women, who are basically very insecure, but feel secure because of the nature of suburban life and the financial status of their husbands. Those women never get a chance to go out other than occasionally playing bingo at the church. They don't even think about it and they might have a little affair left or right with the window-cleaner or the delivery boy, but they would never dare set a step into a brothel just because they're afraid of being found out. Even quite a few men want to be incognito. I don't think women are far enough ahead of the game yet to pay for it. They're still too proud.

Excalibur: Is it then a question of women coming down off their pedestals?

Hollander: Right. They feel: "I'm too good to pay — I should get paid if any money's to be involved." They're used to that, their husbands would give them anything they wanted for virtually being negative prostitutes.

I think the major error lies in frigidity. Women are so often blamed for this. Men have so often come up to me and said: "My wife is dead in bed. She's as cold as a fish. She never reaches an orgasm". But those men honestly thought that they were God's gift to women, and once they got into bed with me or my girls it turned out they were just a bunch of selfish lovers. So I asked them how they ever expected to turn on a woman if they only think about their own sexual needs?

Excalibur: What do you think of prostitution as a crime and why do you feel it should be legalized?

Hollander: If prostitution is carried out like any other profession, as it ought to be done, in an honest, proper, sophisticated manner, then I don't see any crime element whatsoever. First of all it's a complaintless and victimless crime; Complaintless in as much as it's the man who comes to the prostitute. He wants her services and wants to pay for them. So who's complaining? No one's going to run to the police. Then it's a victimless crime because no one gets attacked, or robbed. There are of course hookers, streetwalkers in particular, who attack and rob their customers under influence of drugs and or pimps. In that sense prostitution should definitely be controlled. But as far as private call-girls are concerned, they should be



Peter Hsu photo



tolerated and left alone as long as they don't harass or embarrass other people in the neighbourhood.

prostitution?

Hollander: I think pornography is just as essential as prostitution. A man who might otherwise molest a woman can relieve himself by reading pornography or watching a blue movie.

One week after the completion of this interview Xaviera Hollander had to face a deportation hearing here in Toronto. Her book was used as evidence against her and she was accused on the basis of her writings never to have really left the profession. As a result of the hearing Hollander was given deportation notice. However, she hopes to remain here for some time and because of the time it takes to appeal a deportation notice she may be with us for at least another year.

Having made Toronto her home now Hollander has no desire to leave for good and with her romantic interest and a large group of friends around her she seems happy to have settled here. There are also a large number of legitimate business offers being made her and the future may someday hold in store a movie of the Happy Hooker as well as the definite promise of a third book, Letters to the Happy Hooker.

With her usual courage and cheerful disposition Xaviera Hollander is happily continuing her lectures, T.V. and radio shows against the pressure of limited time. Let us hope that the Canadian government is not as paranoid as that in the United States and stops their harassment of a very gutsy lady who has had the nerve to speak the truth so many have been afraid to hear.

Excalibur: How does pornography fit into

CHURCH OF NEW FAITH
 Happy, friendly people
 evolving toward God through secular knowledge

Box 1133, Station B
 Weston, Ontario
 M9L 2R8, Canada

AGYU
 ART GALLERY OF YORK UNIVERSITY
 Ross N145 Mon Fri 10-4:30 Sun 2-5

COZIC & DELAVALLE
 Surfaces to be caressed
 The Quebec Filter (slides)
 To March 16, 1973

Annie's Place
 (UPSTAIRS in the HUNGARIAN CASTLE)
 471 BLOOR ST. WEST 929-5448

DANCING & DINING LOUNGE NOW OPEN
 on Wednesday to Saturday
 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Meals are only \$1.00
 FULLY LICENCED

NOW APPEARING:
Celebration RAINBOW

No cover No minimum

Hi, we're neighbours now!

Let us introduce ourselves to you. We are the people from the Toreador Steak House and Restaurant across the street. We have a full menu of well prepared dishes at reasonable cost. And of course, if you feel like a good steak, we'll prepare a delicious New York Sirloin with all the trimmings to your special taste.

Now that we're neighbours, let's get acquainted. To make it easier for you, we'll give you 10% OFF YOUR CHECK — just mention that you're from York.

Toreador Steak House and Restaurant
 4749 Keele Street 661 3919