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Havana's hottest attractions aren't listed in the guidebook!

★ WITHIN two hours after I landed in Havana, I had a pretty good idea of why they call that city the Paris of The New World. As a matter of fact I was in the city only two minutes when I got my first proposition from a tawny-looking blonde with hair that came out of a bottle.

"You want come with me Joe? I give you good time!"

This, mind you, not in some ill-lighted back alley but in a sunny plaza just South of the famed Prado promenade at 11 A.M. After I said "No" the girl followed me for two blocks pleading and promising delights that were clean out of this world. As soon as

she gave up, leaving me with a few choice words in Spanish which I knew weren't in my tourist phrase-book, another girl picked up where she left off. Before I got to my hotel. a distance of three blocks up the Prado, I was rubbed, fondled, coaxed and wheedled by four different women (two of them very pretty and two only so-so), and a full half dozen taxidrivers "guides" and assorted flesh-peddlers each of whom told me in strictest confidence that everyone in Havana was a crook and would rob me blind, except themselves.

Fortunately I had an introduction to a guide I knew

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At 18, an old-timer at "love."

I could trust, and I found him waiting hopefully in the lobby of my hotel.

"You come to explore Havana, sin, yes?" he grinned.

"Strictly on a business basis," I explained.

"Sure, sure, I understand, boss," Pedro winked slyly, Funny thing is that the whole time I was there I don't think he completely understood what I was doing.

After a shower at my clean and cool \$4.00-a-day hotel (you can get even cheaper places if you're

willing to kick around a little and can speak some Spanish) Pedro and I went out for supper. It cost us \$1.50 apiece for a small beefsteak with yellow rice and black beans. Good, too. Then I unlimbered my cameras and got ready for business. Pedro guided me across the tree-shaded Prado to Virtudes Street, a narrow old street which was lined almost solidly on both sides with bars. I noticed that when Pedro was with me the girls and "guides" left me strictly alone. Pedro explained that there was an ethical agreement to pursue a hands-off policy once a customer was clearly claimed by one of the guides.

"Are there many girls in these places here?" I asked.

"Come, you'll see!" Pedro said with an evil leer.

We entered a pleasantly cool and dark bar. In it were four or five merchant seaman and an American sailor, and about a dozen women. Not all beautiful, but well-groomed and well dressed, if somewhat flashy. There was enough variety for any man. A redhead came over to our booth and slid in next to me uninvited. She leaned over, blowing air into my ear in a highly disturbing fashion.

"You want good time?" she asked.

"What do you have in mind," I asked.

"Anytheeng you want, 'andsome!" she breathed tickling the back of my neck. Right then I almost quit exploring and half-decided to finish my assignment right there.

"How much," I asked, thinking of my limited expense account and how I could jockey it to cover a little "extra" like the redhead. But Pedro was conscientious.

"Let's go," he said, "you still got a lot to see!" Pedro had a sense of duty. Off we went. As we left the little redhead tapped me and said:

"You come back later.



Virtudes St. girls aren't shyt

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Neon sign takes place of red light.

We have fun. I like you, 'andsome."

All up and down the street it was the same pitch. It was downright dazzling. I asked Pedro how much the girls really expected for their company. He shrugged.

"Maybe five, maybe ten dollar—all night."

"Are there any cheaper ones?"

"Plenty! Follow me!"

He took me to a street called Amistad. As we walked down the street I heard a sibilant noise like the wind blowing through the outstretched palms. It was the mingled hiss of the "Pssst! Pssst!" sound Cuban tarts make when they want to attract anyone's attention. The sound came from almost every doorway we passed. These were supervised houses and the girls were not allowed to solicit on the street. Out of curiosity I haggled with several of the girls and found that. depending on the state of business and what vou wanted, you could enjoy most vices for anything

from a dollar up to five. Of course these girls weren't as attractive or as well dressed as the Virtudes Street girls—but then, they didn't expect you to buy drinks and meals for them.

Later we visited the better class houses. These were principally patronized by upper-class Cubans and Americans who were in the know. Servicemen and the rougher element were barred. The girls were, without exception, beauties ranging in age from 17 to about 30. You could go to a private room with them, or just sit and chat or drink. All very civilized. Cost: about \$25 if one stayed with a girl. Nothing, if you weren't a deadbeat, but just came to chat and look for a while. Drinks were about 75 cents apiece. Some of these houses were in a seaside suburb called Marianao, and if you wanted you



On Amistad Street there is a girl beckoning from every barred window.

could make a date for one of the girls to go swimming boating, sightseeing and generally keep you company for your whole stay—price about \$20.00 per day, and less if the girl got to like you.

In case you're getting overstimulated at the thought of all this, some of the drawbacks should be explained:

1. Havana and surrounding areas have one of the highest veneral disease rates in the Western Hemisphere.

2. If you allow yourself to be picked up by a "street" girl you probably will be rolled, and will be lucky if you aren't carved up a bit should you choose to protest. Most streetgirls will try anything from having you mugged by a boyfriend to slipping chloral hydrate or other types of "Mickeys" into your drinks.

3. In restaurants and nightclubs of the less savory sort you will often find your checks padded, and sometimes discover that "fingermen" operating out



This pretty blonde worked in one

of the place have spotted you as a "live one." This will lead to all sorts of attractive propositions which sound too good to be true. *They are.*

CONCLUSION: Sin is



of the better-class "family houses" which cater only to "gentlemen."

open in Havana and any tourist is fair game for money-hungry panderers, crooked guides and pocketpicking streetwalkers. Of course, many tourists avoid the vice traps and can enjoy the beauties of Havana. Plane fare from Miami (\$35.00 round trip). Cost of staying in Havana is low. It's a city of contrasts ranging from extreme beauty—to the depths of degradation.



