

Reminiscence: Christine Keeler

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She is dead. Having lived over seventy years, death must have come as relief to her.

Born to lower income group parents, her father discarded her when she was a child. Next her step father sexually abused her. Now a day's word abuse is used to hide shame of rape.

Having received an education which could not give her a decent life, she opted to trade her best asset, her beautiful body and she did it quite well. She began moving in high society, and as usual got best offers from old and wealthy customers.

To her credit, one has to admit that her scandals brought the British government down, by forcing then prime minister, Harold Macmillan to resign. She was having affairs with the defense secretary of Britain and John Profumo a Russian naval attaché who was a superbly handsome man with a boxer's build and the agility of an athlete. She probably was in love with him.

When news leaked, the national security was thought to have breached, and Profumo had to go. The Russian fellow was also hastily recalled by Moscow. Off went the British PM too.

As the photos revealed, she had a liking for swimming nude with big wigs, including then Pakistani dictator, Ayub Khan who denied any involvement with her for obvious

reasons. She caused many more heads in the British government roll, but this unfortunate girl was prosecuted for their sins.

She suffered and one wonders what kind of life she endured for being a woman. It happened in early nineteen sixties much before #MeToo movement.



Rest in peace once beautiful girl