

# The evil ways at 'fun city'

# OLD ETONIAN IS JAILED IN RENT BOYS' VICE CASE



Judge King H. hit at "scand"

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**A** N Old Etonian's secret shame brought him to disgrace and ruin yesterday.

Lloyds underwriter Charles Hornby was convicted at the Old Bailey of homosexual offences with "rent boys"—male prostitutes picked up in a Soho amusement arcade.

He has already lost his well-paid job, and he may have to sell up his luxury home in Marylebone.

And his shame is shared by his wife Amanda and three children.

### Net

Hornby, 58, inherited a Gloucestershire estate, served in a fashionable regiment, and his family include a past chairman and present managing director of W. H. Smith.

He seemed set for a brilliant career—yet he threw it all away in June, 1973, when he began picking up "rent boys" in Playland off Piccadilly Circus.

For police had the fun palace under surveil-

lance, on the look-out for homosexual pick-ups—and they caught Hornby in their net.

His weakness landed him in the dock with four other men accused of conspiring to procure acts of gross indecency and other sexual offences.

His wife Amanda, a former debutante, wept as the prosecution laid bare the "appalling story" of the secret vice she had never even suspected in her husband.

fortunately, I have done things that are evil."

Hornby also admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice by paying boys to "water down" their evidence against him.

But it was all in vain. He stood with his head bowed yesterday as Judge King Hamilton, Q.C., told him: "It is quite incomprehensible that a man of your position, who has a good background and a

lowing family to support him should have taken part in such sordid and squalid activities."

The judge added: "The sentences are intended to be an example in deterring others and to help put an end to the public scandal occurring in and around Playland."

And Hornby, his reputation and career ruined by one weakness he could not conquer, said simply: "I'm completely ashamed of myself for what I have done."

### Rent

Prosecuting counsel Michael Corkery told how Hornby picked up "rent boys"—so called because they are mostly penniless runaways who sell their bodies to pay the rent.

Police saw Hornby in Playland four times, he said.

He was watched as he picked up boys and drove off with them in his red mini.

Mr. Corkery told the judge of rather horrid photographs taken by Hornby showing boys in a bath and committing acts of gross indecency.

When interviewed by police, Hornby said: "No one is perfect. We are all evil."

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## The guilty and their sentences

**CHARLES HORNBY**, of Montagu Square, Marylebone, was jailed for two-and-a-half years and fined £1,500 for gross indecency, plotting to procure acts of gross indecency, and attempting to pervert justice.

Also in the dock were Andrew Novac, 28, of Elm Court, Harrowby Street, Westminster, jailed for six-and-a-half years; Malcolm Raywood, 45, of Garrett Lane, Wandsworth, jailed for six years; Basil Andrew Cohen, 35, of no fixed address, jailed for six years; and David Archer;

25, of Odessa Road, Forest Gate, jailed for five-and-a-half years.

Novac, Raywood and Andrew Cohen were found guilty of plotting to procure acts of gross indecency.

Novac was also found guilty of indecent assault, and Raywood of buggery. Andrew Cohen was found guilty of gross indecency and an indecent assault.

Archer was convicted on five buggery charges and two of gross indecency.

Raywood was also convicted of living on the earnings of prostitution.

### 'CASTRATE ME' PLEA

**O**NE of the men jailed yesterday wants to be "chemically castrated," the jury was told. Defending counsel John Allot said that David Archer, 28, insisted on having the treatment so that he would never be in the same sort of trouble again.

Ronald Bedford, Science Editor, writes: The most usual form

of chemical castration in Britain involves implanting a pea-sized pellet beneath the skin of the stomach.

The pellet contains female hormones which are allowed to seep into the body.

In most cases, the implant is designed to have a three-month lifetime before being replaced under a local anaesthetic.



Hornby, the man with a golden career by his secret passion for young boys.