

GREAT CAREER OF SIR IAN ENDS IN JAIL

By GEORGE GLENTON

SIR IAN HOROBIN—war hero, former MP and nearly a life peer—began a four-year jail sentence last night.

He was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday after pleading guilty to ten charges of indecency involving offences with boys and young men.

The offences took place while Sir Ian, 62, was warden of Mansfield House University Settlement, Plaistow, London—a social organisation he helped to build into one of the biggest in Europe.

Sir Ian, of Selborne-road, Hove, Sussex, was Conservative MP for Southwark Central from 1931 to 1935 and for Oldham East from 1951 to 1959. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Power in 1958-59. In March this year he allowed his name to go forward for a life peerage—but withdrew a month later.

Prisoner

The Old Bailey judge, Mr. Justice Mocatta, was told that Sir Ian was an R A F squadron leader in the 1939-45 war and was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years.

Lieutenant-Colonel Laurens Van der Post, the writer and explorer, was called by the defence to speak of Sir Ian's war services.

He said that Sir Ian was tortured by the Japanese in Java but refused to say where a group of British officers—including Colonel Van der Post—were located.

Colonel Van der Post added that later, when they were in the same prison camp, Sir Ian saved hundreds

of soldiers' lives by fighting epidemics.

Mr. Justice Mocatta, passing sentence, spoke of Sir Ian's distinguished public service and said he had heard "with admiration" of his war record.

But, the judge added, there was no excuse for the grave offences Sir Ian had committed.

In the dock with Sir Ian was Roy Girard, 17, of Philip-street, Plaistow, who pleaded guilty to five similar charges.

Girard was remanded in custody to await a probation officer's report.

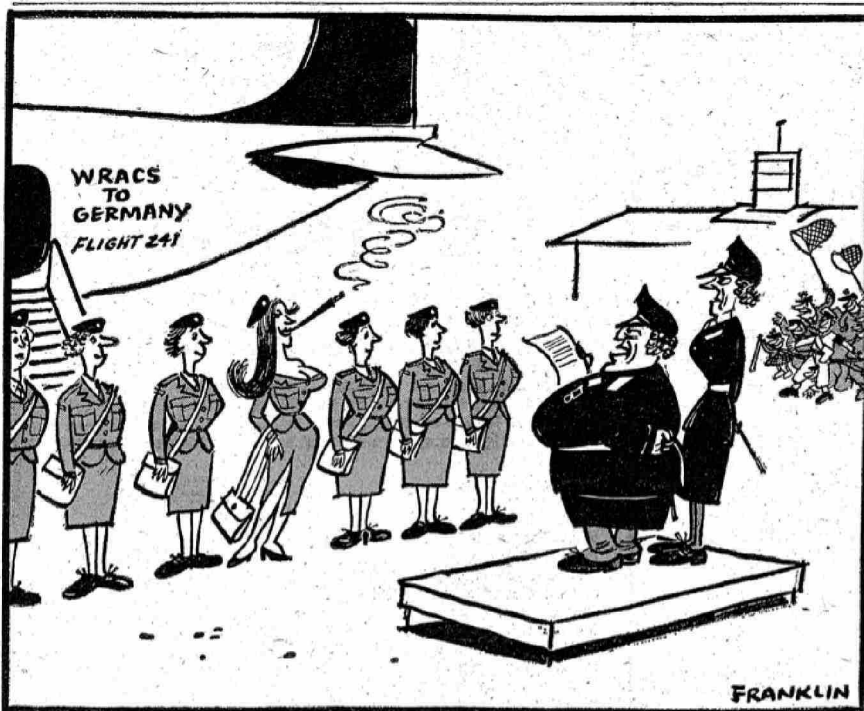
KILLER LOSES HIS APPEAL

The House of Lords yesterday dismissed an appeal by Dutch seaman Hendrikus Rumping, 29, against his conviction for strangling Margaret Hughes, 21, in a doctor's house at Menai Bridge, Anglesey. He was jailed for life for non-capital murder.



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4 years for man who was nearly a peer



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