

EVIL TRADE OF A MISFIT

THE question was raised at the Old Bailey whether a defendant in the dock should be sent to a men's or to a women's prison.

It was put to Harley-street psychiatrist Dr. Ellis Stungo, who replied: "He is a misfit. He would be maladjusted in Brixton and I think it would be improper for him to go to Holloway."

Dr. Stungo was giving evidence on behalf of Robin Adrienne Whitehead Ashton-Rose, a 30-year-old model who posed as a female prostitute.

Mr. Paul Wrightson, prosecuting, asked Dr. Stungo: "Could you tell me your definition of a man?"

Dr. Stungo: I would define a man as an individual capable of reproducing his species.

'Mr X'

Judge Maude: Then a poor old gent, is he not a male?

Dr. Stungo: He has had it. He has not the potential? —If he had the potential he would be regarded as a male.

Mr. Wrightson: Is a man of 90 a man or not?

Dr. Stungo: A man.

Of Ashton-Rose Dr. Stungo said: "I would say this is the nearest approach to a neuter I have come across."

Dr. Stungo said that apart from external characteristics Ashton-Rose was in every other respect a woman. His gait, his voice and mannerisms were those of a woman.

"The only factor in any way masculine was the hair distribution on the face and that he shaved," the doctor added.

Ashton-Rose pleaded guilty to obtaining £3 2s. 6d. from

a Mr. X and to 14 other charges relating to attempted indecency.

He was fined a total of £385. with an alternative of 28 months' imprisonment.

Mr. Wrightson said police kept observation on Ashton-Rose at flats in Russell Gardens-Mews, Kensington, and in Hertford-street, Mayfair. Many men were seen to call.

Woman's voice

When officers telephoned the flat at Russell Gardens-mews in reply to advertisements in newsagents' shops, Ashton-Rose in a woman's voice, said he specialised in torture, bondage, slavery and humiliation.

Chief Insp. Vincent Coventry said Ashton-Rose had six previous convictions. He was an undischarged bankrupt and until recently had two cars, a Rolls-Royce and a Sunbeam Rapier. His business was to get money from male clients as a female prostitute.

Imposing the fines, Judge Maude told Ashton-Rose: "I find it difficult to express one's horror at what you have been doing. It is utterly contemptible and dreadful."