

Gathered together in a ballroom in London were the lovely girls from sixteen countries competing for the title of "Miss World." This is Miss Holland, parading before the judges, who included ~~Ben Lyon~~ Ben Lyon and Gracie Fields.

- X Here is Miss France ~~-----~~
- Miss Ireland ~~-----~~
- Miss Denmark ~~-----~~
- Miss Egypt ~~-----~~
- And Miss Great Britain ~~(-----)~~

But of course you don't get yourself chosen as Beauty Queen of the World, merely because you've got a twinkle in your eye. So here is Miss Germany --- proving that the Germans of the future will have arms, and legs. ~~-----~~

This is Miss Greece. ~~-----~~

And this is Miss U.S.A. ~~-----~~

And now the last, tense moments, as the judges consider their verdict, with all the competitors lining up together. ~~-----~~

Their choice for the title of "Miss World --- 1954 " is --- Miss Egypt x--- a nineteen-year-old brunette whose name is Antigone Costanda; she wins the Trophy and a cheque for £500. ~~-----~~

London: At the Lyceum Ballroom, the spotlight rests on international beauty - sixteen lovelies competing for the "Miss World" title.

From Holland - Conny Harteveld ~~and ^{charms} ~~representing ~~the~~ ~~judging~~ ~~panel~~~~ - which includes Ben Lyon and Gracie Fields.~~

"Miss France" - petite, brunette and sweet sixteen puts the "eve" in evening dress.

While Irish eyes are smiling for Connie Rodgers.

This world-wide contest, organised by Mecca Dancing and the Sunday Dispatch, brings ~~fair~~ ^{blonde} ~~from~~ beauty from Denmark - Grete Hoffenblad.

Egypt is represented by Antigone Costanda - a Greek subject.

Representing the fair face of Britain - Patricia Butler - our National Bathing-Beauty Queen.

A sixteen-Nation headache for the seven judges as they get down to brass tacks - or should we say bathing suits. Miss Freuke Walther of Germany.

Classical Greek beauty representing her homeland - 21 year-old Efi Mela - the third prize winner.

~~Stepping out for~~ the United States - Karin Hultman of New York - deputising for "Miss Universe".

The final line-up. A League of Nations in beauty, in complete accord, awaiting the judge's verdict. They usually start carving up the winner's outstanding points later on - at the inquest!

And the winner ~~is~~ "Miss Egypt" - nineteen-year old Antigone Costanda - who takes her place on the pyramid of ~~world~~ ^{international} beauty.

Among her prizes are £500 and a rose-bowl: but if "Miss World" is a Greek girl who's "Miss Egypt," then surely her title should be "mis-nomer!"