London: At the Lyceum - an international company represented a world of beguty, while twinkling stars looked on. Anthony Steel and his wife, Anita Ekberg. They were on the judging panel, charged with selecting from 24 lovelies - the "Miss World of 1956".

The biggest applause of the evening greeted "Miss Japan" - and so she won a place in the top six.

Britain's Iris Weller came fourth in the "Miss Universe" contest - yet

Finally, the choice was made. Yes, it was "Miss Germany, 23 year-old

A student from Cologne - "Miss World" naturally kept her head - but she nearly lost her crown. With the title goes £500 and a Sports Car. So now Petra is looking for a Mr World - to keep the wheels turning...