

WOMEN & COUPONS

No coupons - that was the main attraction at the bargain sale of A.R.P. equipment that brought Fulham queues out in strength. The local council bought up the equipment and sold it at prices that make even 1939 look sick. Outsiders were barred; you had to live in Fulham to get a look in - the lucky people. Stars of the sale were A.R.P. blankets priced from 2/6d. to twelve shillings each. You could get a warden's raincoat for six bob and there was a nice Christmassy line in Jack Knives at eightpence. Fifteen hundred blankets will help to keep Fulham warm these long winter evenings; but for use among the brighter lights, you can't beat the newest in dinner gowns, paraded for you at a West End fashion show.

Price control cracks down on ankle length dresses - but a gown with a difference shows how to beat the band. Dinner and afternoon dress in one - all you need now is your husband's clothing coupons.

The idea is to have one outfit and make it do the work of three; and the dress designer shows how. Everything comes off; well, pretty nearly everything.

Featured in the show was a new edition of a 1914 style - slim skirt with a seven-eight jacket and nipped in waist. These days, hats with feathers were all the rage and may be again if we go by the hat Princess Elizabeth wore on her tour of Brighton hospitals.

The Princess has rarely been seen in happier mood - for the children it was a 'royal treat.

If, in the next few weeks, there's a boom in feathered headgear; here's the reason behind it.

Britain's future Queen now takes an increasingly prominent part in public life.