

DUCHESS PICKS NEW W.R.A.F. HATS

The hat parade comes to Whitehall. At the Air Ministry, the Duchess of Gloucester - Air Chief Commandant of the W.R.A.F. - presides over a committee of six with a heady problem on its agenda, selecting a new 'walking-out' hat for the 15,000 girls in blue. This is choice no. 1 worn by 18-year-old A.C.W. Wrigley.

With 32 entries to pick from, the male majority on the hat committee makes this its second choice. The acting, unpaid mannequin is 19-year-old A.C.W. Bailey.

No final decision is reached. Three models are selected for testing under Service conditions and from these, one will be chosen and submitted for the King's approval.