

THE DIOR 'CIRCUS' COMES TO TOWN

Paris comes to London as, at the Savoy Hotel, Christian Dior (French creator of the New Look) puts on show his Summer creations. Valued at £30,000, 80 dresses go on parade - watched by the great man himself. The Dior look for Summer puts the accent on bright colours, tangerine and orange - like this 'casual' coat. Modelled on straight lines, it is worn as a contrast over a plain jumper dress.

Revelation No. 2 - the new, short evening dress, here seen with a matching coat of sheer fabric.

Shown off to perfection by Dior's elegant mannequins are alluring models, like this short evening coat. Among the guests is designer Norman Hartnell, giving, like everybody, admiring looks to Mozart - hitpiece of the show. Costing £500, it's made of champagne-coloured tulle covered with sequins and rhinestones.

There's applause, too, for Scarlatti - a strapless evening gown - showing the new Dior touch: short in front, a long train at the back.

Here is another version of the short-in-front, long-at-the-back, this time trimmed with a zebra stripes. It's all for show and look only - to buy you must go to Paris.