

MISS WORLD CONTEST.

Twenty-four of the loveliest girls in the world meet in London for the final of the Miss World contest, organised by Mecca Dancing. Each bear a national title, from Miss Austria to Miss Venezuela, and has won many local contests before facing this panel of judges - first in evening dress, and then in swimsuits - both of their own choosing.

Miss Great Britain is 21-year-old Iris Waller, a model from Gateshead. Her ambition is to be an actress.

Angela Pertaluri, Miss Italy - another model. You've guessed it - she wants to be an actress.

U.S.A. Sweden, Japan, Israel, Germany, and Denmark reach the judges' short list - and now they have the headache of choosing Miss World 1956 from this delectable half-dozen. Miss Japan, perhaps - 20-year-old Midoriko Tokura - a great favourite with the audience? No - the verdict goes to a 23-year-old student from Germany Petra Schumann. After one false start, the crown is placed on her head by last year's winner, and the photographers' are let loose.

And now that she's Miss World, what are Miss Germany's plans? She wants to be an actress!