



**TRIP FOR CROWN**—Keito Takahashi, already winner of the title of "Miss Japan," arrives in Long Beach, where she will compete for the "Miss Universe" crown. The miss from Japan is five five, weighs 120 pounds. On the beauty contest tape measure, she would be recorded as a 34-23-35.

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## Planeload of Beauty Lands For Miss Universe Choice

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LONG BEACH, July 14. — (INS) — A planeload of beauties from throughout the United States, the Middle East and Europe arrived in Long Beach today for the fourth annual Miss Universe contest with Miss Italy mysteriously missing from the lineup.

The beauty pageant officials said that they had no idea that she had even left Italy.

Most of the "ahs" and "ohs" and whistles from the crowd of more than a thousand at Long Beach Municipal Airport went for Miss England, Margaret Rowe, and Miss Germany, Margit Nunke.

### THRILLED TO DEATH.

Margaret, a stunning, buxom blonde in a strapless blue number, said that she was thrilled to death over the whole thing and that she definitely wanted to get into the movies. The British beauty said:

"In England they usually pick slim and pale beauties in contests, but this time they thought they would change things so they named me."

The fraulein from Germany is a honey blonde, just like last year's Miss Universe winner, Miriam Stevenson of South Carolina, who was on hand today to welcome the contestants and wish them luck.

Most picturesque beauty to disembark from the big transport plane was the entry from Lebanon, Hanya Beydoun. She looked as if she had just stepped out of a harem. She sported an elaborate peaked headgear and wore the traditional Yashmah veil of the Lebanese.

### OTHER ARRIVALS.

Others arriving were Nicole de Meyer of Belgium, Sirkku Talja of Finland, Claudie Petit of France, Zonia Zoiloglow of Greece, Ilana Carmel of Israel, Solveig Borstad of Norway and Hillevi Rombin of Sweden.

Many of the beauty queens from Latin American climes and the Far East arrived yesterday. Other beauties are scheduled to arrive tomorrow, with the contest to select the world's most beautiful girl slated to officially open on Saturday.